



9 Nov, 2016

# NEWSLETTER NUMBER 35

<b>STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660</b>		
<b>DIARY DATES</b>		
<b>NOVEMBER 2016</b>		
<b>Thur</b>	<b>10</b>	7.45am Senior Band
<b>Fri</b>	<b>11</b>	7.45am Senior Orchestra
<b>Mon</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2.30pm Parade</b>
<b>Tue</b>	<b>15</b>	7.50am Senior Choir 8.00am Junior Orchestra <b>ALL STRINGS STUDENTS BRING INSTRUMENTS TODAY</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7.45am Senior Band &amp; Senior Orchestra Rehearsals – All strings and band students</b> <b>NIGHT OF MUSIC – HALL 5.30PM for 6PM Start</b>
<b>Thur</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>No further Senior Band for 2016</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>No further Senior Orchestra for 2016</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8am Senior &amp; Junior Choir Breakfast</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1pm Junior &amp; Senior Band Breakup Party</b>
<b>DECEMBER 2016 Date Claimers</b>		
<b>Tue</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Year 6 Farewell 6PM (Year 6 students only)</b>
<b>Thu</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2.30pm Year 6 Walk of Honour</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9</b>	Clean up day

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

### **School Leaders 2017 - Nominations**

On Monday I spoke with all year 5 students and outlined the process for nominating for a school leadership position in 2017. Students who wish to nominate for a School Captain and/or House Captain position have until next Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November to complete a nomination form and return it to the office.

If more than six students nominate for a position, then I will need to conduct a shortlisting process on Thursday and Friday. This will entail conducting interviews with nominated students, as well as consulting with current class teachers, before naming the six shortlisted students before the end of Friday.

### **Anticipated Class Structure for 2017**

Recently I have been collating information to establish an accurate estimate of our enrolments for the start of the 2017 school year. Our teaching staff allocation is directly related to total student enrolments.

On the current estimated enrolment figure we are planning to start the school year with 21 classes, which is one class less than we had this year. In formulating classes I need to ensure that Prep to Year 3 classes has no more than 25 students in each class and for Years 4 -6, no more than 28 students per class. As a result of these class size targets, composite classes may need to be formed to keep within our allocation of 21 classes. Throughout the term this class structure may change if there is an increase or decrease in enrolments. Parents are reminded that whilst

we may establish classes for 2017 before the end of this year, our final enrolment and staffing figure is based on Day 8 enrolments in 2017. It is hoped that once classes are finalised this year there will be no need to make any changes in 2017. I will keep parents informed of any possible changes before the end of the year.

Our anticipated 2017 class structure will be:

Prep – 3 classes  
Year 1 – 3 classes  
Year 2 - 3 classes  
Year 3 – 3 classes  
Year 3/4 – 1 class  
Year 4– 2 classes  
Year 4/5 – 1 class  
Year 5 – 2 classes  
Year 6 – 3 classes

I have not yet finalised the allocation of teaching staff to class groups for 2017. I plan to have that finalised before publishing the class groups to parents later in the year.

### **2017 Class Groups**

In two weeks we will commence forming classes based on the anticipated class groups for 2017.

Parents who have concerns and considerations for classes for next year are asked to speak to the current class teacher. The current class teachers will be drafting class groups based on a range of information. It is our goal to establish balanced class groups across all year levels. We plan to publish class groups to parents before the end of the year.

### **Night of Music**

Next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will be hosting our Night of Music, showcasing the talents and skills of those students enrolled in the Junior and Senior Choirs, Strings and Instrumental Music programs. The program will commence at 6pm in the hall. I look forward to enjoying the students' performances.

### **Congratulations Gabby**

Congratulations to Gabby L in year 6 who was selected in the Under 12 years girls Queensland Cricket Team. Gabby will be competing in the National Cricket Championships in Canberra from 6<sup>th</sup> January until 13<sup>th</sup> January. This is indeed a wonderful achievement and on behalf of the school community, I would like to wish her all the best at the championships.

### **Staffing Update**

I wish to advise that our Japanese teacher, Mrs Janet Robertson will be commencing 7 days leave at the end of this week. We have contracted Mrs Hayley Sergeant to replace Mrs Robertson throughout this time.

Regards  
Marg Lane

## FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

### Peer Support

Peer Support is a highly valued program aimed at building student leadership, mentoring opportunities and fostering a greater sense of whole school community. This term our Peer Support sessions run from week 2 to 6 with each group consisting of children from Prep – Year 6.

