



24 May 2017

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 16

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660

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DIARY DATES

MAY 2017		
Thur	25	Strings Eisteddfod 4.00pm for set up
Fri	26	Year 5/6 Sports Challenge
Mon	22	Parade 2.30pm
Thu	25	Strings Eisteddfod 4.00pm for set up
Fri	26	Year 5/6 Sports Challenge
Sat	27	BUSH DANCE – HALL 4.00-8.00 PM
Mon	29	Beginner Band/Strings Camp Mon –Fri Chandler 2.30pm Parade

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Kitchen/Garden Training Day

On Thursday 25th May, our Kitchen/Garden Specialist will be hosting a Training Day for 30 participants from visiting schools. Our specialist, Mrs Larissa Stelzl and Mrs Leah McLean, were approached by the Stephanie Alexander Co-ordinator to host this event. To be selected to host this training day is indeed a wonderful acknowledgement of the great way our program is being implemented. Well done ladies!

Landscaping Masterplan Update

Following a meeting with the parents on the Landscape working party we have commenced work on Stage 1 of the Masterplan. We have a budget of \$10 000 (P&C contribution), as well as \$5 000 from our Minor Works budget to go toward the project.

On Tuesday I met with a contractor to seek a quote to making necessary adjustments to the front fencing. I will also be seeking quotes to commence laying the internal pathways leading from the Administration Office to the planned Shelter Shed at the northern end of the drop off zone. I will continue to keep parents updated on the progress of the work.

Junior Amenities Block Refurbishment

This Wednesday, contractors will commence work on refurbishing the outside area surrounding the Junior Amenities Block. It is anticipated that this work should be completed in a week. Whilst the work is being done the students in Prep to Year 2 will access alternative amenities in J Block and the Year 3&4 Amenities Block.

Years 5/6 Sports Challenge

On Friday 26th May, students in years 5 & 6 will be competing in the first Sports Challenge for the year. Leading up to the day, students had been practising their chosen sports during Friday afternoon sport time. Apart from the sports offered for the Challenge, students can also elect to participate in Kitchen/Garden or Drama Club.

Students competing in the Challenge play the following sports: Touch Football (6 teams), T-Ball (2 teams) and Newcombe Ball (2 teams).

Throughout the day the students compete in approximately 4 or 5 games against other schools. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all teams the very best of luck.

Beginners Music Week Workshops

Every year, primary students in their first year of tuition are offered the opportunity to attend Beginners Music Week Activities. This year students in the year 4 instrumental music program will be given the opportunity to attend a week of workshops being conducted at the Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler, from Monday 29th May until Friday 2nd June.

The Year 3 Strings students are being offered the opportunity to attend a one day workshop at Cleveland State School on Wednesday 31st May 2017.

These workshops will be a great opportunity for our beginning music students to further develop their skills.

Sports Day 2017

This year our annual Sports Day will be held on Tuesday 20th June. Students in Prep to Year 6 will be participating in events on the day. Students in Years 4-6 will also be participating in Field Events & 800 metre finals on Friday 16th June. Thanks to our PE Teacher, Mrs Cassy Stewart for organising the program. Thanks also to Mr Hough for marking the bottom oval in preparation for the day. In future newsletters, I will publish an outline of the program for Sports Day. Parents are invited to come along on the day to cheer on the competitors. It will be a great day.

Regards,
Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM



The Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress computer programs are used daily within our school reading program. They are both accessed through the Reading Eggs website and each child has their own username and password to enable them to access this program both at school and at home. Students should be accessing their reading eggs accounts regularly at home to help increase their reading skills.

ABC Reading Eggs is designed for 3-7 year olds. It focuses on teaching early reading skills and it can take a child from being a complete non-reader all the way through to reading early level, year 2 texts. Once this level is completed students move onto Reading Eggspress which builds children's skills in **reading, comprehension, spelling, vocabulary, and grammar.**



These programs offer a huge range of highly engaging resources that include reading comprehension lessons, motivational games and e-books. Reading Eggspress is a unique learning environment created to encourage children to keep reading and learning.

The online reading program is packed with hundreds of interactive reading activities, online children's books and literacy games. It makes reading real books, improving spelling skills and building reading comprehension highly engaging for children. The range of activities motivates kids to return regularly to complete lessons, compete against other students, earn more rewards, and continue improving their skills.

ABC Reading Eggs and Eggspress online reading program uses simple navigation to allow direct access to all learning areas, and is computer, iPad and tablet friendly.

