



15 March 2017

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 8

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660		
DIARY DATES		
MARCH 2017		
Thu	16	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	17	7.50am Senior Choir
Mon	20	7.50am Before school fitness training 1.00pm Beginner Strings (bring lunch)
Tues	21	7.45am Senior Strings rehearsal 1.00pm Intermediate Strings (bring lunch)
Wed	22	7.45am Junior Band rehearsal 9.00am Student Banking
Thu	23	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	24	7.50am Senior Choir 9am Yr 3-6 Cross Country

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,
Our “Over the Rainbow” Disco

Last Friday night we held our first school disco for the year in our hall. The theme for the disco was “Rainbow” and there were certainly some colourful outfits. The Prep to Year 2 disco commenced at 5.00pm and it was wonderful to see so many students and parents attend the dance. The Year 3 to Year 6 disco ran from 6.30pm until 8.00pm and was well supported by our older students.

The winners of the Best Dressed at the Junior Disco were Amelia C Prep K, Charlie M Prep K, Lucy S 1B, Thomas H 1/2F, Jordi G 2G and Locklyn V 2G. At the Senior Disco the winners were Betti B 3J, Andreas M 3W, Paige K 4/5F, Alex P 4E, Charlize M 4/5F, Zac W 5W, Shayla J and Darien C 6C. Winners of Guess the Number of Lollies in the Jar were Freya W 1D at the Junior Disco and Courtney L 4M at the Senior Disco.

I would like to thank the following teachers who co-ordinated the discos: Mrs Adams, Mrs Geddes and Mrs Valkenburg for the Junior Disco and Mrs Warner, Mrs Faino and Mrs Jordan for the Senior Disco. I would also like to thank Mrs Cramb and the Student Councillors who came and helped supervise during the Junior Disco. Great job, everyone!

Thanks also to the teachers and staff members who attended the disco and helped on the night. Special thanks to the members of our P&C Association who manned the canteen and sold food and drinks on the night. It certainly was an enjoyable night for the students.

P&C Meeting

Parents are reminded that the next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th March at 7pm in the hall. All parents are invited to attend the meeting.

Year 3-6 Cross Country

This year, for the first time, we will be conducting a Year 3-6 Cross Country Competition. Mr Bottomer and Mr Davey will be co-ordinating the event which will be held on Friday 24th March from 9am to 10.50am. The Cross Country will be conducted within the school grounds, with students running a course around the two ovals. In the three weeks leading up to

the competition, students in year 3-6 who wish to compete in the competition will be required to undertake some conditioning training with their class teacher. Apart from this class-based conditioning training, our PE teacher, Mrs Stewart has also been running before school training sessions, twice a week, with interested students in years 4 to 6. On the day the students will be competing at the following times:

9.15am 9 yrs Girls/ 9 yrs Boys – 1000 metres
 9.40am 10 yrs Girls/ 10 yrs Boys – 2000 metres
 10.00am 11 yrs Girls/11 Yrs Boys – 3000 metres
 10.20am 12 yrs Girls/ 12 yrs Boys – 3000 metres
 10.40am - Presentations

Regards
 Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Literacy

What is literacy?

Literacy is an essential skill that children need to succeed in their everyday lives. It is the ability to read, view, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows us to communicate effectively and to make sense of the world.

Why is literacy important?

Literacy is vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and everyday life. Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual and spoken texts including books, newspapers, magazines, timetables, DVDs, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations and instructions.

Ways to support your child’s literacy development:

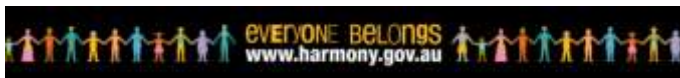
Research has shown that children’s motivation and achievement improve when their parents or carers are involved in their education. There are many everyday things you can do to encourage literacy learning. These include:

- valuing and encouraging your child’s efforts with literacy
- sharing your knowledge and explaining how you use literacy in your everyday life
- encouraging your child to read and view a variety of texts such as newspapers, novels, comics, magazines, websites, email, timetables, instructions and recipes



- encouraging your child to write and design for a variety of purposes using print and electronic resources — invitations, thank you notes, shopping lists, messages, journals and electronic slide shows
- encouraging your child to speak and listen for a variety of purposes — sharing a joke, giving instructions or asking for information
- sharing a love of language
- discussing how texts look different depending on the purpose and audience — for example, text messaging uses different spelling from school projects
- talking about things that you have read or viewed that were amusing, interesting or useful
- discussing favourite authors, producers, directors or illustrators and what you like about them
- discussing new and unusual words or phrases and exploring these through print and electronic dictionaries
- playing games that develop knowledge and enjoyment of words
- making use of community resources for information, local and school libraries, clubs, community groups and websites.

