

**STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660**

DIARY DATES		
<b>AUGUST 2016</b>		
Thur	18	7.45 Senior Band
Fri	19	7.45 Senior Orchestra 8.50am Yr 5/6 Sports Challenge <b>5-6.15pm P-2 Disco 6.30-8pm Yr3-6 Disco</b>
Mon	22	<b>2.30pm Parade</b>
Tues	23	7.50pm Senior Choir 8.00am Junior Orchestra
Wed	24	7.45am Junior Band <b>8.50am Book Week Parade</b> 9.00am Student Banking
Thur	25	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	26	7.45am Senior Orchestra

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

**School Disco – Favourite Book Character**

This Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August we will be conducting our second school disco for the year. Our Student Council has organised the disco with the theme being come as your favourite *Book Character*.

On the night, our P&C Association will also be selling food and drinks from the hall canteen, as one of their fundraising activities, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Our Junior Disco, Prep to Yr 2, starts at 5pm and finishes at 6.15pm, with our Senior Disco, Yrs 3-6, going from 6.30pm until 8pm.

Tickets can be bought before the disco, outside the office in the mornings. Prepaid tickets are \$6 per child. Tickets can also be bought on the night for \$7 per child. Looking forward to seeing all the colourful Book Characters at the disco.

**Book Week 2016**

Next week we are celebrating Book Week in our library. This year the theme is "Australia: Story Country". Thanks to Ms Saverin, Mrs Valkenburg and Mrs MacKellar who have done a fantastic job decorating our library as well as organising activities and competitions for the students. A visit to our library is a must this week!

On Wednesday, we will be conducting our spectacular Book Week parade from 8.50 to 9.30am in the hall. Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite Book Character. I can hardly wait to meet the many interesting characters.

**Our Fantastic Under 8's Fun Day**

Last Thursday students in Prep to Year 2 enjoyed a fabulous morning session, full of fun things for them to enjoy. The students and their parent helpers explored the many activities that had been organised by our teachers in the classrooms and playground. I would like to thank Mrs Bloomfield and Mrs Doolan who organised the event, as well as the other teachers who co-ordinated their activity.

Thanks also to the many mums, dads, grandparents and carers who came along to lend their support and help out with activities. It was truly wonderful to see so many adults joining in the fun.

We also had the assistance of four Wellington Point State High School students who came and helped out on activities. It was great to see them supporting our community.

To thank our parents and other volunteers, our P&C Association provided a lovely morning tea outside the hall. It certainly was a great school event that was enjoyed by all!

**Our Wonderful Walk-a-thon**

On Friday afternoon, students in Prep to Year 6 participated in our annual Walk-a-thon. The P&C Association organise the Walk-a-thon as one of their major fundraisers. Again this year, students were offered sporting equipment prizes that corresponded with funds raised.

It certainly was a fun afternoon with all students showing great determination and commitment in completing as many laps of the two ovals within the one hour time limit. Well done students!

**Osprey A.C.E.S.**

This Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 8 teams of year 5 & 6 students will be competing 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. The students will be accompanied by teachers, Mrs Elaina Cramb and Mrs Tania Wennermark. I would like to wish the students and their teacher all the best of luck.

Regards

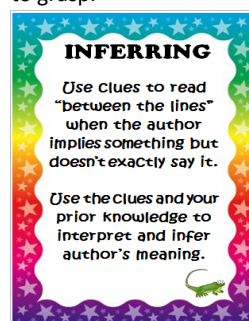
Marg Lane

**FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM**

Reading continues to be a key priority in our school. During reading lessons students are explicitly taught a range of decoding and comprehension 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 for per day, the more fluent their reading becomes. Inferring is one strategy that helps students gain a greater understanding of what they are reading.

**Inferring**

Good readers make inferences while reading to improve their understanding of the story or text. An inference is when we understand things that the author does not tell us! We infer why things happen, why characters behave the way they do, and how characters are feeling. The reader creates images and inferences based on what the author does tell you and your own knowledge. It's taking what you already know and understand and adding what the author does tell us to come up with answers to the "Why?" and "How?" questions. This is one of the more difficult skills for students to grasp.



Some examples:

It was time to turn the lights on.

*What time of the day was it likely to be?*

The tiger looked out through the bars.

*Where was the tiger?*

The only noise in the room was the rustle of paper whenever Tom turned a page.