The groups all have Year 6 Leaders who are presenting a range of engaging activities to develop their group's understanding of resilience, friendship and respect. Our Peer Support lessons are based around **Getting Along**, one of the You Can Do it keys to success.

The Year 6 student leaders have been leading a variety of group activities based on the following **Getting Along** skills:



- BE TOLERANT OF OTHERS-  
Accept people who are different.

- THINK FIRST-  
When someone treats you badly, think of the different ways that you can act, the effects of what you plan to do and how your actions affect another person's feelings. Choose the best way to act.



- PLAY BY THE RULES-  
By following important school rules, you will have a better and safer place to play and to learn. Also follow the rules of games when you are playing with friends.
- BE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE-  
Be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, be honest, treat others with respect and help to make the school a safer and better place to learn and live.

Prior to the program starting, the Year 6 leaders participated in sessions focussed around how to work as a team, manage a group and how to get to know everyone in their Peer Support group. Students have been role playing Getting Along behaviours, learning how to give a 'warm fuzzy' (compliment) to others and have developed a group secret handshake. This week's focus was how being kind to others not only 'fills their bucket' with happiness and makes them feel good about themselves, but also fills your own bucket.

The Year 6 Leaders are doing a wonderful job organising their groups, including all children in activities and getting these important messages across. What I've loved watching during Peer Support are the students who are not the typical leaders, who are shy or just quiet in a standard classroom setting, suddenly bloom in the Peer Support role. They are often as surprised as us, if not more so, to know they are doing such a great job.

The Peer Support Program assists schools in achieving and maintaining a positive school culture. It empowers students to support each other and contribute positively to our school and community. It caters for student wellbeing and helps to develop a supportive learning environment. Peer support also helps to develop key skills in resilience, assertiveness, decision making, problem solving and provides authentic leadership opportunities for our year 6 students. At the same time it enables younger students to build relationships with their peer leaders and gives them a 'buddy' they can go to for help or simply talk to in the playground.

Ask your child about their Peer Support group, what their leaders' names are, any new people they have met in their group and to show you their secret handshake.

Yours in Learning,  
Stacey Kelleher



CLASS OF THE WEEK 3J



## LOTE AWARD

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



## WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations Aiden from 2S and Kai from 6C who were this week's Wello Champs!



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Keira	3J	Makaila L
PO	Ben C	3W	Lilly M
PP	Jake T	3/4T	Morgan M
1A	Max H	4B	Samuel D
1D	Flynn K	4M	Robert S
1G	Casey B	5B	Connor H
1/2J	Abby B	5F	Forrest P
2B	Elizabeth D	5W	Craig M
2G	Kirra T	6C	Thomas W
2S	Felix	6D	Jack S
3C	Charli J	6R	Amielle

## P & C NEWS

### New chair bags

Have you seen the new chair bags now stocked at the Uniform Shop? They are very durable and made from heavy duty material. Order one today for only \$10 through **Flexischools**.

### Volunteering

There are lots of ways to volunteer at our school. You can help in class, join the Tuckshop team or volunteer at a fundraising event. This collective effort makes our school great and helps to provide opportunities for our children. **Please help us! We need volunteers for the Bunnings BBQ on 27 November. A roster is on the noticeboard outside the Admin office or PM us on our Facebook page with the time of day you can help.**

The Uniform Shop is looking for volunteers to help in the busy January period. Please pop in and see Gretta at the P&C Hut or email her at [wpss\\_pc\\_uniformshop@outlook.com](mailto:wpss_pc_uniformshop@outlook.com) if you can help on 18, 19, 20 or 23 January. Young children are welcome.

Thanks, the P&C Team

## CHAPLAINCY NEWS

### Feeling Hot???

We will be selling icy poles every Monday and Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 in front of the office, Cost 50c.

## MUSIC NEWS

Our Night of Music on the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov is fast approaching and it will be a wonderful show for families with our Choirs, Bands and Orchestras performing some amazing pieces. Please note rehearsal times in "Diary Dates". On the night, students are to arrive at the Hall no later than 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Please ensure they are correctly dressed in green school shirt, black pants, black shoes and socks and bring a bottle of water.

## ADMINISTRATION NEWS

The book packs for 2017 were given out last Friday. **Please order no later than 18<sup>th</sup> November at [www.schoolandoffice.com.au](http://www.schoolandoffice.com.au)** If you have lost the list, they can be found on our website under CURRICULUM.

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

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