

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660**DIARY DATES****SEPTEMBER 2016**

Thur	15	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	16	7.45am Senior Orchestra END OF TERM 3
Mon	Oct 3	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues	4	Term 4 begins 7.50am Senior Choir 8.00am Junior Orchestra 2.30pm Parade
Wed	5	7.45am Junior Band 9.00am Student Banking
Thur	6	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	7	7.45am Senior Orchestra
Mon	10	2.30pm Parade
Tues	11	7.50am Senior Choir 8.00am Junior Orchestra

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

This will be the last newsletter before the start of the September holidays. Parents are reminded that school resumes on **Tuesday 4th October**. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday.

Osprey Cup Touch Football – Date Change

Due to two of our local primary schools being unable to compete in the Osprey Cup Touch Football competition this term, it has been postponed to early term 4. The new date for the competition will be **Tuesday 25th October 2016**.

Peer Support Program 2016

As a result of the Discipline Audit conducted at the end of the 2015, we have focussed on implementing one of the recommendations which was to teach weekly **'You Can Do It'** social skills lessons across all year levels throughout the year. This commitment has meant that we have had to adjust the timing and length of our Peer Support program. Currently we are undertaking a process to select 54 Year 6 students who will undergo Peer Support training with Mrs Tuite and Mrs Kelleher during the first week of next term. Following this training we will commence a five week program from week 3 until week 7. Every Tuesday afternoon at 1.40pm, the Peer Support Tutors will lead groups of students from Prep to Year 5 in a series of social skills lessons. I am sure our Year 6 Peer Support tutors will do a great job leading these social skills lessons.

Farewell Mrs Walsh

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Year 5 teacher, Mrs Walsh, all the best as she completes her teaching contract at our school at the end of this term. Last year, Mrs Walsh taught year 2 and for the first three terms of this year, has taught Year 5F. I know you will join with me in thanking her for her service to our students and the school and wishing her all the best for the future.

Prep Enrolments 2017

Parents are reminded that a Prep Information Session will be conducted on **Wednesday 14th September** from **9.00 to 10.00 am** in the hall. Prep enrolment interviews will be conducted in the first two weeks following the September holidays. Parents are invited to contact the office to book an interview time.

Early Entry to Prep

Parents are advised that Section 15 of the *Education General Provisions Regulation 2006* allows early entry to the Prep Year for a child who:

Either

will be at least 5 years 5 months on 31 December in the proposed year of attendance at (i.e. a child who turns 5 on or before 31 July; **and** is considered 'ready for education in the year of schooling considering the child's attributes';

Or

Has started education in another State or country that is equivalent to the Prep Year; **and**

is considered 'ready for education in the year of schooling considering the child's attributes'.

Considering this information, parents who wish to apply for early entry to the Prep Year for their child are asked to contact the office and request an application form to be completed and returned to myself, the principal, for due consideration.

Student Transfers 2017

Parents are asked to please advise the office if their child/children will be transferring schools at the end of this year. During term 4 we will begin to form classes for 2017, so we would like to ensure student numbers are accurate prior to this undertaking. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Staffing Update

I wish to advise that Mrs Carly Faino will be returning to work next term, teaching Year 5F for the remainder of the year.

Regards

Marg Lane

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Reading continues to be a key priority in our school this year. Teachers implement weekly guided reading sessions in which 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.

Predicting

Effective readers use pictures, titles, headings and text – as well as their own personal experiences – to make predictions before they begin to read. Predicting involves thinking ahead while reading and anticipating information and events in the text. After making predictions, students can read through the text and check if their prediction was correct.

This strategy activates students' prior knowledge about the text and actively engages them by asking them what they think might happen in the story.

**Adjusting Reading Rates**

Good readers adjust the rate or speed they read texts with depending on why they are reading. Unlike the plodder, who reads consistently at 200 words per minute, or the superficial reader, who may read everything rapidly, well-trained readers have the capacity to adjust their speed to the material. When reading to remember, readers slow down their reading rate. They often reread parts of the text when they are unsure that they understand. When comprehension breaks down, they adjust their rate, reread, and use other strategies to ensure understanding. When reading aloud, good readers change their reading speed based on what is happening in a story. If a character is running away from a monster, good readers would read more quickly. If a character is feeling sleepy, good readers would slow down their reading.

**How can you help?**

- Read to your child. The more you model good reading by reading aloud, the more your child will understand what fluent reading sounds like. Demonstrate changing your rate of reading when the book becomes more difficult.

- How would you read these sentences with your child?

