



8 February 2017

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 3

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660		
DIARY DATES		
FEBRUARY 2017		
Wed	8	9am Student Banking
Thur	9	7.45am Senior Band rehearsal 7.50am Before school fitness training
Fri	10	
Mon	13	7.50am Before school fitness training 1pm Beginner Strings (bring lunch with you)
Tues	14	7.45am Senior Strings rehearsal 1pm Intermediate Strings (bring lunch)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Day 8 Enrolments 2017

Last Thursday, I submitted our Day 8 Effective Enrolment Return. This year we have started the year with **535 students** which has given us an allocation of **22 classes**.

With the increase in enrolments we have also received an increase in general teacher aide time of another 10.5 hours a week, giving us a total of 164 hours per week. In a few weeks' time we will also receive our allocation of Special Education teacher and teacher aide time. Teacher aide timetables are currently being drafted, allocating time directly to classrooms where teacher aides will be used to support student's learning in literacy and numeracy.

Student Council

This year we will again be operating a Student Council at our school. This will offer our students an opportunity to contribute to the operation of our school. Over the coming weeks, our teacher co-ordinating the Student Council, Mrs Elaina Cramb, will be assisting teachers in years 3-6 elect their class representatives for the Student Council. I look forward to working with our new Student Council.

Investing for Success 2017

The Investing for Success program provides additional funding which must be used by schools to implement evidence-based strategies that respond to the needs of students and deliver improved literacy and numeracy outcomes. It is anticipated that this year we will receive **\$144 585**. Additional to this funding will be the amount of \$33 980 that was rolled over from last year's funds. This year's guarantee will be endorsed by the Director General & published on our website by the end of February.

The funding will be used in the following way:

- Employ experienced teachers to provide one-on-one tuition with identified students from Prep to Year 3, in the focus area of reading.
- Develop whole-school plan that ensures reading is explicitly taught, monitored and assessed across all learning areas.
- Provide professional development and resources for teachers, focusing on developing skills in the effective teaching of reading and providing feedback to students relative to their learning goals.
- Employ teacher aides to assist prep teachers implement an oral literacy and metalinguistic program with all prep students.

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.

Regards

Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

If your child has received a student of the week on parade this term, you may have noticed a slight change to the appearance of these certificates. As part of our continued school priority to embed the *You Can Do It Program* into our school culture, our certificates now reflect the program's values and keys for success. Each week from week 1 – 4 teachers will be focussing on particular values when they select students for weekly certificates. Last week students received certificates for *"Doing Your Best"*. From week 5 – 10 the key of Getting Along will be the focus and will reinforce the You Can Do It



lessons that teachers concentrate on in class lessons. This week the You Can Do It value is *"Honesty"*. Students will be discussing what honesty means to them and ways they can show honesty at school, at home and in other aspects of their lives. Our upper school students will also be thinking about all the 9 Values of Good Character, identifying which they demonstrate often and those that they need to strengthen.

Remember that reinforcing these values at home each week is an important part of embedding these values in our school culture. Discuss with your children what honesty means to them, how they have displayed this value over the week. Praise your child when they:

- Tell the truth
- Don't cheat or copy homework
- Tell others how they really feel with kindness
- Tell others what they really want with kindness
- Hand in money or lost property they may have found
- Admit when they have made a mistake or done something wrong

*You Are The Key To
Your Success
"YOU CAN DO IT!"*



Although teachers will be focussing on one particular value in weekly lessons and for weekly certificates on parade, the other values and keys to success are still just as important. Each classroom and specialist teacher will be giving students You Can Do It coloured tickets in class time when they display Organisation, Persistence, Resilience, Getting Along and Confidence. Ask your child if they have received any *You Can Do It* tickets in class this week.

Yours in learning,
Stacey Kelleher



CLASS OF THE WEEK 1D



Congratulations to Sean V from 5B who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations to Isla from PK and Josh from 4/5F who were this week's Wello Champs!

P & C NEWS

There are so many ways to help your children including volunteering at the Tuckshop, helping out in class, baking a cake for a cake stall, working at Bunnings sausage sizzle or helping to weed our kitchen garden. Our lives are very busy but if we each find just a little bit of time to help we can build a strong school community. How will you help this year?

