



29 March 2017

# NEWSLETTER NUMBER 10

## STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660

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### DIARY DATES

#### MARCH 2017

|     |    |  |
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| Thu | 30 | 7.45am Senior Band                     |
| Fri | 31 | 7.50am Senior Choir<br>LAST DAY TERM 1 |

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

This will be the last newsletter this term before we commence our two week school holiday. School will recommence on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**.

#### Term Two Dates – Listed below are school events and Public Holidays

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – **Easter Monday Holiday**
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April – **ANZAC Day Service – 1.50pm Hall**
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – **ANZAC Day Holiday**
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – **Labour Day Holiday**
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – **P&C Free Dress Day**
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – **130<sup>th</sup> School Birthday Celebration**
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – **NAPLAN Tests – Yr 3 & Yr 5 students**
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – **Osprey Cup Basketball**
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – **Mother's Day Stall**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – **Yrs 5&6 Sports Challenge**
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – **Bush Dance**
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - **Yrs 5&6 Sports Challenge**
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – **Yrs 4-6 Field Events**
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June – **Sports Day – Prep to Yr 6**

#### Code Club

In Term 2, students in years 4, 5 & 6 will be given the opportunity of nominating to participate in a Code Club. At Code Club students will be given the opportunity to learn how to make cool games, animations and websites. Code Club will be conducted every **Thursday morning from 7.45am to 8.30am** in E Block. Mr Davey and Mrs Keast will be the supervising teachers.

Following nominations, Ten (10) Year 6 students, Ten (10) Year 5 students and Five (5) Year 4 students will be selected to participate in the club. Any student wishing to nominate for the club needs to complete a nomination form and return to Mr Davey by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017**.

#### Prep Vision Screening Program

Next term, Prep parents will be offered the opportunity for their child to receive a free vision screening under the newly funded Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program. We have been advised that the nurse is booked to visit our school on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. A letter will be sent home to our Prep parents early next term.

#### ANZAC Day Service

Next term, our ANZAC Day service will be conducted during the second week, on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 1.50pm in the Hall**. The service has been coordinated by teachers, Mrs Elaina Cramb, Mrs Lyn Williams and Music Teacher, Mrs Gayle Tuckwood. Parents are most welcome to join us for the service.

#### Staffing Update

I would like to advise that after the holidays Mr Gillespie will be on 5 days leave. I have contracted Mrs Kelleher to act as Deputy Principal, with Mrs Williams replacing Mrs Kelleher as our Head of Curriculum/Master teacher, during this time.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a safe and restful Easter and school holiday.

Regards, Marg Lane

#### HEAD OF CURRICULUM

##### ENGAGING BOYS IN READING

Reading and reading comprehension continue to be the learning priority at Wellington Point State School. Learning to read is the most important academic skill children master at school. Improvement in reading ability is the major focus for every child, every day.

Evidence gathered over the past decade, from over 30 000 schools, highlights the following worthwhile findings:

- **A minimum of 15-30 minutes a day of independent reading is essential.**  
The 'sweet spot' for independent, engaged reading is maximised at 30 minutes. Reading gain is still made after this point but to maximise reading growth aim for 30 minutes every day.
- **Girls outpace boys in reading.**  
From Year 4 onwards, girls on average read over 100 000 words more per year than boys. Cumulatively, girls read close to a million words more than boys by the end of high school. In your family you can support your child in achieving their full potential by both encouraging boys to read and making set times for daily reading in your home.
- **Boys read with less fluency**  
Interestingly, the report also suggests that boys are reading less fluently because of "a lack of engagement." Statistically, 56 percent of the boys read only to get information, compared with 33 percent of the girls. However, nearly half of the girls said they read for at least thirty minutes a day, compared with less than one-third of the boys.
- **Boys typically read less thoroughly**  
They take less time to process the words, often skipping parts. They sometimes choose books that are too easy for them, meaning they fail to move on to tougher material.
- Boys like to read over a wider number of genres and a broader range of topics than girls.

#### So how can you engage boys more deeply in reading at home?

- Find authors boys can relate to.



- Modelling of reading by male role models the boys look up to.
- Find interesting content for boys to read
- List new or interesting words from the text.
- Draw scenes or characters from the story.
- Record interesting facts from the text.
- Design a poster to advertise the book they are reading.

**Great texts to encourage boys to read:**

- Fantastic Mr Fox, James and the Giant Peach, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- A Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snicket
- Big Nate by Lincoln Pierce
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barrie & Ridley Pearson
- Zoo Break by Gordon Korman
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Goosebumps series
- City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
- True stories about their favourite sport or sportmen eg. Ronaldo

Yours in learning,  
Stacey Kelleher



**CLASS OF THE TERM 1B**



**WELLO CHAMPS**

Congratulations to VJ S from 2B and Daniel T from 6M who were this week's Wello Champs!



