



26 April 2017

# NEWSLETTER NUMBER 12

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DIARY DATES		
MAY 2017		
Mon	1	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Tues	2	Parade 2.30pm
Wed	3	P&C Meeting 7pm Hall
Fri	5	Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation
Tues	9	Naplan – Language Conventions & Writing
Wed	10	Naplan - Reading
Thur	11	Naplan - Numeracy

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

### ANZAC Day Service

Last Friday afternoon, we commemorated ANZAC Day with a school service. I would like to thank and congratulate the following teachers, Mrs Gayle Tuckwood and Mrs Lyn Williams for organising such a memorable service.

I would also like to congratulate the following people who contributed to the service:

- Our School Captains Charlotte, Felix, Evvy and Jacob for the expert way they conducted the service.
- Our School Leaders for welcoming our guests and escorting them to afternoon tea.
- Our Senior Choir, led by Mrs Gayle Tuckwood, for singing a superb rendition of "We are the Children".
- Our Senior Strings, led by Ms Nicole Davie, for beautifully playing "Nearer My God to Thee".
- Our Chaplain, Chappy B for reading the Blessing.
- Class representatives for respectfully laying the wreaths.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of our P&C Association for organising a wonderful afternoon tea for our special guests.

As principal, I believe the ANZAC spirit is strong in our school community. Thank you to everyone who attended our service. It was greatly appreciated. Lest We Forget

### Senior Choir Do Us Proud

Last Thursday afternoon I had the pleasure of attending the Wellington Point State High School ANZAC Day service. At the service our Senior Choir performed, led by our Music Teacher, Mrs Gayle Tuckwood. I was so proud of the students' performance and how well they conducted themselves throughout the service. I received many lovely compliments from the special guests with

regards to their performance. Well done students and Mrs Tuckwood!

### Our Super Cross Country Runners

Well done to the 19 students who competed at the Bayside District Cross Country Trials last Thursday morning. All students competed with great courage and perseverance, as well as displaying wonderful teamwork by cheering each other on throughout the morning. Well done, students.

We had an extremely successful carnival with our school coming 5<sup>th</sup> of the more than 30 schools that competed.

Thanks to our PE Teacher, Mrs Stewart for preparing our students so well for the event. Thanks also to Ms Ricketts and the many parents who accompanied the students and cheered them on.

Congratulations to Logan B, Sienna B and Myles C who made it into the Bayside District Cross Country team to compete at the Metropolitan East Regional Trials on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### P&C Meeting

The first P&C meeting for this term will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00pm, in the meeting room at the hall. All parents are invited to attend the meeting.

### NAPLAN Testing

This term students in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking NAPLAN tests over three days, from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Students will undertake the following tests on the following days:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Language Conventions & Writing  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Reading  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Numeracy

Parents wishing to find out more information regarding their child's participation in NAPLAN testing are most welcome to contact the office to speak with either Mr Gillespie or myself.

For more information about the 2017 National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests, please visit [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Regards, Marg Lane

## HEAD OF CURRICULUM

### NAPLAN



Naplan testing is happening in week 4 (May 9 – 11) of this term for students in years 3 and 5. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

Parents are often asking what they can do to help their child prepare for these tests. NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar.

The following are some things you may wish to do at home:

#### \* Reading and comprehension.

Continue to read with, and encourage your child to read a wide variety of books and texts. Talk to them about what they are reading. Are they comprehending the text? Is there anything interesting in the text, like unusual similes or metaphors?

#### \* Vocabulary

Expose your child to a range of vocabulary that they may not know. If you see or hear an interesting word, talk about it. Students with a rich understanding of vocabulary find it much easier to comprehend what they are reading.

#### \* Utilise the Reading

Reading Eggs ([www.readingeggs.com.au](http://www.readingeggs.com.au)) and Mathletics ([www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)) websites.



***The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.***

Visit the official NAPLAN website at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) Information for parents/carers if you wish to read more about it. We hope this information helps. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Yours in learning,  
Stacey Kelleher



#### LOTE

Congratulations to Jacob R from 6D who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.

#### WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations Levi from 2S and Skye from 4M who were this week's Wello Champs!



**CLASS OF THE WEEK Prep K**



## LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Cole S from 6M, 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	Amelia	3J	Noemi
PO	Myles	3W	Andreas M
PP	Felix W	3/4T	Hannah S
P/1G	Talula W	4E	Connor M
1B	Charlotte B	4M	Cathleen H
1D	Louise M	4/5F	
1/2F	Jesse M	5B	Ashlee H
2B	Marley	5W	Morgan M
2G	William S	6C	Daniel H
2S	John	6D	Mason
3S	Elizabeth D	6M	Grace F

## P & C NEWS

### FREE DRESS DAY

There will be a free dress day on Friday 5 May. Instead of gold coin donation, students are asked to donate items to help make the upcoming Bush Dance a great success.

Please check letters sent home with students for each year level allocation.

### ANZAC DAY Thank You

A big thank you to those who volunteered their time and delicious treats for afternoon tea after the Anzac Day parade. We appreciate you all.

### 130 Years: 1887 - 2017

We are looking forward to celebrating the school's 130th birthday with the children on Monday 8 May.

### Facebook

Thank you to all who took the time to complete our Facebook poll on Fundraising options. We appreciate your input!

Remember to RSVP to the Bush Dance Event Page for all the updates on ticket sales and event attractions!

## MUSIC NEWS

- The Strings Students will be performing at the upcoming Anglican Church FETE on May 6th at 10.00 am.
- At the ANZAC parade the strings students performed well and behaved with great commitment throughout the entire day.

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

This week, children have been engaging with a variety of books about ANZAC Day. Over the past couple of years, the library has purchased many new books about this topic.

We have a variety of engaging reads for children of a very young age to older readers that deal with the topic of ANZAC Day in a sensitive way. Please feel free to come into the library and share an ANZAC Day story with your child before school. All of the books are also available for the students to borrow.

Many students still have overdue loans from the holidays. Please check with your child and try to help them to keep their library borrowing up to date. This reduces the risk of damaging or losing our precious books. LOVE TO READ

### **TENNIS COACHING**

Tennis coaching sessions for Term 2 commenced on Thursday 20 April. These sessions are provided by the Chandler Tennis Centre. Sign on forms are available in the office.

### **CHAPPY NEWS**

All parents and carers, Come join us for a coffee and chat before assembly. Every Monday at 2:00pm in the hall. Thank you!

### **ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

A great way to stay up to date is via the **QSchools app**. 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**

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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