*What was Tom doing?*

**How can you help?**

One way to help your child make an inference is to think of it this way:

**Your knowledge + Clues in the story = An Inference**

- After reading, ask your child to list things the characters say and do, then come up with what those actions show about the character.
- Cover up something on a book or magazine cover. Ask your child to use clues to guess what is hidden.
- Talk about the characters in stories. Ask: Why did they do that? How were they feeling?
- Have your child "read" a wordless picture book. Using the pictures only to tell stories helps with the inferring process.



Yours in learning,  
Stacey Kelleher

### WELLO CHAMPS

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



### LOTE AWARD

Congratulations Andries B from 6R who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



### CLASS OF THE WEEK 3C



### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Kyra	3J	Temur S
PO	Emily K	3W	Tahlia T
PP	Jarred B	3/4T	Peter B
1A	Locklyn V	4B	Skyla B
1D	Georgia S	4M	Kiara H
1G	Darcy H	5F	Eve S
1/2J	Isaac A	5W	Darien C
2B	Amber	5B	Shayla J
2G	Ayden P	6C	Bree W
2S	Harley	6D	Keenan V
3C	Isabelle P	6R	Murray C

### KITCHEN GARDEN AWARD

Congratulations to Keala D from 5W who is this week's Kitchen Garden award winner.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Only one week to go until Book Week. If you get the chance, come and have a look at the great books and displays in the library. Hopefully everyone has started thinking about their costumes for our Book Week Parade on **Wednesday 24 August**. Remember to use your imagination and, if you can, bring along the book that your character is from. To kick off Book Week, students are invited to the library next Monday at second lunch to participate in a Story Bridge Climb where they can be photographed sharing a story. We hope lots of people can make it. Congratulations to Henry B of 1D who was this week's lucky winner of the Premier's Reading Challenge prize draw. Don't forget, the Premier's Reading Challenge also finishes next week. Happy Reading everyone!

### KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

Our garden is looking fabulous due to the wonderful winter weather but this week we are looking ahead to our next season. We will be topping up our garden beds with some soil that was generously donated by Turfgreen and planting seedlings for Spring. This week in Kitchen we are preparing a terrific Turkish banquet using cabbages, silverbeet and parsley from our garden. Many thanks to our fabulous volunteers, we appreciate your time and experience and we also welcome any new helpers that would like to join us.

Leah & Larissa

### TUCKSHOP NEWS

#### TUCKSHOP - WINTER WARMER SPECIALS WEDNESDAYS

Porridge – before school and first break with honey and milk \$3.00  
Mexican Munch – Burrito with lettuce, tomato, sour cream and burrito mince \$3.60, Quesadillas – 2 Burritos toasted with chicken, salsa and cheese \$4.00

#### THURSDAYS

Butter chicken (home-made) with rice \$4.00, Chicken or Beef gravy rolls \$3.60

#### FRIDAYS

Sweet Chicken Wraps – chicken tenderloin with lettuce, cheese, tomato, mayo and sweet chilli sauce \$4.00

### AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Soup – Pumpkin and chicken noodle

Garlic bread \$1.20

Home-made spaghetti bolognese and/or fried rice \$3.60 each

As well as our toasties, chicken burgers and hamburgers

Volunteers always needed and welcomed. Any amount of time is

good time well spent in the tuckshop. We have jobs for everyone.

Have a good week. Marissa

### P & C NEWS

#### Walkathon

The children were all limbered and ready to go on Friday. They had loads of fun at the Walkathon many beating the best efforts from last year. It was lovely to see so many parents join the fun walking laps of the oval with their children. If you forgot to send back your money and sponsorship form please send them in ASAP.

#### Get your Groove on

It would be great to see some new faces helping out at our last disco for the year on August 19. Can you help sell food and drinks on Friday night? A roster for the night is up on the notice board outside the office or email [wpss\\_pc\\_president@outlook.com](mailto:wpss_pc_president@outlook.com)

#### Under 8's Week

Thank you to the parents who baked for our Under 8's volunteer morning tea. I know all our parent volunteers really appreciated the effort.

Thanks

The P&C Team

### 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.**

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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> child, \$25 additional child,
- Music Levy - \$50.00
- Music Instrument Hire - \$100.00
- Yr 6 LOTE Teppanyaki Excursion -\$24.10
- Intermediate Band Camp - \$55.00
- Intermediate Strings Camo \$55.00