

STUDENT ABSENCES – Telephone 3286 0660

DIARY DATES		
JULY 2016		
Thur	14	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	15	7.45am Senior Orchestra
Mon	18	2.30pm Parade
Tues	19	7.50am Senior Choir 8.00am Junior Orchestra
Wed	20	7.45am Junior Band 9.00am Student Banking

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

NAIDOC Week 2016

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year, NAIDOC Week is celebrated from 3rd July until 10th July. The theme this year is “Songlines: The living narrative of our nation.”

On Monday, at our school assembly, students from Yrs 4M, 3/4T, 4B and 1A performed a Quandamooka Welcome Dance. It was a fantastic performance and I would like to congratulate the students and their teachers. Well done!

Our special guest, Mrs Kerry Chalmers spoke on our assembly, doing the Welcome to Country as well as explaining to the students about this year’s NAIDOC Week theme and how it might relate to us all. I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Chalmers for her contribution.

Finally, book prizes were presented to the students in Prep to Year 3 who won the NAIDOC Week colouring-in competition.

Throughout this week, all year levels will also be involved in learning traditional games. These will be either in PE lessons with Cassy Stewart, or with Chelsie from the Redlands PCYC. I am sure all of the students will enjoy being involved in these activities.

Finally, thanks again to Mrs Mathams and Mrs Arthur for organising the activities for our NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Class Information Sheet – Term 3

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.

Prep Enrolments 2017

This term, we will be conducting a Prep Information session on Wednesday 14th September from 8.50 – 9.50am in the hall. Enrolment packs will be distributed at that session and parents will be able to book enrolment interviews to be conducted at the start of term 4.

School Opinion Survey 2016

This week, an information sheet will be sent home to all parents outlining procedures for parents to complete the School Opinion Survey, online. Students in years 5 & 6 and staff members will also be asked to complete a Survey online. The survey offers the opportunity to gauge your opinion on different aspects of school life as it presents in our school. Later in the year, we receive a report outlining the results. These results will help us evaluate and reflect on how well the school is going and to identify areas for future development.

The online survey opens on Monday 11th July and closes on Friday 29th July 2016. I would like to thank parents in advance for taking the time to complete a survey.

P&C Meeting

The next meeting of our P&C Association will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 20th July in the meeting room at the hall. Parents are invited to join us at this meeting.

Acting Head of Curriculum

Just prior to the end of term 2, our Head of Curriculum, Miss Simone Coogan was appointed to Acting Deputy Principal at Ascot State School

for Term 3, with a possibility of extension for the rest of the year. This is indeed a great opportunity for Miss Coogan and I would like to wish her all the best in the role.

As a result of this appointment, I have contracted Mr Peter Davey as Acting Head of Curriculum for the first two weeks, whilst an expression of interest is conducted to fill the position for the rest of the term. Mrs Debbie Hunter has been contracted to teach Year 6D, replacing Mr Davey during this time.

Facilities Update

Over the holidays, contractors replaced the carpet in the classrooms in A Block, E Block, H Block and P Block. This was funded from our planned maintenance budget.

Unfortunately we also suffered water damage in Prep K classroom over the holidays when a line from the hot water system in the kitchen, burst. Contractors were engaged immediately to commence drying the carpet and flooring. During this time, Prep K have been relocated to the library. We are hoping they will return to their classroom as soon as possible.

Staffing Update

I wish to advise that our Literacy Specialist, Mrs Lyn Williams will be on leave for the first week. She will not be replaced during this time. One of our year 1 teachers, Mrs Allyson Green will be on leave for 5 days during weeks 1 & 2 on next term. We have contracted Mrs Cathy Gillam to teach the class fulltime during this time. Our Support Teacher, Mrs Barb Tuite will be on leave for the next four weeks and we have contracted Mrs Katy Murray to replace her during this time.

Regards

Marg Lane

FROM HEAD OF CURRICULUM

This year our Years 1-6 teachers have been implementing the 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.

Last term students participated in lessons based around Confidence and continued their learning about how to be Resilient.

This term all classes will begin lessons in understanding the importance of Getting Along. Teachers will lead students through learning experiences that will expose four main ways of thinking:

Being Tolerant of Others: Accept people who are different and do not judge people without getting to know them first.

Think First: When someone treats you badly, think about what the different ways you can act, the consequences of what you plan to do, and how your actions affect another person’s feelings.

Play by the Rules: By following the school rules, you will be in a better and safer place where everyone can learn.

Be Socially Responsible: Be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, act honestly, and help make your community a safer and better place to live and learn.

All classes undertake their weekly lesson before Assembly.