Yours in learning,
Stacey Kelleher



At Wellington Point State School we will be celebrating **Harmony Day on 27 March**. It is a day to embrace our cultural diversity and is about **inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone**. The message of Harmony Day is **“Everyone Belongs”**.

These values support the “Getting Along” Key for Success we have been studying as part of our school’s “You Can Do It!” program.

To mark this occasion we ask that the students wear orange on this day.

We are also very keen to set up a display of flags representing the different cultures we have within our school. If you have a flag from your country of origin or cultural background that we could borrow for Week 10 please see me or email me at lwill7@eq.edu.au. If you don’t have a flag please let me know the country you would like represented and I will endeavour to print one out.

On this day we are running a competition to encourage classes to decorate their rooms to mark this event. We are hoping to see some colourful and creative ways to communicate the message that “Everyone Belongs”. Classes will also be undertaking various other activities throughout the week.

Thank you for your support in making this special event a success and for sharing the message that “Everyone Belongs”.

Lyn Williams

WELLO CHAMPS



Congratulations to William S from 2G and Nadia S from 5W who were this week’s Wello Champs!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Mabel	3J	Holly H
PO	Alex F	3W	Felicity N
PP	Xavier E	3/4T	Daniella W
P/1G	Summer W	4E	
1B	Rory D	4M	Jesse K
1D	Keane G	4/5F	Jasmine K
1/2F	Emily G	5B	Zach G
2B	Lyra	5W	Peter B
2G	Hunter W	6C	Rusty C
2S	Mariah	6D	Jessica T
3S	Cooper A	6M	Atalia W



CLASS OF THE WEEK 3/4T



LOTE

Congratulations to Zac M of 6C who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



KITCHEN GARDEN STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Cooper H from 5W who is this week’s Kitchen Garden Student of the Week.

FINANCIAL NEWS

If paying via Internet banking to the school bank account allow two business days for payments to be processed.

BANKING DETAILS FOR ONLINE BANKING

ACCOUNT : WELLINGTON POINT STATE SCHOOL

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DESCRIPTION: SURNAME+ACTIVITY

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or visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes>

for more information.

KISS AND DROP ZONE

We would like to remind parents to please observe due diligence when dropping off and picking up students in the drop zone at the front of the school. Between the hours of 8:00am-9:00am and 2.30-3.30pm it is a designated LOADING ZONE with a maximum standing time of 2 MINUTES.

CARS ARE NOT TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN THE DROP ZONE

LOST PROPERTY

We have 2 pairs of children’s glasses, 5 wallets with money, 1 phone, 1 IPOD, 4 watches, 1 key and toys that have been handed in. Please see the office if you wish to claim yours.

P & C NEWS

Fundraising suggestions

Improving the landscape and 'kiss & drop' zone of the school is a priority for us.

We would love your fundraising suggestions to help make this happen. Would you like another Trivia Night or Bogan Bingo, a Movie Night, Colour Run, Chocolate or Pie Drive, a Fete or 'Day on the Oval', family photoshoots?

Please comment on our Facebook page, or alternatively email wpss_pc_secretary@outlook.com
We value your opinion!

Long Sleeve Polo Shirts

We have had a great response to introducing a long sleeve polo to the school uniform. We hope to have these available early in Term 2 so please register your interest and nominate sizes via Facebook or email:

wpss_pc_secretary@outlook.com

A sample of the shirt can be viewed at the Uniform Shop.

Loose Change Round Up

Congratulations 6M, you are our top fundraisers for week three of the Loose Change Round Up. Thank you to everyone who brought in their loose change. Last week you raised \$365 for our school. Can we get to our target of \$2000 by the end of term? Please keep sending in your loose change, the class who raises the most money at the end of term wins a pizza party!

Facebook

Please follow the Wellington Point State School P&C page for updates on fundraisers, school events and the chance to have your say.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th March at 7pm in the hall meeting room. New members always welcome and we would love to see you there!

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