



21 March 2017

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 9

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660

DIARY DATES

MARCH 2017		
Thu	23	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	24	7.50am Senior Choir 9am Yr 3-6 Cross Country
Mon	27	1.00pm Beginner Strings (bring lunch)
Tues	28	7.45am Senior Strings rehearsal 1.00pm Intermediate Strings (bring lunch)
Wed	29	7.45am Junior Band rehearsal 9.00am Student Banking
Thu	30	7.45am Senior Band
Fri	31	7.50am Senior Choir LAST DAY TERM 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Learning Support Programs

Special funding received by the school will be utilised to employ a teacher to work with identified students in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Our Support Teacher, Mrs Barbara Tuite co-ordinates the implementation of these programs which will operate during terms 2 and 3. Parents will be notified in writing if their child will be accessing this support.

Teacher Aide Time 2017

Last week I finalised our teacher aide allocation for 2017. I would like to congratulate Mrs Sonya Cowling who has been appointed as a permanent general teacher aide, working 16 hours a week, as well as Mrs Monique Griffiths who was appointed as a permanent SEP teacher aide, working 10 hours a week. Both ladies qualified for conversion to permanent hours due to many years of service as temporary teacher aides at our school.

ANZAC Day Service

Next term, our ANZAC Day service will be conducted during the first week, on Friday 21st April at 1.50pm in the Hall. The service has been co-ordinated by our Music teacher, Mrs Gayle Tuckwood, with assistance from our Literacy Specialist, Mrs Lyn Williams. Parents are most welcome to join us for the service.

Kitchen Garden Program

Next term, the Yr 4 & 5 classes currently participating in the program will continue to receive garden and kitchen lessons once a fortnight on Tuesday or Wednesday. These lessons will commence in week 2. Letters regarding the program will be sent home to parents in the first week after the holidays.

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

Voluntary Parent Contribution

Thank you to those parents who have already paid their voluntary contribution of \$50 for first child and \$25 for each additional sibling. Parents wishing to make a voluntary contribution may do so at the Cash

Window in the Administration Block every Tuesday and Thursday morning, or alternatively, via online banking or Flexischools. All voluntary parent contributions are directed towards school curriculum expenditure; in particular the resourcing of the school priority areas of Reading and Maths, as well as the cost of photocopying, computer consumables, and maintenance and upgrade of equipment.

Staffing Update

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Ms Sue Wright and Ms Judy Flood who have been contracted for the next two weeks to support our students with disabilities. Next term, our SEP teacher, Miss Zoe Shadforth will return from maternity leave. She will be working part-time, working every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Samantha Dean will continue to work 5 days a week as our second SEP teacher.

I would also like to advise that Mrs Mathams will be on leave next week. We have contracted Mr Michael Willis to teach Year 4M during this time.

Regards, Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

What is numeracy?

To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.



Why is numeracy important?

Numeracy enables you to develop logical thinking and reasoning strategies in your daily life. We need numeracy to solve problems and make sense of time, numbers, patterns and shapes for activities like cooking, reading a map or bill, reading instructions and even playing sport.

Ways to support your child's numeracy 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 numeracy learning. These include:

- encouraging your child to use mathematical language — how much, how big, how small, how many
- discussing the use of numbers, patterns and shapes in your day-to-day life — numbers found on library books, spatial patterns or shapes in playgrounds, in the home and architecture
- talking about occasions when you are using mathematics in daily jobs and real life situations — cooking, map reading, building and playing sport
- exploring situations using money such as shopping, budgets and credit cards
- estimating, measuring and comparing lengths and heights, how heavy or light things are and how much containers hold
- talking about different ways to solve a problem

- using everyday tools like tape measures or kitchen scales and discussing the units of measure
- asking 'does that make sense?', 'is the answer reasonable?' or 'what other ways could we do this?'
- observing and using timetables, calendars and clocks for different purposes like study periods, holiday planning and catching public transport
- helping your child to work out how much things cost and what change they will receive
- playing number games using magazines, books, newspapers and number plates
- organising, categorising and counting collections of things like toys, books, clothing and shoes.

The digital age presents us with more numerical data than ever before and puts a new premium on numeracy skills.

Computers can do the mathematical processing for us, but we need good numeracy in order to use them effectively – to enter the right data and decide whether the answer seems approximately right.

Yours in learning,
Stacey Kelleher



WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations to Jack C from 6D and Alex from PO who were this week's Wello Champs!



