



25 January 2017

# NEWSLETTER NUMBER 1

## STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660

### DIARY DATES

#### JANUARY 2017

Thur 26th Public Holiday Australia Day

#### FEBRUARY 2017

Wed 1 Tuckshop reopens

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,  
Welcome back to the 2017 school year. This year, Term 1 is 10 weeks in length with the Easter holidays commencing on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### We Welcome Our Prep Students

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming our **76 Prep students** who have started school this year. Monday certainly a big day for the students and I would like to thank the parents and carers for ensuring that their students were organised and ready for school.

Thanks also to the staff at PCYC Outside School Hours Care for hosting the Tea and Tissues morning tea for our new Prep parents. It was a lovely way to welcome our new parents.

### Updated 2017 Classes

Last week, due to an increase in enrolments, we were required to form **22 classes** for the start of the school year. As a result we have employed an additional teacher, as well as restructured classes in Prep to Year 2. We formed a Prep/Year 1 class and a Year1/2 class. I would like to thank the teachers who assisted in forming these new classes, as well as our Administration Assistant, Mrs Cheryl Morton who contacted parents of those students moving classes. Changing classes is never any easy process so I would like to thank our parents for their understanding in this matter. Listed below are the 2017 classes.

Class	Teacher/s	Class	Teacher/s
Prep K	Mrs B Keast	Year 3 J	Mrs J Warner/Mrs U Watson
Prep O	Mrs K Osborn-Kearney/Mrs H Doolan	Year 3 S	Mrs S Jordan
Prep P	Mrs S Pruss/Mrs S Adams	Year 3/4 T	Mrs V Turnbull
Prep/1 G	Mrs C Gillam/ Mrs A Green	Year 4 M	Mrs K Mathams
Year 1 D	Mrs M Deer	Year 4E	Mrs C Elmore
Year 1 B	Mrs R Beake	Year 4/5F	Mrs C Faino
Year 1/2 F	Mrs F Bell	Year 5 B	Mr D Bottomer
Year 2 B	Mrs M Bloomfield/Mrs M Valkenburg	Year 5 W	Mrs T Wennermark/Mrs S Waddell
Year 2 S	Mrs A Saint	Year 6 M	Mrs M Clark
Year 2 G	Mrs F Geddes	Year 6 C	Mrs E Cramb
Year 3 W	Mrs C Wolno	Year 6 D	Mr P Davey

### Day 8 Enrolment Collection

At the start of every school year, schools are required to complete effective enrolment returns on the number of students attending the school on Day 4 and Day 8. Following the Day 8 enrolment return, schools will be notified of their staffing allocation for the whole year. On current enrolment we should maintain our current allocation of **22 classroom teachers**.

### Before School Arrangements

Parents are advised that there are no formal supervision arrangements in place for students who arrive at school before the start of the school day at 8.50am. In the morning, teachers use the time before classes begin to attend meetings, organise resources and prepare the class program.

Students, on arriving at school, should sit and wait in the following areas:

Prep- Year 3 - On the seats, under the top end of B Block

Years 4 – 6 – On the terraced seating, under the Undercover Games Area

Teacher Aides release students from these areas at 8.45am. They are collected by the class teacher and walked to class, ready to commence lessons at **8.50am**.

Redlands P.C.Y.C. operates a Before School Care program operating out of J Block from 6.30am until 9.00am. They can be contacted on Mob 0409 178 977.

### Class Information Sheet – Term 1

This week, class teachers will be sending home a Term 1 Class Information Sheet and Classroom Management Plan. This sheet will outline information about activities being undertaken in the class for this term. We trust that parents find this information useful.

### Parent/Teacher Information Sessions

This week, classroom teachers will be conducting information sessions in their classrooms for parents on the following days and times:

Day/Date	6.00 to 6.25pm	6.30 to 7.00pm
<b>Wed 1 Feb</b>	Yr 2B; Yr 2G; Yr 2S; Yr 3W; Yr 3S; Yr 3J	Yr 6C; Yr 6D; Yr 6M
<b>Thurs 2 Feb</b>	Prep K; Prep O; Prep P; P/1G; Yr 1D; Yr 1A; Yr 1/2F	Yr 3/4T; Yr 4M; Yr 4E; Yr 5B; Yr 5W; Yr 4/5F

Parents are encouraged to attend as it is a wonderful opportunity to meet the teacher, learn about classroom practices and routines, as well as the curriculum programs being implemented throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you at the sessions.

### P&C Association - Annual General Meeting

On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** the P&C Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting, followed by the monthly meeting, commencing at **7 pm** in the meeting room in the hall.

At the Annual General Meeting, the P&C executive committee will be elected to positions for the coming year. Nomination forms for positions will be available from the office.

Parents are invited to attend both meetings.

### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden Programme

All students in years 4/5 participate in the Kitchen/Garden programme, attending lessons every fortnight, for the whole year. This year the following classes will be involved in the program: Yr 3/4T, Yr 4M, Yr 4E, Yr 4/5F, Yr 5B, Yr 5W. They will receive their lessons from the specialists on a **Tuesday or Wednesday**. Letters regarding the program will be sent home to parents later this week.

Our program does need the regular support of volunteers, so if any parents have time to spare every fortnight then the support would be greatly appreciated.

### Staffing Update

I would also like to take this opportunity of welcoming the following staff to our school:

Mrs Stacey Kelleher, Head of Curriculum (3days) & Master Teacher (2 days); Mrs Samantha Dean, SEP Teacher; Mrs Christine Elmore, Yr 4E; Mrs Rebecca Beake, Yr 1B; Mrs Fiona Bell, Yr 1/2F; Mrs Sarah Adams(2 days), teaching part-time with Mrs Pruss on Prep P; Mrs M Valkenburg(1 day) teaching part-time with Mrs Bloomfield on Yr2B.

