

**STUDENT ABSENCES – Telephone 3286 0660**

DIARY DATES		
<b>MAY 2016</b>		
Thurs	5	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	6	7.45am Senior Orchestra <b>MOTHERS DAY STALL</b>
Mon	9	2.30pm Parade
Tues	10	7.50am Senior Choir – Music Room 8.00am Beginners Strings – Hall <b>8.50am – NAPLAN language conventions and writing</b>
Wed	11	<b>8.50am NAPLAN - Reading</b> 9.00am Student Banking 7.00pm P&C Meeting - Hall
Thurs	12	7.45am Senior Band <b>8.50am NAPLAN - Numeracy</b>
Fri	13	7.45am Senior Orchestra

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

**New Garden Specialist**

We recently advertised an Expression of Interest for the Garden Specialist position in our Kitchen/Garden Program. I am pleased to advise that we have offered the position to Mrs Leah McLean. Mrs McLean will commence her contract from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. She will work with Mrs Wuth for the first week in order to successfully transition into the program.

I would like to again thank Mrs Wuth for the wonderful work she has done for the program and wish her all the best for the future.

**P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm, in the meeting room at the hall. All parents are invited to attend the meeting.

**Osprey Cup – Basketball**

Last term the Osprey Cup Basketball competition had to be postponed to term 2. I am pleased to advise that the competition will now be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Four teams from our school have been selected to compete in the competition at Wellington Point State High School on that day. We will be competing against teams from Birkdale, Birkdale South and Ormiston State Schools. Mr Davey will be coaching the Senior Boys and Girls teams and Mr Bottomer the Junior Boys and Girls teams.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our teams the best of lucky in the competition.

Go Wello!

**Open Day – Wellington Point State High School**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, our local high school, Wellington Point State High School, will be conducting their Open Day. The day will commence at 9am and conclude at 12 noon. The day will provide parents and students with the opportunity of seeing what wonderful programs are being offered at the school. There will also be a sausage sizzle, food & drinks stalls, school tours, market bazaar activities and much more.

**NAPLAN Testing**

Next week students in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking NAPLAN tests over three days, from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Students will undertake the following tests on the following days:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Reading

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Numeracy

**Parents of students involved in the testing are advised that the tests will be conducted during the morning session, so it is important that students are at school for the commencement of the school day at 8.50am.**

Regards

Marg Lane

**FROM HEAD OF CURRICULUM**

Earlier I wrote about the purpose of guided reading in supporting students to acquire key skills in decoding text. However, we all know that being able to read the words fluently is only one part of being a successful reader. Understanding what we have read, or heard or seen is what makes reading, listening to music or talkback radio, or watching television or movies enjoyable. We can check readers' understanding by asking them to retell the story – whether it be fact or fiction. At school, we use retell as another way to assess students' overall reading and comprehension capabilities. At home, you can assist your child to grow their skills in retelling by talking to them about what they have read or seen. You can talk about the important events and characters in a work of fiction or discuss the important information in nonfiction texts. Watching documentaries together can be a good way to do this. In fiction, retelling requires readers to decide on key facts, characters, the order of events and consider the author's message and what they learnt by reading the book. In non-fiction, you can encourage your child to use the five 'w's - who, what, when, where and why and the 'how' to structure their retell. Retell is something that we use a lot at school, and like most things, practice really does help. As adults, we know that people who tell great stories are entertaining friends to have. Being able to retell, then, is not only a useful academic skill, it's also a great social skill.

Regards

Simone Coogan

**WELLO CHAMPS**

Congratulations to **Rhyland H 4B Noah 3J** who were this week's Wello Champs!

**LOTE AWARD**

Congratulations **Ashlee H 4B** who was the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



**CLASS OF THE WEEK 2S**



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Taj	3J	Bailey H
PO	Rahyne-Lee	3W	Sam B
PP		3/4T	Ryan H
1A	Skye H	4B	Skyla B
1D	Adam F	4M	Marnie L
1G	Luke J	5F	Rusty C
1/2J	Arthur E	5W	Emily G
2B	Amber	5B	Connor H
2G	Keira B	6C	Willow M
2S	Felix	6D	James M
3C	Tara F	6R	Jazlyn

## STRINGS NEWS

The Beginner Strings Camp notes were due in last Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April. If your child wishes to attend the camp, the forms MUST be completed and returned to school ASAP to enable Ms. Nicole Davie to finalise the camp organisation.

**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.**

## P & C NEWS

We'd once again like to thank the whole school community for their contribution to the Country Fair, big or small. This year our fair made a \$25 587 profit. This money will go back into enhancing our children's education.

Don't forget to send money along with your children this Friday for the Mother's Day Stall. We have lots of goodies available ranging from \$1 to \$8. If you can help on the day please let Gill at [gillpetersen@hotmail.com](mailto:gillpetersen@hotmail.com) or just come on over to the P&C Hut on Friday morning. Young children are welcome to come and help as well.

Come along to our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 11 May, 7pm in the Hall.

## TUCKSHOP/UNIFORM SHOP

### Tuckshop Menu

Breakfast Menu - available before school \*\* New \*\* Cheesies \$2.50. ½ breadroll with melted cheese. Add tomato 50 cents, add ham \$1.00.

Available Thursdays Only Sub – Chicken and Gravy \$3.60 or Sub - Beef and Gravy \$3.60

### UNIFORMS

House Shirts have arrived. If you are on back order and have not received yours, please contact me.



## ABSENCES

It has come to our attention that we have many unexplained absences of students from school. If your child is going to be absent, please call the **ABSENCE LINE : 3286-0660, with your name, your students name, their class and the reason for their absence.**

Unexplained absences are reported on student report cards issued at the end of Term 2 and Term 4.

## KISS AND DROP ZONE – REMINDERS

Please observe the following:



- parents can load and unload children anywhere in the zone, but when busy please move to the end of the zone to let others in behind you.
- cars must not stop on the yellow lines on the side of the road
- cars may only stay in the kiss and drop zone for a **maximum of two minutes.**
- Do not double park.

**No parking before 9am and after 2.30pm.** Children should always get in the car from the kerbside. Your assistance is much appreciated.

## FINANCIAL NEWS

Commencing this term invoices will be sent out for excursions/incursions and school sports activities where payment is required. Invoices will be emailed to parents who have a current email address on file.

Invoices can be paid by either BPoint (easiest), online banking into the school bank account or at the admin office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Each invoice will have BPoint payment details in the bottom left hand corner, example shown below.



When paying via Bpoint, please ensure that you enter:

1. CRN no.
2. Invoice no.
3. Student Name as shown on inv.
4. Amount being paid

## BANKING DETAILS FOR ONLINE BANKING

**ACCOUNT : WELLINGTON POINT STATE SCHOOL**

**BSB : 064 138**

**ACCOUNT NO: 00090131**

**For online banking please 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.**

- Voluntary Contribution - \$50.00 1<sup>st</sup> child, \$25 additional child,
- Music Levy - \$50.00
- Music Instrument Hire - \$100.00
- Yr 3 Starlab incursion - \$10.50
- Yr 5 Hands on Science incursion - \$8.00
- Yr 4 Living History - \$17.00
- Band Fanfare - \$8.00
- Beginner Band Camp - \$90.00

**Please email [soshe2@eq.edu.au](mailto:soshe2@eq.edu.au) to advise of direct deposit.**

## ADMINISTRATION

**Could all parents please ensure that the EMERGENCY CONTACTS that have been provided to school are up to date and that the phone numbers will be answered. We have had many instances where phones are disconnected or unanswered.**