A man is racing a car around a track. (Quickly)
A little girl is going to Disneyland for the first time. (Quickly)
She is VERY excited. (Quickly)
A snail is crawling slowly from one leaf to another. (Slowly)
A family is taking a walk. (Normally)
A brother and sister are playing tag. (Quickly)
A family is eating dinner. (Normally)



- Ensure your child is choosing books that are the “right fit”. Books that are too easy won’t allow them to practice, while books that are too hard will discourage them.
- Encourage your child to predict what they think might happen in the book by looking at the front cover.
- Stop a book at a critical point. Ask your child to predict what might happen next.
- Encourage your child to read favourite stories out loud with you.
- Encourage your child to reread books more than once. The first time will be slower than subsequent reads.
- Listen to them read!

The school holidays are a great opportunity to take time together to relax and enjoy a great book.

Yours in Learning
 Stacey Kelleher

KITCHEN GARDEN STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Nadia S from 4B and Felix D from 5W who were this week’s Kitchen Garden Students of the Week.

WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations Jordi G from 1D and Charleigh C from 5B who were this week’s Wello Champs!



LOTE AWARD

Congratulations to Jaydah S who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



CLASS OF THE TERM 5W



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Anica L	3J	Cathleen H
PO	Hannah W	3W	Layla C
PP	Ken H	3/4T	Elyse S
1A	Locklyn V	4B	Sean V
1D	Macy S	4M	Ethan K
1G	Aurora H	5B	Brodan H
1/2J	Mariah S	5F	Dylan S
2B	Josie B	5W	
2G	Cooper S	6C	Elliot B
2S	Madison	6D	Kaleb W
3C	Charlotte B	6R	Ava T

LIBRARY NEWS

Children will be allowed to borrow over the holidays so please ensure your books are not overdue. If your child comes home with a piece of orange wool tied around their wrist, it is a simple reminder for them to put their library books into their bag so that they can return them the next day. Once the books are in their bag, the orange wool can be cut off by a parent or carer.

Please help us to protect our beautiful books over the holidays by making sure they are kept safe and away from anything that could cause damage to them. A waterproof, plastic bag is always a great accessory for a book.

On Tuesday this week, we celebrated what would have been Roald Dahl’s 100th birthday. We had games and cake in the library and everyone had lots of fun. The monitors were invited to their own party at first lunch and then everyone else who wanted to, joined in the fun at second break. What a great excuse to pick up a book written by one of the world’s greatest ever storytellers and read it with your child over the holidays.

If you’re not going away these holidays, remember – A book can take you on an adventure. Happy reading everyone! Mardi, Michelle and Sue

SPORTS NEWS

Year Three Swimming - Term Four

Swimming lessons will commence in Week 2 on Monday 10th October. Permission notes and money is due this week.

Year Four Afternoon Sport - Term Four

In Term Four, students will be learning the skills and playing Tee Ball, which is the lead up game for Softball and Baseball.

Hook in2 Hockey - Redlands Hockey Association - All Ages

www.redlandshockey.com.au

When: 10th to 31st October

Mondays 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Where: Henry Ziegenfusz Park, Fitzroy St. Cleveland

This program introduces new players to the skills and the game. Sign up to play. For more information phone 0459389511 or email info@redlandshockey.com.au

Term Four - Milo in2 Cricket Program for 5-7 Years Boys and Girls

Thursdays after School - 20th October to 1st November

Our school will host this great program again this year. Coaches from Qld Cricket will introduce the basic cricket skills to boys and girls. Where: top oval on Fridays from 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Parents bring a picnic blanket or join in.

Cost: \$99 **Register your young cricketer now.**

Registration: visit Playcricket.com.au click on "where can I play" box and type in Wellington Point State School

MUSIC NEWS

Dear Parents/Caregivers, the first round of students recruited into the strings music program has now been completed. If your child was interested in being in the program and hasn’t received a note stating acceptance, in case I’ve missed a note handed in, please leave a message at the office.

For parents of students accepted into the program. Please look out for the strings info pack in your child’s school bag. It is going out end of term 3.

Forms due back: Friday 14th October Week 2 Term 4. Please read all pages as ALL the information is important and there are many parts to fill in. Please KEEP the parts that you don’t need to sign and hand in for your reference.

REMINDER - parent info meeting for kids in the strings music program Week 4 Tuesday 3pm 25th October.

Thankyou, Nicole Davie

P & C NEWS

Enjoy your school holidays, stay safe and come back bright and eager for a great Term 4!

LOST PROPERTY

General Items: One of our parents has kindly sorted through the lost property. Named items are being returned to classes but unnamed items are in the lost property area, under ‘A’ block. These include jackets, lunchboxes and drink bottles.

Valuable Items Found: There are a number of valuable items which have been found recently. We are holding these items in the office. If you are missing anything valuable then please contact the office with a description of the item and we can hold them here for you. Please claim your belongings ASAP.