Mrs Gayle Tuckwood, our Music teacher will be here 4 days this year, working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

### Staff Meetings

I wish to advise that every **Monday** afternoon from **3.15pm**, I will be conducting meetings with the teaching staff. I would therefore ask that parents who wish to meet or speak with the teachers to please organise a time other than Monday afternoon. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Marg Lane

### HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Hello everyone and welcome back to a wonderful new year. As I walked around on the first day of school it was lovely to see the smiling faces of all your children as they eagerly met their new teacher for 2017. There were a lot of organised, confident, and resilient children being dropped to classrooms.

Once again this year we will continue our highly successful social skills program, "You Can Do It". The program focuses on 5 keys to success: Confidence, Organisation, Persistence, Resilience and Getting Along. Last year we started to implement this program and as a school we will start to embed it fully this year.

You Can Do It (YCDI) social skill program is a very important element of our school's behaviour management plan. It is the social skills program used across the whole school (Prep – Year 6). **You Can Do It! Education** is an approach to schooling with its goal being for all children to realise their potential and to achieve to the best of their ability. The core value of the program is the development of the potential of all children (academically, intellectually, interpersonally and emotionally) through instilling the Five Foundations (keys to success):

Confidence (Yellow) **Persistence** (Purple)

**Organisation** (Orange) **Getting Along** (Green)

**Resilience** (Red)



The program is geared for the different developmental levels of our students. The Prep and Year 1 students are introduced to the keys using character puppets and songs. They will become very familiar with Gabby Get-along, Connie Confidence, Ricky Resilience, Oscar Organisation and Pete Persistence. Year 2 and 3 students will meet Gary Get-along, Charlie Confidence, Rosie Resilience, Olivia Organisation and Penny Persistence. These characters are used throughout their lessons to explore the keys in more detail. The Year 4 - 6 program is structured to include a series of lessons for each year level for each key.

Students will receive one You Can Do It lesson a week. The program for Term 1 will begin with an introduction/revision which looks at all five keys and will focus on the concepts of Doing Your Best, Honesty, Respecting Others and Making Good Choices. We will then concentrate on the key, 'Getting Along'. Classroom reward systems are centred on recognising students who are developing these skills for success.

Coloured YCDI tickets will also be given out in classrooms this year by your child's teacher and Student of the Week certificates will also be colour-coded to match the program. You will also notice You Can Do It

posters displayed around the school to help familiarise the students with the five keys.

Parents are another important part of embedding these five keys.

Regularly talking to your children at home using the same language will enable your children to know when they are displaying resilience, persistence, confidence and organisation or getting along skills.

Yours in learning,

Stacey Kelleher

### P & C NEWS

#### **Welcome Back**

Thank you to our Uniform Shop Convenor Gretta and all the fabulous volunteers. What an outstanding effort making sure all our students were ready with uniforms for the start of the year.

#### **Tuckshop**

The new menu will be coming home this week. There are some delicious new options available. Our menu meets the new smart choices guidelines. Kelly can't run the Tuckshop without volunteers. If you can help out even for 1 hour please email Kelly at

[wpss\\_pc\\_tuckshop@outlook.com](mailto:wpss_pc_tuckshop@outlook.com)

#### **Voluntary Contribution**

A letter is coming home this week explaining the voluntary contribution. Our teachers do a wonderful job, let's provide great resources to enhance our childrens' education.

#### **AGM - 22 February**

Come along to our AGM and first meeting of the year and bring your P&C membership application. We'd love you to join us. See you at 7pm at the hall.

#### **Facebook**

Get the latest information. Join our Facebook page **Wellington Point State School P&C**

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

Welcome back families and students! A special welcome to all the new families and students. This will be my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a chaplain at the school and I have enjoyed every minute of it. It is a great school with amazing staff and wonderful students and families. This year the chaplaincy program will continue to provide social and emotional support to students, parents and staff. With the help of the Chaplaincy support group, I will provide support for a range of day-to-day matters affecting the school community like providing breakfast, sandwiches for students that forget to bring food, assisting students with personal difficulties at home or family life, as well as assisting with friendship issues. I will be working as a chaplain from Monday to Thursday, from 12:00 to 3:30. If you would like to speak to me, you can email me on [marindab@chappy.org.au](mailto:marindab@chappy.org.au) or contact the office. We also welcome new members that would like to be part of the chaplaincy committee. Please email me if you could help in any way.

#### **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

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:

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- Voluntary Contribution \$50.00

Metro South Health



Dear Parents and School Community

As the school year is coming to an end, Metro South Oral Health would like to ensure those children in need of oral care have access to our free dental service. We have a large number of dental clinics in the local area and our clinics are open and available to all eligible children over the school holidays.

As we have for many years, the School Dental Service provides free dental treatment to all children aged 4 to grade 10, plus children younger or older who are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule or whose parents hold a current Centrelink, Health Care or Pension Concession Card. We welcome new and existing patients to contact us in 2017 for a dental appointment.

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### Free Dental Treatment

Metro South Oral Health provides free dental treatment to *all* school students up to Year 10. As well as to those 0-4yr olds, and Year 11 & 12 students who hold a Health Care Card.

Please call **1300 300 850** to organise an appointment before the end of the year or in 2017.

Holiday appointments are available now!

For more about Metro South Oral Health and services we provide please visit our website:

<https://metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health>

or contact us via email: [metrosouthoralhealth@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:metrosouthoralhealth@health.qld.gov.au)

Kind regards

Metro South Oral Health

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