Reading to learn is an important skill that children will continue to use beyond school. These online programs provide a **unique and effective learning environment** where children can improve their **English language and comprehension skills** in a way that is both exciting and relevant. Remember to encourage your children to log on every day as part of their homework to increase their reading abilities in a fun, interactive way.

Yours in learning,
Stacey Kelleher



LOTE

Congratulations to Naomi S from 4/5F who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.

WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations Tayla H from 1B and Caleb B from 5W who were this week's Wello Champs!



CLASS OF THE WEEK PP



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Maggie	3S	Jaymes C
PO	Kaleb D	3W	Myah W
PP	Yasmin E	3/4T	Willow A
P/1G	Sophia L	4E	Prabh
1B	Jack S	4M	Ashton K
1D	Keira S	4/5F	
1/2F	Audrey A	5B	Jake F
2B	Byron C	5W	Allanah M
2G	Chelsie G	6C	Piper G
2S	Daniel	6D	Sarah B
3J	Cooper K	6M	Darien

KITCHEN GARDEN STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Angus 5B who were this week's Kitchen Garden Students of the Week!

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge commenced last week on Monday 15 May. **A letter and record sheet has been sent home with every child.** It is a wonderful opportunity to encourage your children to read a wide variety of books and we would love everyone to participate. Why not visit the library to get some ideas of books your child could read? **The**

challenge concludes on Friday 25 August. When your child has finished reading the books please return their completed record sheet to the class teacher, Ms Saverin or Mrs MacKellar in the Library.

Children who complete the challenge will receive a certificate from the Premier of Queensland. All children who complete the challenge will also go into a weekly prize draw and a major prize draw to win one of two book vouchers. **Remember that all books read should be appropriate for the reading level of the child.** Therefore, we would expect that it will take a few weeks before we start seeing the challenge cards returned from Prep – Year 2 and longer than that for the older grades. **Love to Read!**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2017

27th May - 3rd June

These dates mark two very significant milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey. The 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo decision respectively. During this week, students in our Prep, Year One and Two classes will be learning and playing some traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands children's games in their PE lessons.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 is on the way home this week. Orders must be placed by Wednesday 7th June. LOOP preferred but cash (no cheques please) and forms can be dropped to Admin.

Any questions can be directed to

wpssbookclub@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting this Library resource raiser.

P&C NEWS

The BUSH DANCE is nearly here!

Ticket sales - Have you got your Bush Dance ticket yet? There will be a stall selling tickets in front of the school Admin building every day this week between 8.00am -8.50am and 2.30pm-3.30pm - **CASH SALES ONLY**

Tickets are to be exchanged for entry wristbands at the Bush Dance.

Raffle tickets – Please remember to return raffle ticket stubs & money or unsold tickets to the box in Admin building by Friday 26 May.

Want more raffle tickets? They will be on sale with Bush Dance tickets every morning & afternoon at school this week and at the dance before the draw. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$10 - **CASH SALES ONLY**

Volunteer Rosters – There are still a few blank spots on the rosters on the noticeboard. Please nominate a shift to cover if you can lend a hand and help us make the event a great success.

Show your support - Still deciding whether to come to the Bush Dance? Aside from all the fun you might miss out on, **please remember this event is the school's MAJOR fundraiser for the year.**

Fundraisers like these help the P&C run services like the Tuckshop & Uniform shop and pay for Reading Eggs & Mathletics programs for all students. We also want to progress the school's much needed Landscaping Plan & fix the Kiss'n'Drop traffic zone. So please support your school and head to the hoedown for some fun on Saturday!

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:

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

Music Levy \$50 .00

Instrument Hire \$100.00

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.



Enhancing School Banking with the CommBank Youth app.

Dear Principal,

This year's School Banking program is well underway and we hope your students were excited to join the new-look Dollarmites on this futuristic adventure. They'll continue to develop strong saving habits as they progress towards the Savings Hover Park as true Future Savers.

Term 2 brings more exciting news. As part of our ongoing commitment to financial education, we're thrilled to introduce the CommBank Youth app, now available to download from the App Store on any iOS device (version 8.0+). This innovative digital banking tool will complement and enhance the School Banking experience, as well as improve the way young Australians learn real-life money skills in an increasingly digital world. It's just the start of our efforts to modernise the program.

With the CommBank Youth app, children can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress
- Create a list of chores they can do for pocket money.

We're sending your School Banking Co-ordinator some materials to let your students and their parents know about the new CommBank Youth app and how it can make saving even more fun.

For more information on all the features, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your School Banking Specialist or call the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496 (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm Sydney time).

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and bringing better financial literacy to Australian children.

Yours sincerely,

Veronica Howarth
Head of School Banking and Youth
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