

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660

DIARY DATES		
AUGUST 2016		
Thur	11	7.45am Senior Band 8.50am Yr 3 Strings Lessons 8.50am – 11.00am Under 8's Fun Day
Fri	12	7.45am Senior Orchestra 1.40pm Walkathon on the Ovals
Mon	15	2.30pm Parade
Tues	16	7.50am Senior Choir 8.00am Junior Orchestra
Wed	17	7.45am Junior Band 9.00am Student Banking 9.00am OSPREY ACES WPSHS 7.00pm P&C Meeting - Hall
Thur	18	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	19	7.45am Senior Orchestra 8.50am Yr 5/6 Sports Challenge School Disco P-2 5-6.15pm, Yr 3-6 6.30-8pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

District Athletics Success

Last Thursday and Friday, students from our school competed at the District Athletics Championships. Mrs Stewart and Mrs Ricketts accompanied the team over the two days and reported that throughout the championships all students showed great team work and school spirit. Five students qualified for the District Team to compete at the Regional Championship. Congratulations to Trent M, Ashlee F, Esther T, Logan B and Leyton W. Thanks also to the parents, carers and friends that went along to cheer on our students. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Redlands Eisteddfod Success

Last Tuesday night, our Senior and Beginners Band competed at the Redland Eisteddfod. Both bands performed very well and were a credit to the school and their teacher, Miss Jess Steffen. Congratulations to the Senior Band who were awarded first place and to our Beginners Band who were highly commended. Thanks to the parents who attended and also thanks to our music teacher, Mrs Gayle Tuckwood for assisting on the night.

Under 8's Celebration

On Thursday, the 11th August, students in Prep to Year 2 will be enjoying an Under 8 Celebration, from 8.50am to 11am. During the morning, students will get to explore a range of activities located in and around the prep classrooms and in the junior playground.

Thanks to our senior teachers, Mrs Bloomfield and Mrs Doolan for organising and co-ordinating our Under 8 Day activities. Thanks also to students from Wellington Point State High School who have volunteered to help with the activities.

At 11am, following the activities, our P&C Association has organised a 'special thank you' Morning Tea at the hall for parents and volunteers. Look forward to seeing you there on the day.

Walkathon Update & Apology

On Friday, the 12th August, students in Prep to Year 6 will be participating in the Walkathon, from 1.40 to 3.00pm on the top and bottom ovals. This is one of our P&C Associations major fundraising activities for the year.

Last week, I incorrectly reported this year's P&C contribution to the school and I apologise for that oversight. This year our P&C has contributed \$50 000 to the school to be spent on Technology – Wireless Upgrade (\$25 000), Athletics & Reading Eggs Licences (\$10,000), Kitchen/Garden Program (\$10,000) and Curriculum Resources (5,000). Your ongoing support of these fundraising events is greatly appreciated.

Osprey A.C.E.S.

On Wednesday 17th August, we will be sending 8 teams of year 5 & 6 students to compete in the Osprey Academic Challenge & Expo for Students, being held at Wellington Point State High School. This is the first time the Academic Challenge and Expo has been organised by the high school and we are one of four local state primary schools invited to participate.

Last week, our year 5 & 6 teachers selected students for our teams. There will be four teams consisting of six students per team from both year 5 and year 6. This week students who have been selected will be taking home a letter outlining arrangements for the day. Teachers, Mrs Elaina Cramb and Mrs Tania Wennermark, will be accompanying our teams on the day.

Financial Audit

Next week, our office will be undertaking a four day financial audit. The Auditor will be at school from Monday 15th August until Thursday 18th August. This will require our Business Services Manager, as well as our office staff, meeting with auditor and providing him with information and documentation. This may impact on office procedures throughout the week. Your understanding in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Marg Lane

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warm welcome I've received over the past week. I look forward to working with you, your children and the dedicated, caring staff you are lucky enough to have at Wellington Point SS.

Reading, Reading, Reading!

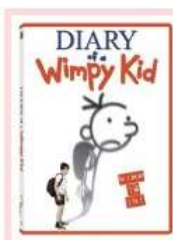
Reading has continued to be a key priority in our school this year. Teachers implement weekly guided reading lessons where students are explicitly taught a range of decoding (working out words and phrases) and comprehension (working out what it means) skills to help them make meaning from the text. It is vitally important that students practice these skills and strategies at home as well. As parents, you play an integral part in helping your child not only learn to read but love reading. The more time students read per day, the more fluent their reading becomes and the more they understand what they read.



We all know that some children don't enjoy reading. Below are some tips to encourage and engage reluctant readers.

1. Find books that excite them. It sounds obvious, but children (especially boys) are more likely to read when they find stories about things they find interesting.
2. Explore different formats and genres. With today's technology there is a huge variety of reading materials available, both online and in book form, so think outside the box when considering what your child might enjoy.
3. Set a good example. If your child never sees you reading, they are less likely to pick up a book for enjoyment.
4. Designate a "reading nook". Set up a special place in a quiet area for your child as "their" special reading space. Make it cozy with pillows and blankets, and stock it with books on subjects and activities that interest them.
5. Pair reading with play. Fun activities that require reading, such as using a recipe, creating a scavenger hunt or putting on a play, help show your child that reading isn't just sitting down with a book. Encouraging them in non-book activities will help them realise that reading relates to lots of things and isn't just a homework chore.