**LOTE**

Congratulations to Rylee W from 3/4T who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



**CLASS OF THE WEEK 3J**



**LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Naomi S from 4/5F, 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.

|             |            |             |             |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>PK</b>   | James      | <b>3J</b>   | Flynn M     |
| <b>PO</b>   | Caitlin M  | <b>3W</b>   | Myah W      |
| <b>PP</b>   | Samantha L | <b>3/4T</b> | Rylee W     |
| <b>P/1G</b> | Caparice   | <b>4E</b>   | Tahlia T    |
| <b>1B</b>   | Lucy S     | <b>4M</b>   | Omara B     |
| <b>1D</b>   | Freya W    | <b>4/5F</b> | Jason C     |
| <b>1/2F</b> | Diya R     | <b>5B</b>   | Kayla O     |
| <b>2B</b>   | VJ S       | <b>5W</b>   | Juliet M    |
| <b>2G</b>   | Locklyn V  | <b>6C</b>   | Emily E     |
| <b>2S</b>   | Adam       | <b>6D</b>   | Charlotte B |
| <b>3S</b>   | Lacie P    | <b>6M</b>   | Daniel T    |

**LIBRARY NEWS**

From time to time a special book is published that opens up a whole new world to those who read it. As we celebrated Harmony Day this week, many students enjoyed Mem Fox's new book *I'm Australian Too*. As the blurb on the book says, *Mem Fox celebrates Australia's incredible multicultural heritage in this beautiful book, illustrated by Ronnojoy Ghosh*. We have three copies of the book in the library for students to borrow. Each week when students borrow, I aim to recommend books that will appeal to a wide variety of readers. If you are after ideas for your child,

please don't hesitate to come by the library and talk to me. Even older children love to share a book with someone who is passionate about reading. Books take us on adventures and develop our imaginations. I hope that over the Easter holidays you are able to share at least one great book with your child. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. **LOVE TO READ**

**MUSIC NEWS**

**Program Levy is now due** - If your child is in the Strings or Band program and has not paid the \$50.00 levy please arrange to pay this as soon as possible.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Bayside District Sport - Netball**

Congratulations to Jasmin F on her selection in the U 11 District Netball team. We wish her team well at the Metropolitan East Regional Carnival on the 24th April. Mrs Stewart and Mrs Waddell will also be at the carnival as the U12 District team manager and coach. We wish them luck.

**School Cross Country Carnival**

Congratulations to all the students who ran in our inaugural cross country running carnival, held last Friday. The results are below.

|                 | 1st     | 2nd       | 3rd     |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 8 Years – Boys  | Lewis B | Connor H  | Mason H |
| 8 Years – Girls | Myah W  | Abbey H   | Amrit K |
| 9 Years – Boys  | Baden P | Lincoln L | Ben M   |
| 9 Years – Girls | Skye F  | Jody B    | Maya F  |

The following students have been selected in our school team and will compete against students from over 35 other schools at the District 10 -18 Years Selection Trials on Thursday 20th April.

|                  | 1st         | 2nd         | 3rd      |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| 10 Years – Boys  | Myles C     | Isaiah P    | Ashton K |
| 10 Years – Girls | Sienna B    | Ashlee H    | Juliet M |
| 11 Years – Boys  | Logan B     | Matko L     | Leyton W |
| 11 Years – Girls | Hayleigh B  | Charlotte B | Evelyn S |
| 12 Years – Boys  | Tadhg S     | Chase H     | Cole S   |
| 12 Years – Girls | Simranjit K | Clara C     | Stella B |

**Before School Fitness Training- Term Two**

Who: Year 3-6

When: Monday and Wednesday mornings

Time: 7.50am

Permission notes available from class teachers.

**Term Two - AFL Qld 'Auskick' After School Clinic**

Who: Prep - Year Three students invited

Where: Top Oval

Time 3.15 - 4.15pm

Starting: Thursday 11th May (Ending 15th June)

Cost: \$75.00

More information early next term for bookings.....

**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.

**"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.

## P & C NEWS

### **Loose Coin Round Up**

Yee-haw and Congratulations to 2G , the class who raised the most money during the Loose Change Round-up. Enjoy your pizza party! A big thank you to all students and their families for their contribution to this fundraiser.

### **Advertising**

Looking to advertise your local business? Why not show your support of our school at the same time! We have limited spots available on the printed School Newsletter. Contact Michelle via [jandmmcculloch@bigpond.com](mailto:jandmmcculloch@bigpond.com) by Wednesday 28 April if you or your employer is interested in this opportunity.

### **Long Sleeve polo shirts**

The long sleeve polo shirts are on order and we hope to have delivery by the second week of Term 2. Don't miss out and order yours now via Flexischools or see Gretta at the Uniform Shop.

### **Anzac Day Service**

The P&C will be serving tea and coffee after the Anzac Day service on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Kind donations of baked goods would be much appreciated. Keep an eye on Facebook and the newsletter in the first week of term for details.

### **Happy holidays**

The P&C would like to wish all the children and their families a safe and happy Easter Holidays. We look forward to a fun Term Two!!

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK.

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

Instrument Hire - \$100.00 per instrument  
Strings/Band Levy - \$50.00

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:

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

## **Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need local communities looking out for our schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number on 13 17 88 and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service address the matter.



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