Grant Writers

We'd like to help the school with solar panels, landscaping and air conditioning. There are lots of grants available but we need willing writers. Are you interested in help with grants? Email Nikki at wps_pc_president@outlook.com

Bush Dance

Ye Ha, we need a team leader to coordinate the Bush Dance. It's going to be a fantastic night so come and join the team organising this fundraising event. If you'd like to be part of the fun email Michelle at wps_pc_vicepresident@outlook.com

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Mitch	3S	Keira B
PO	Isaac H	3W	Maxwell B
PP	Jessica K	3/4T	Tevita H
P/1G	Isabelle M	4E	Ellazae
1B	Summer M	4M	Skye F
1D	Ryley P	4/5F	Alysha F
1/2F	Griffin H	5B	Rhyland H
2B	Chloe	5W	Emily S
2G	Luke J	6C	
2S	Flynn	6D	

MUSIC NEWS

DESCANT RECORDERS

Students in years three, four, five and six require a descant recorder as part of the Classroom Music program.

If your child hasn't brought their recorder to school yet, can you please send it in as soon as possible? Please ensure the recorder and the bag is clearly labelled with your child's name. Recorders are available from The Sound Shed at Capalaba, Binary Design in Cleveland, and most newsagents.

Apologies to the year six students: the descant recorder was accidentally left off the book list for 2017, so students new to the school may be unaware of the recorder program. If you would prefer not to buy a recorder for only a year's use, please contact the music room and a school recorder can be loaned to your child.

SENIOR CHOIR

Senior Choir rehearsals will commence on Friday, 17 February. Interested students in years four, five and six have received the information note and contract form. If your student has not received their forms, please contact Mrs Tuckwood in the Music room. All students in years four, five and six are welcome to attend.

SPORTS NEWS

Bayside District Boys & Girls Basketball Trials

District team selection is open to players born in 2005, 2006, 2007. Players must have competition/club experience and demonstrate a high level of skills and game knowledge. Nominations must be received before Thursday 9th February.

Notification of Bayside District Team Sport Trials - Term One

The following sports will be trialling to select District teams in Term One:

- Under 12 Girls/Boys Basketball
- Under 12 Boys Australian Rules Football
- Under 11 Girls Netball
- Under 12 Girls Netball
- Under 12 Girls/ Boys Hockey
- Under 12 Girls/Boys Football (Soccer)
- Under 11 Boys Rugby League
- Under 12 Boys Rugby League.

District team selection is open to students born in 2005, 2006, 2007. Club experience and participation at a high level of competition is necessary to be selected to attend these trials. Players must demonstrate a high level of skill and game knowledge. Please see Mrs Stewart for further information.

Before School Fitness & Cross Country Training

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend before school fitness training on Mondays and Thursdays. Training starts on Monday 6th February at 7.50am. Please see Mrs Stewart/School office for a permission note.

BOOK CLUB

Our School is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs again this year. Issue 1 is on the way home this week. Orders due by Friday 10 February. In the catalogue you will find books galore (some books cost as little as \$1 and \$2).

The easiest way to order is by using – LOOP – Linked Online Ordering and Payment available on www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP app.

Cash orders are still accepted, just return completed order form and correct money to Book Club box in Admin. Each purchase helps earn rewards that allow our school purchase books and teaching materials for our library and classrooms. If you have any questions or problems please e-mail Michelle at wpsbookclub@gmail.com. Thank you, Book Club Team

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

We had an overwhelming response from Year 5 and 6 students wishing to become Library Monitors. Interested students have been allocated a day and time. It is our expectation that students turn up every week to fulfil their duties in the library. We are relying on them to assist in the running of the library and know from past experience, how valuable and rewarding their involvement can be. Students who are monitors before school will need to be at school by 8.15 when the library opens.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication that these students display and look forward to working with them throughout the year. Thank you to the parents who have already offered to help by covering books. If you would like to volunteer as a book coverer, please come and see us in the library. No experience is necessary and we will provide you with everything you need. This is a great way to help out at school if you have limited time or can't be here during the day.

We have a large range of texts in our Parent Library as well including some new titles that were added last year: The Amazing True Story of How Babies Are Made – Shortlisted by the Children’s Book Council of Australia 2016; I Spy a Great Reader by Jackie French; Talking to My Country by Stan Grant. Parents are able to borrow up to four books at a time.

We encourage all students to bring a library bag on their borrowing day. This helps to protect the books as they travel to and from school with the children. We used up a lot of plastic shopping bags last week so if you have any spare that you can donate to us, they would be appreciated.

We look forward to working with you and your children throughout the year.

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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:

1. CRN no.
2. Invoice no.
3. Student Name as shown on inv.
4. Amount being paid

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