LOTE

Congratulations to Chelsea J from 5W who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.

KITCHEN GARDEN STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Bailey F from 4/5F who is this week's Kitchen Garden Student of the Week.



CLASS OF THE WEEK 5W



LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Emily E who is this week's Library Student of the Week.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Sienna	3J	Lochlan H
PO	Bentley K	3W	Kirra T
PP	Emity L	3/4T	Corbyn D
P/1G	Jake T	4E	Ryan H
1B	CJ T	4M	Courtney L
1D	Connor J	4/5F	Naiomi S
1/2F	Jackson N	5B	Jasmin F
2B	Jasmine	5W	Latoya D
2G	Aurora H	6C	Holly J
2S	Levi	6D	Lochlin O
3S	Brendan D	6M	James D

LIBRARY NEWS

We have added another two books to our Parent Library this week. *Heather has Two Mummies* by Leslea Newman and *My Dads* by Kelly Bennett explore some of the diverse families we have. If you are interested in a topic, or hear about a book that you think would be worthwhile adding to the Parent Library, please come and see us in the library. If you are interested, chances are other parents will be too. Please help your child to remember to return their library books at least every two weeks. If your child has an overdue library book, they may come home with a piece of wool tied loosely around their wrist. This is a simple reminder for them to put their library book into their bag to return the next day. Once the book is in their bag, simply remove the wool. If you have any concerns regarding overdue books, please don't hesitate to

contact us. Every class has a regular borrowing time and children who establish good borrowing practices early, benefit greatly from the library. Students are able to borrow any day before school and at second lunch if they need to borrow more frequently.

As we approach the Easter holidays, it is important that books are either returned or re-borrowed before the break. If you are going away over the holidays, please leave your library books at home so they don't get damaged or misplaced.

Reading every day improves children's reading and listening skills, it exercises their brain and builds vocabulary. It is also a lovely way to finish the day. Even older children love to share a book with someone who is passionate about reading. Books take us on adventures and develop our imaginations. **LOVE TO READ!**

P & C NEWS

Tell us about you!

Do you want to help out our school but can't volunteer in the tuckshop or be a member of the P&C? Maybe you could offer goods & services or your time in other ways.

Do you have your own business? Are you a landscaper, builder, painter, graphic designer, photographer, passionate about event planning or even a master at BBQ'ing sausages?

Help us discover 'who's who' in our school community and tell us about you! Comment on our Facebook page or email: wpss_pc_president@outlook.com

Loose Change Round Up

Yee-Haw 2G, you were our top fundraisers for Loose Change Round Up last week. This week is the last collection. Which class will win the Pizza Party? Round up those coins!!

Long Sleeve Polo Shirts

Thank you for taking the time to let us know you would like a long sleeve polo included in our uniform. Orders are being placed and we hope to have them available early in Term 2.

Keep an eye on Facebook and newsletter updates for when they are added to Flexischools for payment.

Bush Dance

We are looking forward to the Bush Dance on Saturday 27 May. Brooke is our coordinator for the event and is looking for people to join her committee.

Can you lend a hand? Please email her: wpss_pc_treasurer@outlook.com

Facebook

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

CHAPPY NEWS

All parents and carers, come join us for a coffee and chat before assembly, every Monday at 2:00pm in the hall.

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.

ANZAC Day

Our ANZAC Day Ceremony will take place on Friday, 21 April at 2.00pm. We invite all members of the school community to attend. The students will be reminded of the significance of this event and as a mark of respect we ask that school uniforms be worn on this day if possible.

ANZAC badges will be on sale for 50c each from Wednesday, 19 April through to Monday, 24 April. These will be available before school, outside the office area.

CARPARKS

We would like to remind parents that the carparks at school are for STAFF parking ONLY. Parents are asked to please park on Main Rd or other side streets when bringing your children into the school.

"Diabetes Camp funding. A big shout out to parents of children at the school who are living with Type 1 diabetes.

There is a funded place for one child to attend Diabetes Camp later in the year. This is a great way to have fun and meet other children living with Type 1 with educator support. Please contact Claire Childes – Diabetes Educator on 0410 920 026 for information and a chance to access this funding or expressions of interest in any future funded places.

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

BSB : 064 138

ACCOUNT NO: 00090131

DESCRIPTION: SURNAME+ACTIVITY

****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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3. Student Name as shown on the invoice.
4. Amount being paid

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