



23 Nov, 2016

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 37

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660		
DIARY DATES		
NOVEMBER 2016		
Fri	25	1pm Senior & Junior Strings Breakup Party
Mon	28	2.30pm Parade
Tue	29	1.40-3pm Yr 4-6 Awards Afternoon – parents/carers welcome
DECEMBER 2016		
Thur	1	6-7pm Prep-Yr3 Christmas Concert
Tue	6	Year 6 Farewell 6PM (Year 6 students & parents only)
Thu	8	2.30pm Year 6 Walk of Honour
Fri	9	Clean up day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Our Amazing Night of Music

Last Wednesday evening our choirs, strings and instrumental music students performed at our Night of Music. Congratulations to all students on their wonderful performances. I would also like to commend our music captains:

Ashley F - Choir Captain, Rebekah H - Band Captain and Cienna M - Strings Captain for doing a wonderful job compering the event. Also a special thanks to our music teachers, Mrs Gayle Tuckwood, Ms Nicole Davie and Ms Jess Steffen for doing such a superb job in preparing the students for the performances. Bravo!

Student Leader Election 2017

On Monday afternoon, at a special assembly for Year 4-6 students, the student leader nominees presented their speeches. On Tuesday, all students in Years 4 & 5, as well as the staff, cast their vote at 11 am in the library.

The nominees for the positions were as follows:

School Captain Nominees:

Girls – Charlotte B, Clara C, Keala D, Beth E, Mia L, Evvy S.

Boys – Rafe B, Felix DH, Daniel H, Jacob R, Daniel T, Jack VW.

House Captain Nominees:

Girl King – Emma C, Clara C, Evvy S, Elexis T.

Boy King – Caden A, Jed B, Cobi C, Tadhg S, Leyton W.

Girl Moreton (2 chosen) – Beth E, Kailee G, Shayla J, Simranjit K, Mia L, Jaydah S.

Girl Stradbroke – Hayley B, Jessica T, Eveline V.

Boy Stradbroke – Mason B, Logan B, Jack C, Chase H, Oliver P, Jacob R.

School Leaders 2017

Following the counting of the vote, I met with all nominees on Tuesday afternoon to announce the student Leaders for 2017. Following the announcement of elected school leaders, I met with the Music Teachers to finalise the selection of Choir, Band and Strings Captains.

Listed below are our school leaders for 2017. They will receive their badges of office at the Year 4-6 Awards Afternoon on Tuesday 29th at 1.40pm in the Hall.

School Captains – Charlotte B & Felix DH

School Vice Captains – Evvy S & Jacob R

King House Captains – Clara C & Leighton W

Moreton House Captains – Kailee G & Mia L

Stradbroke House Captains – Mason B & Jessica T

Choir Captain – Holly J

Band Captain – Keala D

Strings Captain – Grace F

Class Lists 2017

Class lists are currently being finalised based on 21 classes for the start of 2017. I plan to publish the class lists on Friday 2nd December. As students names are listed in full on class lists they will not be displayed on outside noticeboards. This is to safeguard them being photographed and published outside the school.

A full set of class lists will be on display on the officer foyer noticeboard and in the library. Each class teacher will also have a set of 2017 class lists for the students in their current year level.

P&C Meeting

This Wednesday, 23rd November will be the last P&C meeting for the year. At the meeting, as part of my Principal's Report, I will be presenting information on the following matters:

- Staffing model and allocation for 2017
- Priorities in the School Strategic Plan 2017-2020
- School Events Calendar for 2017
- P&C contribution to school budget for 2017 and advice on expenditure of this contribution.



Regards

Marg Lane

FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM

How to Read With Your Older Child

There is so much information for parents and educators on how to help children in the younger grades achieve their potential but it seems to taper off when a child reaches 9 or 10 years old. As with younger children there are also many ways to help support the learning which is going on in the classroom, at home, with your older children.

All children in the middle to upper grades of Primary school should still be reading each night. Often parents can be at a loss, as to how to support their independent reader to ensure that their child is understanding the information from their more complex texts. Like with a younger child, the love of reading needs to be the focus. Unfortunately as children get older, support for reading at home can reduce as children sit and read more independently. When reading is seen as a solitary task, any difficulties the child is having may

go undetected. If your child finds reading difficult, especially comprehending what they are reading, they will begin to dislike this task and it will cause bigger issues in the future.

A great quote I always refer to is that “comprehension, floats on conversation”. This is very true for the older child. They need many opportunities to discuss the harder themes, more difficult vocabulary and more complex sentence structure that becomes present in their harder texts they are given to read.

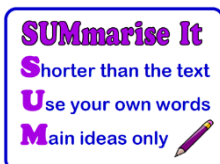
Here are some ways you can help your older child understand what they are reading at home.

1. Encourage them to make predictions:

Get your child to tell you verbally what has happened (the events) in a previous chapter and what they predict could happen next.