LOTE AWARD

Congratulations Kailee G from 5W who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



CLASS OF THE WEEK 1G



WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations to Danielle from 2G and Kaleb from 6D who were this week’s Wello Champs!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Tayla	3J	Darcy G
PO	Olivia	3W	Willem E
PP	William	3/4T	Caitlyn H
1A	John R	4B	Samuel D
1D	Samantha W	4M	Kayla O
1G	Honey S	5F	Daniel H
1/2J	Jayne P	5W	Lochlin O
2B	Genevieve W	5B	Charlotte S
2G	Isaac N	6C	Elliot B
2S	Saoirse	6D	Coopah K
3C	Lily C	6R	Alyssa C

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to term 3, our most exciting term in the library because it includes Book Week. Book Week runs from 20th to 26th August so not long to go. This week I have published the titles of the books that were shortlisted by the Children's Book Council of Australia in the category of Eve Pownall Award for Information Books. These include –

Phasmid: Saving the Lord Howe Island Stick Insect – Rohan Cleave and Coral Tulloch

The White Mouse: The Story of Nancy Wake – Peter Gouldthorpe

The Amazing True Story of How Babies are Made – Fiona Katauskas

Lennie the Legend: Solo to Sydney by Pony – Stequanie Owen Reeder

Ancestry: Stories of Multicultural Anzacs – Robyn Siers and Carlie Walker

We Are The Rebels: The Men and Women Who Made Eureka – Claire Wright

These books are intended for an audience ranging from birth to adult. As you can see by the titles they cover a wide range of topics and therefore will be of interest to different people. We are not keeping a copy of the title "We are the Rebels", as it is not age appropriate for primary school. If you would like to check out these titles, come and see us in the library.

SPORTS NEWS

Last term our Senior Girls and Junior Boys soccer teams were successful in winning their preliminary games. Both teams now play in the Bayside Final of the MET East Cup. The Senior Girls play Guardian Angels Catholic School on Tuesday 12th July at 4pm at Wellington Point High School. The Junior Boys play Manly State School on Wednesday 13th July at 4pm at Wellington Point High School. Both teams have showed excellent skill and teamwork. We would like to wish all the boys and girls every success for this week's games.

MUSIC NEWS

Choir rehearsals for both choirs will begin straight after the holidays.

1. **Senior Band students:** Permission slips are due in NOW for our workshop day at Hilliard SS next Wednesday 20th July.

2. **All band students:** Permission slips for our Eisteddfod are due in ASAP please! Redlands Eisteddfod will be Tuesday 2nd August, week 4 for both bands, in the afternoon/evening.

3. Please don't forget to follow your timetable students for when we have band on in the mornings.

Miss Steffen

Please note that Junior Orchestra is on EVERY TUESDAY at 8.00AM.

KITCHEN/GARDEN NEWS

Welcome back all green thumbs and keen cooks! Over the holidays the garden has been flourishing with the perfect winter growing conditions. We are looking forward to enjoying a fabulous harvest of broccoli, spinach, carrots and beetroots very soon. And that means being able to use this fresh and organic produce in the kitchen to create some delicious and healthy recipes.

Classes begin in week two. It's never too late to discover a love of growing or cooking, so if you would like to help out in the garden or the kitchen, please introduce yourself to us!

Larissa & Leah
Kitchen Garden Program

P & C NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3 we hope you all had a lovely break. We'd love to see you all at the P&C Meeting on Wednesday 20 July, 7pm at the hall. New faces are always welcome.

Just a quick reminder the Uniform Shop is closed this week as we move and set up in the P&C Hut. From week 2 the Uniform Shop will be open Monday 1-3.30pm and Tuesday 8-10.30am. If you have a question about the Uniform Shop, please email Kelly at wpss.pc.uniformshop@outlook.com

Keep your eye out for information coming home about the Walkathon this term.

Thanks,

The P&C Team

TUCKSHOP

Welcome Back everyone. Hope you had a relaxing break.

Thank you to Gretta and her helpers for taking over the tuckshop this week while I have an extra long break. **Winter menu starts next week.** The new menu should accompany this newsletter. A little run down of the menu:

Butter chicken will start next week on a Thursday. Sorry – no pizzas this term ☹. On Wednesday we have porridge for before school or first break - \$3.00 and Mexican Munch (burritos) \$3.60 and Quesadillas \$4.00 available both breaks. Soups are on - \$3 ea and garlic bread \$1.20 available every day. Hot milo or chocolate \$1.50 available all day. Cheesies \$2 melted cheese on breadroll – available before school.

If you have some spare time, we would love to see you at the tuckshop this term. There are a couple of new recipes ideas I would like to try out, but need the helpers to achieve this. Any amount of time is good time.

Have a good week. Marissa

FINANCIAL NEWS

Next 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.

Each invoice will have BPOINT (similar to BPAY) 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

THIS IS THE PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT OR YOU CAN USE ONLINE BANKING:

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 as reference and email soshe2@eq.edu.au to advise of payment.