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NEWSLETTER NUMBER 34

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660		
DIARY DATES		
NOVEMBER 2016		
Thur	3	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	4	7.45am Senior Orchestra
Mon	7	2.30pm Parade
Tue	8	7.50am Senior Choir 8.00am Junior Orchestra
Wed	9	7.45am Senior Band
Thur	10	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	11	7.45am Senior Orchestra
Wed	16	NIGHT OF MUSIC – HALL 6PM

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Our Wonderful World Teachers Day Morning Tea

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the teaching staff, to thank our P&C Association for the wonderful World Teachers' Day morning tea and lunch spread that was organised in our honour last Friday. I would especially like to thank the parents who contributed food, and their time, in preparing the amazing feast of food in the staffroom. Special thanks goes to Mrs Robyn Bugden, for co-coordinating the event. Friday was a very special day for our teachers. Thanks to our students and parents for the support you showed our teachers on the day and every day. It is greatly appreciated.

Education Week

Education Week was a great success last week. Thank you to Mrs Cathy Gillam, Ms Andrea Saint and Mrs Janet Robinson for organising the activities which ran throughout the week and for the foyer display of student learning. Thanks to the teachers, students and parents who participated in the events. It was a great opportunity to celebrate learning in our school and to demonstrate the fantastic things that happen in our state schools.

Osprey Cup – Touch Football

Last Tuesday, four teams from our school competed in the Osprey Cup Touch Football competition at Wellington Point State High School. Mr Davey, Mr Bottomer and Ms Ricketts report that all teams played very well, with all four teams making the finals. What a great achievement! Congratulations to the Senior Girls and Junior Boys teams who won their finals, defeating Gumdale State School. The two Osprey Cup trophies are now proudly on display in the office foyer. Congratulations also to Sharna D who was awarded the best female player in the Senior Girls competition. Well done to all the students and their teachers. You did our school proud.

Year 4 Sports Challenge Success!

Last Friday, approximately 50 year 4 students, accompanied by Mrs Fiona Bell and Mrs Victoria Turnbull participated in a day of sport at Cleveland Showground. The students were coached, and participated in the following sports: Hockey, AFL, Soccer, Oztag, Cricket, Tennis and

Newcombe Ball. The teachers reported that the students thoroughly enjoyed the day and showed great behaviour. Well done to everyone involved.

Staffing 2017 Update

Recently, schools were notified of staffing changes for the 2017 school year. I therefore would like to notify parents of the following staff changes for the start of the 2017 school year:

- Ms Fiona Reilly has been transferred to Salisbury State School
- Mr Brett Perrier, Master Teacher, is returning to Ironside State SS
- The following teachers have been transferred into our school. I would like to welcome:

Mrs Christine Elmore and Mrs Rebecca Beake.

Regards

Marg Lane

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Higher Order Thinking and Reading

Higher order thinking is thinking on a level that is higher than memorizing facts or telling something back to someone exactly the way it was read in a book. It requires students to understand the what they read, infer from what the author has written, connect this to other facts and concepts, put ideas together in new or novel ways, and apply them as we seek new solutions to new problems.

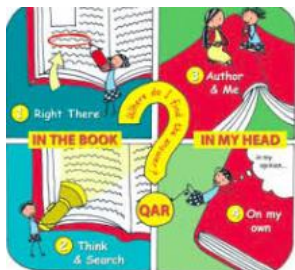
Parents and teachers can do a lot to encourage higher order thinking and help foster children's complex thinking. One of the main strategies we use at Wellington Point State School is to teach the Question-Answer Relationship (QAR) strategy during reading tasks.



The Question-Answer Relationships (QARs) technique teaches children to label the type of questions being asked and then to use this information to assist them in answering the questions. There are four types of questions that are used after a child reads. They include:

- **Right There Questions:** Questions whose answers can be found in the book. Often the words used in the question are the same words found in the book.
For example:
Where does this person live?
What does this person do for a living?
- **Think and Search Questions:** Answers are gathered from several parts of the book and put together to make meaning.
For example:
What are the character traits that you see in the main character?
What kinds of challenges did the character face?
How can you prove that character is (brave, loyal, kind, etc.)?

- **Author and You:** These questions are based on information provided in the book but the student is required to relate it to their own experience. Although the answer does not lie directly in the story, the student must have read it in order to answer the question.



For example:

Why did the author...?

