

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 9

13th April, 2016

STUDENT ABSENCES – Telephone 3286 0660

DIARY DATES		
APRIL 2016		
Mon	11	RETURN TO SCHOOL
Tues	12	7.50am Senior Choir – Music Room 8.00am Beginners Strings - Hall 11.00am Senior Choir – Music Room
Wed	13	9.00am Student Banking
Thurs	14	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	15	7.45am Senior Orchestra

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust you had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday. During the 11 weeks of this term, we will be undertaking many school events, such as ANZAC Day service, School Disco and Sports Day. I trust you will join us as we celebrate these activities.

Full School Review

Commencing this Thursday, a team of three experienced educators appointed by the School Improvement Unit, will be visiting our school to undertake a full school review. The Reviewers will be here for three days, from **Thursday 14th April until Monday 18th April**. They will be using the National School Improvement Tool to look at our operations and practices and identify what we are doing well and areas where we can improve. Throughout the review they will engage in conversations with a range of staff, parents, students and other community members.

At the conclusion of the review they will present their findings to our leadership team. They will then document a report which will outline in detail information to support our school's improvement agenda.

Class Information Sheet – Term 2

This week, class teachers will be sending home an updated Class Information Sheet and Classroom Management Plan. This sheet will outline information about activities being undertaken in the class for this term. We trust that parents find this information useful.

ANZAC Day Service

Our ANZAC Day service will be conducted this **Thursday 21st April at 1.50pm in the Hall**. The service has been co-ordinated by teachers, Mrs Elaina Cramb, Mrs Lyn Williams and Music Teacher, Mrs Gayle Tuckwood. Parents are most welcome to join us for the service.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C meeting for this term will be held on **Wednesday 11th May at 7.00pm**, in the meeting room at the hall. All parents are invited to attend the meeting.

NAPLAN Testing

This term students in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking NAPLAN tests over three days, from **Tuesday 10th May until Thursday 12th May**.

Students will undertake the following tests on the following days:

Tuesday 10th May – Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday 11th May – Reading

Thursday 12th May – Numeracy

Parents wishing to find out more information regarding their child's participation in NAPLAN testing are most welcome to contact the office to speak with either Mr Gillespie or myself. For more information about the 2015 National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy

(NAPLAN) tests, please visit www.nap.edu.au

Investing for Success 2016

The Investing for Success initiative provides additional funding which must be used by schools to implement evidence-based strategies that respond to the needs of students and deliver improved literacy and numeracy outcomes. It is anticipated that this year we will receive **\$135 734**. Additional to this funding will be money that was rolled over from last year's funds.

We recently received this year's plan endorsed by the Director General & is now available on our website.

Kitchen Garden Program

The Yr 4 & 5 classes will continue to receive garden and kitchen lessons once a fortnight on **Wednesday or Thursday**.

These lessons will commence in week 2. Letters regarding the program will be sent home to parents in the first week after the holidays.

Our program does need the support of **volunteers**, so if any parents have time to spare every fortnight then the support would be greatly appreciated.

Staffing Update

I would like to advise that Mrs Cathy Gillam is currently on 5 days leave. We have contracted Mrs Green to teach Yr 1G fulltime throughout this time.

Regards

Marg Lane

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Last term we launched our new social skills program – *You Can Do It!* This program aims to develop in students:

- the understanding of success and doing their best in different areas; and
- their understanding of happiness and the things they can do for themselves and others.

To begin the implementation of the program during Term 1, Years 1 to 6 undertook introductory lessons. Our school's behaviour coordinators Lyn Williams and Maree Clark have completed facilitator training and to further our skills in this part of our curriculum they will lead staff through a training and development program.

This term all classes will begin lessons in understanding the importance of Confidence. Teachers will lead students through learning experiences that will expose four main ways of thinking: **Accepting Myself** – even when you make a mistake or someone is mean to you

Taking Risks - knowing that it is good to try new activities even when you might not be able to do them at first

Being Independent – thinking that it's important to try new activities and to speak up even if classmates think you're silly or stupid

I Can Do It – thinking that when you are having difficulty with your work, it is more likely you will be successful than not.

All classes undertake their weekly lesson before Assembly.

Regards

Simone Coogan

WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations to **Audrey 1G** and **Rylee 3J** who were this week's Wello Champs!



LOTE AWARD

Congratulations **Alannah M** who was the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.

LOTE NEWS

Konnichiwa. As part of LOTE's Japanese Teaching Assistant Program, Mr Yuta Nagai assisted in the Japanese classroom from 21-23 March and we welcome Ms. Sayaka Masubuchi from 11-13 April. This program aims to have native speakers of Japanese periodically assist in LOTE lessons so students can benefit from interacting with a Japanese person and from gaining first-hand knowledge about the Japanese language and culture.