Get your child to tell you what a character has been like in previous chapters and what they predict they could be like in the next one.

Get your child to give you examples to back up their prediction, eg. I predict the main character will get detention for not handing in homework because in the previous chapter the teacher said that if he forgets his homework again there will be consequences. After the child has read a chapter, get them to come back and let you know if their prediction was right.



2. Discuss new words:

Give your child a sticky note and get them to write down three words or phrases that they find difficult in the text while reading. After reading for the specified time, get your child to tell you the words/phrases.

Encourage them to read the paragraph aloud to you that contains the difficult word or phrase and get them to have a go at explaining what it could be.

Get your child to try and put any difficult words in their own sentences to see if they understand what it means.

Have your child think of synonyms (words that mean the same) that the author could have used instead. Have a discussion with them as to why the author may have chosen that word, eg ‘despised’ instead of ‘not liked’.

Discuss any issues or difficult topics that may have come up during the chapter. It could be the emotions associated with a character dealing with a situation. Get your child to see the situation from a variety of character perspectives. Ask them, why do you think the character acted like that?

3. Encourage them to summarise what they have read:

Get your child to retell what they just read. Ensure that they give you lots of information as you have not read it.

Get your child to explain the changes in a particular character during that chapter. Ensure they tell you how and why they have changed. Ask them how they are like that character and how they are unlike that character?

Get your child to tell you the purpose of that chapter or text. Why does the author include it or write about it? Your child needs to give evidence from the text justifying why they think that.

Yours in Learning,
Stacey Kelleher

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Savannah	3J	Lincoln L
PO	Thomas H	3W	Hunter M
PP	Sarah W	3/4T	Jeremy M
1A	Jasmine D	4B	Juliet M
1D	Logan S	4M	Bruce A
1G	Cohen S	5B	Karma R
1/2J	Sophia S	5F	Damien T
2B	Ariella H	5W	Lani M
2G	William O	6C	Maya B
2S	Ava	6D	Molly H
3C	Skye F	6R	Ebony H

LIBRARY AWARD

Congratulations to Shyrain C who is this week’s Library Award winner.

LIBRARY NEWS

THE PRESSURE IS ON!!!! Library borrowing is finished for this year. Over the final two weeks of the year, library staff will carry out a stock take of resources. In order for this to be successful, we need students to **return all library books as soon as possible**. We are offering free ice-blocks to the first class who return ALL student loans. The winning class will be announced on parade next Monday.

On Friday 2 December 2016, at morning tea, we will be holding a break-up party for all of our wonderful monitors. The library would not be able to run without the help of this amazing team of students. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time as a library monitor this year. A note about the party has been sent home separately.

Thank you also to all the wonderful parents who have helped with book covering and repairs this year. If you have any time between now and the end of the year and you would like to help us mend some books, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Just pop into the library if you can help. Happy reading everyone!

P & C NEWS

Tuckshop News - Be part of the Finding Dory colouring in competition at the Tuckshop. Winners from each grade will receive a Finding Dory ice block.



We urgently need volunteers for the Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 27th November. This event cannot be cancelled and we need 20 more volunteers. Can you spare just one hour of your weekend to help our school? Email Nikki at nikki@scalescenes.com, PM our Facebook page or add your name to the roster outside the office.



Thanks, the P&C Team

MUSIC NEWS

All band and strings students that have school instruments will need to return them ASAP please. We need to service and clean them next week.

Strings News

Forms are being handed out to ALL strings students who were in the 2016 program. Parents please check with your children when they have received these forms. Year 3 students received them on Tuesday 22nd November, and year 4 & 5 students will receive them on Thursday.

Thanks all and thanks to those that helped last Wed night. What a great night Night of Music was!

Kind regards,
Jess

LOTE AWARD



Congratulations to Sarah M from 3/4T who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



CLASS OF THE WEEK PREP P



WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations to Charlotte B from PK and Grace F from 5F who were this week’s Wello Champs!



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

LATE ARRIVALS

Students arriving late are required to come directly to the Admin office where they can sign in and receive a late slip to pass to their teacher. The school day commences at 8.50am and rolls are completed at the first bell. Arriving late to school means your child missing out on vital learning.

EARLY LEAVING

When students are to be collected early, parents/carers are to go to the Admin office where staff will call the relevant class to arrange for students to come to the office. Students should be signed out in the Early Leaving Register.

Student Banking Update:

Well done to all the students who have been depositing this term. The last day for banking this term is on the 30th November 2016, this is also the last day for ordering your reward items. Rewards that are still available include:

- ET DVD
- Pat Bag Tag
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Wriggly Glow Worm

Next year, school banking will start again in week two. We hope all the students have enjoyed the excellent competitions and rewards this year and look forward to more success in 2017. There will be an account opening day in Term 1 next year, for any student who wishes to join in the fun and rewarding experience of school banking.

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
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- Yr6 Camp 2017 \$390
- Yr6 Dance Fever \$25.00
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