

STUDENT ABSENCES – Telephone 3286 0660

| DIARY DATES | | |
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| JULY 2016 | | |
| Wed | 20 | 7.00 P&C Meeting in the hall meeting room |
| Thur | 21 | 7.45am Senior Band |
| Fri | 22 | 7.45am Senior Orchestra |
| Mon | 23 | 2.30pm Parade |
| Tues | 24 | 7.50am Senior Choir 8.00am Junior Orchestra |
| Wed | 25 | 7.45am Junior Band 9.00am Student Banking |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Safety Survey

During the next few weeks, we will be conducting Safety Surveys with all students in Year 4 to 6. The Safety Survey is part of our Anti-Bullying Strategy, which is contained in our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

The survey is confidential and students will be told that they do not have to discuss what they wrote on the survey with anyone and that they should not ask other students what they wrote. The survey will assist us to gather information on where, when and how often bullying is occurring in the school grounds. With this information we can make informed decisions as to how best to effectively deal with incidents of bullying.

Whilst the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan and Levels Program successfully deals with students who are displaying inappropriate behaviours, such as physical and verbal harassment, we are concerned that students may not be reporting incidents of bullying.

Bullying is different to isolated incidents of verbal and physical harassment. Bullying is when a person or group of people deliberately and repeatedly try to hurt, threaten, intimidate or embarrass another person.

Often victims of bullying are fearful of what might happen to them if they identify a bully. By conducting a confidential safety survey, we feel we will be enabling students to report bullying without fear of retaliation.

We trust, that by implementing all strategies outlined in our Responsible Behaviour Plan we will continue to make our school a safer learning environment for all students.

Super Hero Sensation

This year, our Year 6 students have been working with our Year 6 teacher, Mrs Cramb and parent, Mrs Herbert, to produce the musical, *Super Hero Sensation*. The students will be performing for the whole school on Friday 29th July at 11.30am in the hall. Parents and carers are invited to come and enjoy the performance on this day.

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.

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Since 2013, schools have participated in the nationally consistent collection of data on school students with a disability. The data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the: number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability; level of adjustments we provide for those students; and broad category of disability.

Parents can be assured that we will not be providing information to any other organisation, any data that can identify an individual student. However, while only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let our office staff know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Department's website:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>

Australian Government Department of Education website:

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Regards

Marg Lane

FROM HEAD OF CURRICULUM**How can Parents Help at Home?**

Often teachers get asked by parents what they can do at home to help with their child's education. Below are three really easy ways you can ensure your children are continuing to think about what they have been learning at school when they are at home.

1. **Mathletics** – We are very lucky to have a fantastic and supportive P&C at Wellington Point State School. Each year the P&C contributes to the curriculum budget and some of this money is used to fund the licensing of Mathletics. Mathletics is an online program that students can access from home at www.mathletics.com. Mathletics is based around the Australian Curriculum and is a great tool for revising and consolidating concepts learned in class.
2. **Reading Eggs** – Our P&C also helps with the licensing fees for another great online program called Reading Eggs. Reading Eggs gives students access to a variety of texts and associated activities that they can do at home to help strengthen their reading and comprehension skills. Reading Eggs can be accessed at www.readingeggs.com.au.
3. **Read with your child** – One of the most important things you can do at home with your child is read with them. Children should be reading every day and they all love reading with someone. As they read, ask your child questions and get them to recall key information from the text. Also, ask them what they think of the story/book they are reading as this helps them understand what they like to read and why. Reading with your child is just as important when they are in the older grades as it is when they are younger.

These three really simple things you can do at home with your children can make a big difference in their attitude to work at both home and school and ensure they feel prepared to learn each day. If you would like some more information about things you can do at home, please feel free to speak with your child's teacher.

Regards

Peter Davey

LOTE AWARD

Congratulations Juliet M from 4B who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



CLASS OF THE WEEK 2G

**WELLO CHAMPS**

Congratulations to John R from 1A and James D from 5B who were this week's Wello Champs!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

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| PK | Summer | 3J | Courtney L |
| PO | Lily-Anne C | 3W | Lucy M |
| PP | Alice E | 3/4T | Sarah M |
| 1A | Mia C | 4B | Angus C |
| 1D | Logan S | 4M | Amber G |
| 1G | Thor D | 5F | Jed B |
| 1/2J | Mason H | 5W | Craig M |
| 2B | Joshua | 5B | Jack C |
| 2G | Noemi H | 6C | Makayla S |
| 2S | Oliver | 6D | Cooper B |
| 3C | Charli J | 6R | Taylah B |

LIBRARY AWARD

Congratulations to Emily F from 5W and Cienna M of 6D who is are this weeks' Library Award winners.

LIBRARY NEWS

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 Crichton Award for New Illustrators. These include –

- The Underwater Fancy-Dress Parade by Allison Colpoys & text by Davina Bell
- Cat with the Coloured Tail – Dinalie Dabarera & text by Gillian Mears
- My Gallipoli – Robert Hannaford & text by Ruth Starke
- Fish Jam – Kylie Howarth
- Meet Weary Dunlop – Jeremy Lord & text by Claire Saxby

These books are intended for a wide ranging audience. They have been shortlisted for the illustrations. As you can see by the titles they cover a wide range of topics and therefore will be of interest to different people. If you would like to check out these titles, come and see us in the library.

