



3 May 2017

# NEWSLETTER NUMBER 13

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660		
If you receive an ABSENCE SMS, please REPLY TO TEXT		
DIARY DATES		
MAY 2017		
Wed	3	P&C Meeting 7pm Hall
Fri	5	<b>Free Dress Day – Bush Dance Donation (please refer to year level bush dance notes that went home last week, for list of items to be donated).</b>
Mon	8	1.45pm 130 <sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration – top oval
Tues	9	Naplan – Language Conventions & Writing
Wed	10	Naplan - Reading
Thur	11	Naplan – Numeracy Mothers Day stall Years 4 – 6
Fri	12	Mothers Day stall Prep – Year 3 Osprey Cup Basketball – Wellington Point State High School

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

### **130 Years Old**

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, our school will have provided 130 years of quality education in the Redlands. To help celebrate this special milestone our P&C Association has organised a special birthday celebration on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. The celebration will commence at 1.45pm with a whole school photo on the grassy slope between the top and bottom oval. We will then proceed to the hall where the birthday cake will be cut and shared with all students. Parents and carers are invited to attend to join us as we celebrate our school's Proud History and Strong Future.

### **School Representatives attend Redlands ANZAC Service**

I would like to acknowledge and thank our school leaders and teachers who attended the Redlands ANZAC Service last Tuesday. Our school captains, Charlotte B, Felix DH, Evvy S and Jacob R, along with Juliet M, were invited by the Redlands RSL Sub Branch to join with other school students to lay a purple poppy to acknowledge the contribution of Australian animals in times of conflict. Our teachers, Mrs Lyn Williams and Mrs Gayle Tuckwood, who attended the service to support the students and their families, reported that the students did a wonderful job.

### **Before & After School Arrangements**

Parents are advised that there are no formal supervision arrangements in place for students who arrive at school before the start of the school day at 8.50am. In the morning, teachers use the time before classes begin to attend meetings, organise resources and prepare the class program.

Students, on arriving at school, should sit and wait in the following areas:

Prep to Year 3 – on the seats, under the top end of B Block  
Years 4 to 6 – on the terraced seating, under the Undercover Games Area

Teacher Aides release students at 8.45am. They are collected by the class teacher and walked to class.

Parents arriving to collect students at 3pm are asked to please wait in the undercover and/or seating areas.

Redlands P.C.Y.C. operates a Before & After School Care program operating out of J Block from 6.30am until 6.00pm. They can be contacted on Mob 0409 178 977.

### **P&C Meeting**

The P&C meeting will be held this week 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.

Regards, Marg Lane

## HEAD OF CURRICULUM

### **Helping Students Get Ready for the NAPLAN Tests**



Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the National NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers have

been working hard to ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and have been providing appropriate support and guidance.

The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

As a parent it helps your child if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It's better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It's also worth remembering that many children don't stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his/her stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:

1. Take your cues from your child: If your child doesn't worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn't exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.
2. Focus on doing their best & trying hard: Choose your words carefully when you speak with your child. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only expectation should be to try hard rather than to do well.
3. Listen to any concerns they have: If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a 'get over it' response. "Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them." Use this as an opportunity to develop some resilience, which starts with recognising how kids feel.
4. Give them some relaxation ideas: Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.
5. Help them retain their perspective: One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what's the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.



A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it's going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.

Yours in learning,

Stacey Kelleher

#### **LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Morgan M from 5W, 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>	Rianna	<b>3J</b>	Kaleb T
<b>PO</b>	Isla E	<b>3W</b>	Gus B
<b>PP</b>	Lachlan	<b>3/4T</b>	James T
<b>P/1G</b>	Adasia B	<b>4E</b>	Charli C
<b>1B</b>	Jared Y	<b>4M</b>	Renato C
<b>1D</b>	Sarah W	<b>4/5F</b>	Maddy
<b>1/2F</b>	Cooper	<b>5B</b>	Trey T
<b>2B</b>	Sarah	<b>5W</b>	Amber G
<b>2G</b>	Stephen B	<b>6C</b>	Rohen B
<b>2S</b>	Emma	<b>6D</b>	Lachlan W
<b>3S</b>	Madison J	<b>6M</b>	Daniel



#### **LOTE**

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

#### **WELLO CHAMPS**

Congratulations to Kyra C from 1B and Charli from 4E who were this week's Wello Champs!



**CLASS OF THE WEEK 6C**



#### **P & C NEWS**

##### **Free Dress Day - REMINDER**

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.

NOTE : Remember to wear closed-in shoes and no sleeveless shirts please.

##### **130 Years: 1887 - 2017**

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

##### **Mothers Day Stall**

Our Mothers Day Stall will be on Thursday 11 May in the afternoon for years 4 – 6 and Friday 12 May in the morning for prep – year 3.

There is lots to choose from, with a wide selection of great gifts, ranging from \$1-\$8.

Can you lend a hand at the stall? Please email our lovely coordinator Gillian [gillpeterson@hotmail.com](mailto:gillpeterson@hotmail.com)

##### **P&C Meeting**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3 May at 7pm in the Hall Meeting Room.

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 up and coming Anglican Church FETE on May 6th at 10.00 am.

##### **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.



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### **FINANCIAL NEWS**

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#### **BANKING DETAILS FOR ONLINE BANKING**

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**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.

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