6. Read books that have been made into movies or television shows. Seeing a book come to life on the screen is a fun way to motivate your child to read. Try "The Lorax", "The Harry Potter series", "How to Train your Dragon", "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" or "Round the Twist". "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go". – Doctor Seuss.



Regards
Stacey Kelleher

WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations to Belle H from 2B and Piper G from 5F who were this week's Wello Champs!



LIBRARY AWARD

Congratulations to Rebekah H from 6D who is this week's Library Award winner.

LOTE AWARD

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



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Lazaine	3J	Omara B
PO	Rory D	3W	Corbyn D
PP	Rebecca W	3/4T	Alannah M
1A	Skye H	4B	Oliver B
1D	Connor	4M	Poko T
1G	Pippi B	5F	Madi
1/2J	Sarah M	5W	Dominic G
2B	Flynn	5B	Tadhg S
2G	Jason C	6C	Gabby L
2S	Cooper W	6D	Phanurut
3C	Darcy B	6R	Angus O

KITCHEN GARDEN AWARD

Congratulations to Charleigh from 5B, Robert from 4M and Daniel from 5F who are this week's Kitchen Garden award winners.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week is fast approaching and the excitement in the library is building. We are eagerly working on our displays and planning our competitions and costumes. Book Week runs from Saturday 20 August – Friday 26 August. The theme for Book Week this year is Australia: Story Country. Every year during Book Week we hold our Mega Book Week Parade. This year the parade will be held on Wednesday 24 August. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character. Costumes don't need to be expensive. The best costumes come from your imagination and things you already have at home.

The week before last, we held a competition to win tickets to the performance of Hippo! Hippo!: A Big New Musical adventure. Congratulations to Aurora H in 1G who won the double pass for the show with her beautiful drawing of her dog eating cake on her roof. Well done to all the children who entered. Keep watching for more give-aways from the Redland's Performing Arts Company and we hope Aurora enjoyed the show.

Congratulations also to Oliver B – 4B who was last week's winner for the Premier's Reading Challenge, Matthew M – 2S and Zac N -1/2J who won this week. Don't forget to return your card to the library when it is

completed. The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on Friday 26th August.

A reminder that the library is open from 8:15am to 8:45am each morning. The new days for year level groups to use the library before school are: Prep, Year 1, 2 & 3 children - Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Year 4, 5 & 6 - Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We welcome parents as well who would like to share a story or game with their child.

SPORTS NEWS

Bayside District Track & Field Team

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected in the District team, to compete at the Metropolitan East Regional Championships in September.

Trent M - Shot put (1st Place), Discus (2nd Place)

Ashlee F - 200m (6th Place)

Leyton W- High jump (3rd Place)

Esther T - Discus (4th Place)

Logan B - Discus (3rd Place)

Highly Commended

Logan B (800m Final), Cooper B (100m, 800m Finals) Trent M (100m Final), Evelyn S (100m, 200m Finals)

Ashlee F (100m, 200m, 800m Finals)

Esther T and Molly H also placed in the top 6 in their Shot put Final.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

On these cold mornings, remember we have hot Milo or porridge from **8.15am**. For lunch, try corn on the cob, Mexican burritos or quesadillas on **Wed**, butter chicken & rice or chicken/beef subs on **Thurs** and sweet chilli chicken wraps or meat pies on **Fri!** MEAL DEALS ARE AVAILABLE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS Wed-Fri www.flexischools.com.au

P & C NEWS

We are calling for donations for the Under 8's day volunteer morning tea. All offerings kindly accepted at the hall kitchen tomorrow morning.

The Walkathon is this Friday. Don't forgot to send in your sponsorship sheets and money in a zip lock bag **on the day**. It's going to be lots of fun so come along and cheer on your children. Are you crazy about the disco? Perhaps you'd like to give a little bit of time to volunteer selling food and drinks to our children. A roster for disco helpers is on the notice board outside the Admin Office. We have our next P&C meeting next Wednesday, 17th August at 7pm. If you would like to get more involved with our school, all parents and carers are most welcome to join us.

MEDICATION

It is Department of Education policy that if your child requires medication to be given at school you will need to complete a Medical Consent Form with the student, parent and medication details, dosages and times to be administered. This is for both PRESCRIPTION and OVER-THE-COUNTER medication, which must be labelled with the students details. Forms are available from the school office.

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.

- 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 1st child, \$25 additional child,
- Music Levy - \$50.00
- Music Instrument Hire - \$100.00
- Yr4 Dance Fever - \$25.00
- Yr Ormiston House - \$12.50
- Yr 6 LOTE Teppanyaki Excursion -\$24.10
- Intermediate Band Camp - \$55.00
- Intermediate Strings Camo \$55.00