We had our first prize draw for the Premier's Reading Challenge on parade this week. Congratulations to Cohen S from 1G who was our lucky winner. All children who return a completed card will go into the draw for a minor weekly prize. As the challenge runs until 26 August, there is still plenty of time to complete your card and return it to school. Remember that all books read should be appropriate for the reading level of the child. Everyone will remain in the draw for a chance to win one of three book vouchers at the completion of the challenge.

SPORTS NEWS

Bayside District Cricket Trials - Good luck to Gabrielle L, Jordan D and Lachlan G who will be attending the District Cricket trials. The new dates for the boys trials will be Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th August.

One,Two,Three Rugby League!

Our Prep and Year One classes will participate in an introductory skill clinic run by QRL Junior Development team, for 3 lessons at the end of Term Three.

School Athletics Team 2016

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent our school at the Bayside District Track & Field Carnivals on the 4th & 5th August.

Boys - Jack C, Leyton W, Oliver P, Cooper B, Tadhg S, Jamie C, Trent M, Kevin M, James M, Logan B, Micha T, Keegan S, Noah S.

Girls - Evelyn S, Elyse E, Jasmin F, Ashlee F, Alana B, Jessica T, Molly H, Holly P, Steph R, Sharna D, Hayleigh B, Cienna M, Sarah W, Marleyah A, Jazlyn F, Esther T, Shayla J, Chantal V.

Girls- Do you want to play Cricket?

When: Tuesday 2nd August

Who: GIRLS 5 Yrs - 15 Yrs

Where: Kianawah Park, Wynnum Rd. Tingalpa

Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Please contact Mrs Stewart if you are interested in attending.

MUSIC NEWS

Senior Choir will be visiting Wellockids Daycare on Wednesday, 10 August to perform a musical, The Three Billy Goats. Notes are going home this week. We will also be performing for our Preps to year twos later that day.

Thanks,
Gayle

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

A big congratulations to 5B for winning the Change for Chappy Fundraiser! They have raised \$46 and all of this will go towards the breakfast program! The class was invited for Mickey Mouse Pancakes at the end of last term, and it was wonderful celebrating together. Thank you 5B for all your efforts

KITCHEN/GARDEN NEWS

Classes for Kitchen/Garden recommence this week and we could not be more excited. The garden is looking amazing with the wonderful and unexpected winter rain and the vegetables have been growing like mad. Weeding will be a priority this week to stop the garden from becoming a jungle. Harvesting will also be on the agenda to provide the kitchen with the essentials to create a yummy meal. In kitchen our culinary tour will be stopping over in Thailand. Expect bold, fresh and bright flavours and heaps of fun of course! We would like to take this opportunity to thank James Brockhurst from the Good Guys Capalaba who not only spearheaded the wonderful trade of bokashi waste buckets for the garden but also on his recent retirement he generously gave the program a \$100 gift card. Regular volunteers to the kitchen will be excited to hear that the gift card has been used to purchase much needed fry pans and a blender, these items should make classes a lot easier. Also many thanks to our volunteers who provide us with endless support, patience and enthusiasm we look forward to an abundant and yummy term ahead.

P & C NEWS

This week you should have received a letter and sponsorship collection form for the Walkathon on Friday 12 August. It's a great way to get active, raise money for our school and earn prizes. For additional sponsorship collection forms please pop into the office.

We would like to bring back Coffee Crew this Term, but we need a 'barista'! Can you operate our machine or would you like to learn to use it? The goal is for an hour every Monday afternoon. If you can help email Michelle at wps_pc_vicepresident@outlook.com Join us tonight for the P&C meeting. New faces are always welcome.

TUCKSHOP - NEW MENU STARTS TODAY

Big THANKS to Gretta and helpers for doing tuckshop last week while I extended my holidays. By now everyone should have a copy of the new menu. If you don't have one, it is available on the school's webpage. Hard copies are also available at the tuckshop or admin office.

Don't forget we are always looking for helpers. If you have a spare half or maybe one hour come on in. Jobs for everyone!

Happening this term – soups, Mexican munch (burritos), quesadillas, butter chicken, garlic bread. Not happening – pizza (sorry but out until later this year).

Have a good week. Marissa

FINANCIAL NEWS

Invoices are now being sent out via email for excursions/incursions and school sports activities where payment is required. Please ensure the parent/carer email address is kept up to date to enable this process to occur.

- **Voluntary Contribution - \$50.00 1st child, \$25 additional child,**
- **Music Levy - \$50.00**
- **Music Instrument Hire - \$100.00**
- **Yr3 "States of Matter" science incursion - \$11.00**
- **Yr4 Dance Fever - \$25.00**
- **Yr5 Hands on History incursion - \$8.00**