What was the most surprising part of the book or article?

Why should/shouldn't people

(use something from the story— exercise every day, bite their fingernails, etc.)?

- **On My Own:** These questions do not require the student to have read the book but they must use their background knowledge to answer the question.

For example:

Have you ever... ? What was it?

When have you?

What do you think it would be like to...?

What do you think about.....?

So after your child reads to you at home encourage them to talk to you about it. Asking some of these questions will help to extend their thinking and gain a greater understanding of the meaning of words, ideas in a story and relate these to their own worlds.

Remember ... Read to Succeed.

Yours in learning,

Stacey Kelleher

SPORTS NEWS

After School Cricket - Milo In2Cricket Program - Preps to Year two

We need a few more students to sign up for our Thursday afternoon MILO In2Cricket Program for it to continue running at our school.

Interested parents are invited to bring their young cricket players to the top oval at 3.15pm this Thursday to join. The clinic is run by Queensland Cricket and Coach Brayden will be available at 3.00pm to discuss the program and fees with new players. Boys and Girls!

News from the Library – Book Fair Wrap Up

Thank you to everyone who supported the amazing Book Fair in the library last week. We would like to extend a special thank you to the parents who helped us out before and after school.

A special huge thank you to Linda Bruce, who helped to set up and pull down the fair, and also worked many mornings and afternoons throughout the week. Linda's children have now gone to high school and still she volunteered to help. Also thank you to Faith Geddes who helped out on Wednesday and Thursday. We couldn't have done it without you ladies.

We sold over \$7500 worth of books and earned over \$2500 in commission to purchase new books and resources for our library.

Thank you also to Chappy B and her team who helped with the Grandparents Morning Tea which took place outside the library on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many grandparents enjoying a cuppa and delicious, freshly baked treats and I know the students loved taking their grandparent for a tour of the Book Fair.

Congratulations to Keala D – 5W who won a book of her choice from the fair. Thanks again and Happy reading! Mardi and Sue



LOTE AWARD

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



CLASS OF THE WEEK 1/2J



WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations Jack from 2S and Jack from 4M who were this week's Wello Champs!



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Connor	3J	Jack G
PO	Jemma R	3W	Lola K
PP	Arlia S	3/4T	Harper A
1A	Mia C	4B	Rhyland H
1D	Emily P	4M	Bosco
1G	Hayle K	5B	Olivia B
1/2J	Poppy B	5F	James S
2B	Sam J	5W	Chase H
2G	Harrison E	6C	Chanel K
2S	Neve	6D	Kevin M
3C	Ella R	6R	Rebekah H

P & C NEWS

Bunnings BBQ

We have been lucky to be given a second Bunnings BBQ this year on Sunday 27 November at Capalaba. This is a great fundraiser for our school and to make it a success we need four people per shift. Why not find a friend and add your name to the roster on the noticeboard outside Admin or PM the P&C Facebook page or email

wps_pc_president@outlook.com

Christmas Decorations

Do you know any businesses who have Christmas decorations they no longer want. We are looking for Christmas props to decorate the stage for the Prep to Year 3 Christmas Concert. If you can help please email wps_pc_president@outlook.com

Tuckshop Volunteers

We are going to re-open the Tuckshop next week, however we still need more helpers. If we cannot get enough volunteers, the tuckshop service will need to be reassessed for 2017. **We all need to provide support to our tuckshop convenor, who in turn supports your children.** Please email Kelly our new Tuckshop Convenor at wps_pc_tuckshop@outlook.com with your offer of support.

Thanks, the P&C Team

ADMINISTRATION NEWS



As well as our new website, another great way to stay up to date is via the **QSchools app!** This is available for Apple and Android devices as shown below. School details, including newsletters, alerts, live feed news, and calendar

events are all available on the app. Please download this app and give us your feedback.



FINANCIAL NEWS

Over the past two weeks we have received many unnamed incursion/excursion payments. This means we cannot allocate money to student accounts.

All money is to be sent in an envelope and clearly marked with the student's name, class and activity.

Please pay monies owing in a timely manner to avoid teachers having to ring parents on the day of the excursion. If paying via Internet banking to the school bank account allow two business days for payments to be processed.

BANKING DETAILS FOR ONLINE BANKING

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- Yr4 Hands on Technology \$8.00
- Yr3 Dance Fever (refer to note sent home for cost)
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