



1 February 2017

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 2

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660		
DIARY DATES		
FEBRUARY 2017		
Wed	1	Tuckshop reopens Student Banking Yr 2/3 Parent Evening 6.00-6.25pm Yr 6 Parent Evening 6.30-7.00pm
Thur	2	Prep/Yr1 Parent Evening 6.00-6.25pm Yr 4/5 Parent Evening 6.30-7.00pm
Mon	6	Year 6 Leadership Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

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
Wed 1 Feb	Yr 2B; Yr 2G; Yr 2S; Yr 3W; Yr 3S; Yr 3J	Yr 6C; Yr 6D; Yr 6M
Thur 2 Feb	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.

Year 6 Leadership Camp

Next week our Year 6 students and their teachers will be attending Tallebudgera Beach School for their 5 day leadership camp. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing them all the best for a successful camp.

P&C Association - Annual General Meeting

On **Wednesday 22nd 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.

In my Principal's report, at the general meeting, I will be sharing priorities imbedded in our new Strategic Plan 2017-2020.

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.

Staffing Update

I would also like to take this opportunity of welcoming to our school, Ms Carleen Wenzlick who has joined our cleaning team. I know you will join with me in making her feel welcome.

Regards

Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Welcome back to another school year.

Reading is continuing to be a whole school focus in 2017, and we hope a home focus as well. During reading lessons at school, teachers will teach your child how to decode and comprehend a wide range of texts. It is essential that students then practice these skills at home with you.

The benefits of having a parent or other adults read aloud to children has been studied and researched. Findings have shown it to be **one the most important activities for children from birth**.

Research by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), indicates that, "Reading is the single most important skill necessary for a happy, productive and successful life. A child that is an excellent reader is a confident child, has a high level of self-esteem and is able to easily make the transition from learning to read to reading to learn." Children learn about the importance of reading as they watch family members use reading and writing for everyday



purposes. Children see you reading and writing in everyday life – reading for pleasure, sharing a story with your child, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading street signs. This teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills in today's world.

What you can do at home to help

- Be yourself. Involve children in everyday conversations.
- Read aloud to children. It helps them to learn the language of books and will encourage them to enjoy books and reading.
- Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity.
- Make sure there is a wide range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
- It is important to read to your child in your native language if your first language is not English. Experience shows that using your native language will help your child to learn to read in English.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time. Make a special time for reading with your child, away from interruption.
- Listen to your child every day, even for a short time.
- Give books as treats and presents.

What to read and do

- Tell and re-tell stories of all kinds including favourite stories, fairy tales, movie plots, local news items and family history.
- Play games such as "I spy... something beginning with d".
- Ask your child to read out simple recipes while you cook together.
- Read comics, magazines, short stories, poems and rhymes, including nursery rhymes.
- Do crosswords & other word puzzles together.
- Read the TV guide before watching a program.
- Look at letterbox leaflets together.
- Read directions and signs when driving and shopping.
- Read and write notes and letters to family members.
- Play board games together and read the rules.
- Provide plastic letters, crayons, pencils, pens and writing paper.

And do remember...

- Discuss the meaning of stories and words.
- Encourage your child to read anywhere and at any time.
- Let your child see you enjoy reading.
- Visit and use a library near you. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.
- Talk to your child's classroom teacher or the principal for further help and advice.
- Enjoy reading – it should be fun.



If you require any extra guidance around reading at home with your children, ask your child's teacher. They are more than happy to share their expert knowledge with you.

Yours in learning,
Stacey Kelleher

MUSIC NEWS

Strings lessons begin week 3 and please note that for your child to hire an instrument fees must be paid by week 3 lesson. Fees were notified 2016 in the recruit letters and in week 2.

Also it is that time of year when parents are selling unwanted string instruments and other wishing to buy second hand instruments. Any parents in this category please email Ms Davie the details of your instrument and price and preferably attach a photo as well and she will notify parents wanting to buy an instrument and post it on the wello strings Facebook page. Also any parents wishing to buy an instrument please email the size your child needs. If you don't know go to a music store and get your child sized up. Ms Davie's email is ndavi37@eq.edu.au



CLASS OF THE WEEK 4M



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Taylan	3S	Zoe S
PO	Lennie V	3W	Mason H
PP	Spencer	3/4T	Jackson C
P/1G	Kenneth H	4E	Caitlyn G
1B	Keely L	4M	Willem
1D	Grace T	4/5F	Maddy G
1/2F	Mawson M	5B	Lachlan G
2B	Mia	5W	Luke S
2G	Emily P	6C	Jusuf S
2S	Michelle	6D	Jacob R
3J	Arthur E	6M	Russell P

WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations to Ryley from 1D and Maggie S from 5W who were this week's Wello Champs!



P & C NEWS

Tuckshop

The new menu went home last week along with a volunteer form. Please consider helping Kelly at the Tuckshop. It's a great way to be involved in our school community. If you can help out even for 1 hour please email Kelly at wpss_pc_tuckshop@outlook.com

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. If you can't make the meeting but you would like to be a member please fill out the application form and return it to school.

Facebook

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

UNIFORM SHOP STOCK UPDATE

- S-M hats have been ordered and are expected to arrive within three weeks.
- Sport House Polos (various sizes) and Dresses (size 6) arriving by 18th March.

This is good news as this is much earlier than expected. Any pre-paid orders through Flexi Schools or directly through the Uniform Shop have been noted and will be delivered to your child's classroom when these products come in.

If anyone wants to put any of these items on back order for immediate delivery, please go online via flexischools or see Gretta at the P&C Hut on Mondays afternoon or Tuesday morning. (Reminder over counter is cash only).

Thank you,

Gretta - Uniform Shop Convenor

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.

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