Language education helps your child to better understand and be tolerant of the attitudes, beliefs and values of other cultures.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following students, who received a certificate at assembly.

PK	Oliver	3J	Prahb K
PO	Bryson D	3W	Lily M
PP	Olivia M	3/4T	Charlize M
1A	Manjot S	4B	Micha T
1D	Macy S	4M	Caleb B
1G	Audrey B	5F	Madison A
1/2J	Tishya V	5W	Hayleigh B
2B	Abbey W	5B	Mason B
2G	Kirra T	6C	Chantal V
2S	Neve	6D	Keegan S
3C	Josh B	6R	Andries B

SPORTS NEWS

Wellington Point SS Cross Country Team

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent our school and compete at the Bayside District Cross Country Trials on Thursday 21st April.

Hayleigh B, Naomi S, Sarah W, Ashlee F, Cienna Mc, Simranjit K, Holly P, Chantel V, Airyn J, Henry S, Logan B, Leyton W, Cooper B, Ronan G, Jacob R

Bayside District Primary Sport - Team Selections

Trials will be held for the following sports in the coming weeks.

Rugby Union, Softball and Tennis

Students who are born in 2005, 2004 and who have experience and expertise at club or representative level may be eligible to attend these trials.

Please contact Mrs Stewart.

MILO T20 BLAST CRICKET - TERM TWO

Action Indoor Sports Victoria Point

Come and Try – 4.30pm Wednesday 20th April (Program starts 27th, 8 week program)

Cost: \$99 incl. MILO T20 Blast pack

Who: Girls and Boys aged 7 - 12

Where: 126 Link Road, Victoria Point

Contact: Stephen Mogg 3207 8856

Register at playcricket.com.au. Click on the "Where Can I Play" box, and type in 'Action Indoor Sports Victoria Point'

Power Play is back in Term 2 for 10 weeks! Every Wednesday from Week 2, 3pm to 5:30pm in the hall. The cost is \$145.00. Just bring a

pair gym shoes and water bottle and maybe a towel because you will sweat! **All your favourite sports. Contact Corey DEAN 0403988229.**

P & C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. After all the hard work of the Country Fair last term, it's time for parents and teachers to have a bit of fun! The Trivia Night is back on 11 June, your invitation to this popular event will be coming home in the next few weeks.

The P&C is committed to creating a landscaping master plan for our school. The plan will include the drop off zone, front entrance and central playscapes. Come and meet our Landscape Architect, Emma Baker at the next P&C meeting, 11 May. Emma will share examples of her work and explain the design process and how we can all be involved in shaping the future of our school environment.

Thank you to the parents who have paid their Voluntary Contribution last term. If you haven't had the opportunity to pay your voluntary contributions yet you can still pay through flexischools, direct deposit or at the Office window on Tuesday and Thursday from 8-9am.

TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM SHOP

Welcome back everyone – hope you were able to have some time off and relax with family and friends over the break.

Don't mean to harp – BUT WE REALLY DO NEED HELP in the tuckshop. We want to continue making and baking our food here at the tuckshop – not bringing in PROCESSED pre-made meals. Better for the kids, better for you as a parent to volunteer – it really does make you feel good and the kids love it! Come give us a try.

Garlic Bread is back - \$1.20. We will gradually introduce more items for our winter menu over the next couple of weeks. – Keep an eye out in the Newsletter and also on Flexischools.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Voluntary Contribution - \$50.00 1st child, \$25 additional child, Music Levy - \$50.00, Music Instrument Hire - \$100.00,

BANKING DETAILS FOR ONLINE BANKING

ACCOUNT : WELLINGTON POINT STATE SCHOOL

BSB : 064 138

ACCOUNT NO: 00090131

Include child's SURNAME & INITIAL and reason for payment in the reference.

- IF PAYING CASH, PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL MONEY IS SENT IN AN ENVELOPE AND CLEARLY MARKED WITH STUDENT'S NAME, CLASS & ACTIVITY.

Please email soshe2@eq.edu.au to advise of payment.

CLASSROOM MUSIC NEWS

Senior Choir will start back the first Tuesday morning of term two (7:50am). Notes are going home this week for our performance at Wellington Point State High School's ANZAC ceremony (Thursday 21 April, 9:00am and our ceremony is that afternoon). Junior Choir is also meeting the first week back at Morning Tea on Thursdays. Please encourage your children to join our Choir Program.

PARENTS, PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUTELLA, PEANUT BUTTER OR NUT BARS TO SCHOOL. WE HAVE STUDENTS WITH ANAPHALAXIS NUT ALLERGIES. BEING IN CONTACT WITH OR NEAR SOMEONE EATING THESE PRODUCTS CAN RESULT IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.