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NEWSLETTER NUMBER 17

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660

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DIARY DATES

JUNE 2017

Mon	5	Parade 2.30pm
Thu	8	Prep eye screening
Fri	9	Yr5/6 Sports Challenge
Wed	14	7.00 pm P&C Meeting - Hall
Fri	15	Field Events Yr 4-6 9.00am-3.00pm
Tue	20	Sports Day Prep-6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Our Brilliant Bush Dance Bash

On Saturday we enjoyed a wonderful Bush Dance. Thanks to the members of our P&C Association who worked tirelessly in organising the event, as well as the many parents and staff members who volunteered on the night. It certainly was a great community event! Thanks to all who attended. Your support of our school is greatly appreciated.

Osprey A.C.E.S. Science Competition

This **Wednesday 31st May**, 8 teams of year 5 & 6 students will be competing in the **Osprey A.C.E.S. Science competition**, being held at Wellington Point State High School. This is the second year the Academic Challenge and Expo has been organised by the high school and we are one of five local state primary schools invited to participate. The students will be accompanied by teachers, Mrs Elaina Cramb and Mrs Tania Wennermark. I would like to wish the students and their teacher all the best of luck.

Kitchen/Garden Training Day Success

Last Thursday, our Kitchen/Garden Specialist, Mrs Larissa Stelz and Mrs Leah McLean, hosted a Training Day for over 30 participants from visiting schools. I had the pleasure of welcoming the visitors to our school. Our Kitchen/Garden Captain, Hannah B also addressed our visitors and gave a student's perspective of the program. She did a great job! Many thanks to the year 6 students who welcomed our visitors to the school. Your courteous welcome was greatly appreciated by our visitors.

Our specialists reported that they enjoyed their busy day, with our visitors giving them wonderful feedback about our program. Wello done ladies!

Successful Sports Challenge

Last Friday, students in years 5 and 6 competed all day in our first Sports Challenge. Students competed against other schools in Touch Football, T Ball and Newcombe Ball. I had the pleasure of visiting the three venues to watch the students in action. I was really impressed with the students' enthusiasm and encouragement of their team mates. I witnessed Logan B score a great try at Touch Football, Alannah M show throwing and catching precision at Newcombe Ball and Jusuf S execute a mighty throw from the outfield to home plate at T-ball. Well done students!

Beginners Band Camp & Strings Workshop

This week, students in the year 4 instrumental music program will be attending a week of workshops at the Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler. The Year 3 Strings students will be attending a one day workshop at Cleveland State School on Wednesday 31st May 2017.

Mrs Bell will be attending the Band Camp to assist Miss Steffen with the supervision of students. We have organised for Mrs Mathams to teach Yr 1/2F for the week.

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 Thursday 15th 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.

Staffing Update

I wish to advise that Mrs Maree Clark will be commencing 3 weeks leave this Friday. We have contracted Mrs Carmiela Harvey to replace Mrs Clark on Yr 6M during this time.

Regards,
Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

You Can Do It – Resilience

As you know, this term we are continuing the highly successful social skills program, "You Can Do It". The program focuses on 5 keys to success: Confidence, Organisation, Persistence, Resilience and Getting Along. As we near the end of term, school becomes a very busy place as your children complete a variety of assessment tasks.

As parents and educators we want our children to be happy, successful and have a strong sense of personal worth. We want them to aim high and reach their potential. We need to give our children many opportunities to practise coping skills in the primary school years in order to set them up for a solid emotional foundation for high school and beyond. We need to expose them to challenges that allow them to practice these developing skills.

For children to achieve their potential in all areas of their lives they need to be **resilient and bounce back when things don't go to plan**. Resilience is one of the most important skills and because of this our teachers cover the strategies of resilience every term.



Children need to be taught skills to enable them to be **resilient**. **Resilience** is revealed when children manage frustration and nerves, control anger and keep trying in the face of setbacks.

To support resilient behaviour students need to learn these concepts:

- **Accepting myself** - means not thinking badly about yourself when you make a mistake.
- **Taking risks** - means thinking that it's good to try something new, even though you might not be able to do it.
- **Being independent** - means thinking that it's important to try new activities and to speak up.
- **I Can Do It** - means thinking that you're more likely to be successful than to fail.
- **Working tough** - means thinking that in order to be successful in the future, you sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun in the present.
- **Being tolerant of others** means not making overall judgments of people ("good person," "bad person") based on their differences or behaviour.



Here are some great ways to give positive feedback to your children when they are being resilient:

"You stayed calm. You've learned how not to get too nervous."
 "You didn't let that small problem stop you from trying. Well done."
 "Great job! You worked hard through the tough stuff."
 "You chose not to get upset yourself about what happened."
 "You didn't let yourself get too angry. That was great to see."
 "I love the way you bounced back when things felt too hard."
 Teaching **resilience** is an important part of **You Can Do It!**



Emotional Resilience

Education with its goal being for all children to realise their potential and to achieve to the best of their ability.

Yours in learning,
 Stacey Kelleher



CLASS OF THE WEEK 3S



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Maui	3S	Saoirse S
PO	Isla C	3W	Amber C
PP	Sophia S	3/4T	Emily M
P/1G	Tyson	4E	Prabh
1B	Jack S	4M	Jack G
1D	Jemma	4/5F	
1/2F	Mawson	5B	
2B	Leilani	5W	Juliette
2G	Lily S	6C	Mia L
2S	Hayley	6D	Billy
3J	Betti	6M	Charlotte Felix

WELLO CHAMPS

Congratulations Jesse M from 1/2F and Ben M from 6D who were this week's Wello Champs!



LOTE

Congratulations to Baden P from 4M who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.

LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Madison T from 5B who is this week's Library Student of the Week.

LIBRARY NEWS

National Simultaneous Storytime

Last Wednesday we celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime for the first time in our school. This important, annual event is organised by the Australian Library and Information Association to promote the value of reading and literacy, promote the value and fun of books and promote an Australian writer and publisher.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This year the book chosen was **The Cow Tripped Over The Moon** by **Tony Wilson**. We had a fabulous turn-out with 119 children coming to the library at 11:00am to listen to the story being read by Tony Wilson via YouTube. It was fantastic! At second lunch many children came back to the library to do some activities from the book. We're hoping to break our record next year with an even bigger turn-out. **Love to Read!**

SPORTS NEWS

GIRLS CARNIVAL DETAILS:

Title : Met East Regional 10 – 12 Years Girls' Softball Trials
 Venue : Redlands Softball Association, Sturgeon Street, Ormiston
 Dates : Monday 5 June 2017
 Team Coach : Norelle Thomas Phone : 3206 5222

MUSIC NEWS

This week there are NO strings lessons as Ms Davie will be at various Strings Day Camps.

Next week is NORMAL lessons and PLEASE remember to bring your instruments, music and to practice for all students for Semester 1 Report Cards. Testing will be on the pieces performed at the Eisteddfod.

P&C NEWS

Bush Dance

What a great night the Bush Dance was. It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying the hoedown. The P&C would like to sincerely thank all of those parents, friends and school staff who generously gave their time to help make the night a great success. We simply couldn't have done it without you and your support of the school community is amazing!

We are compiling an album of pictures from the night so if you have some you would like to share, or would like to offer any feedback about the event, please email wpsc_pc_president@outlook.com

New Tuckshop Menu

The winter menu is available from today and a copy has been sent home with every family. Our tuckshop is also in need of volunteer helpers so if you can lend a hand (even once a month) please contact Kelly on wpsc_pc_tuckshop@outlook.com

Show your support - Fundraisers like these help the P&C run services like the Tuckshop & Uniform shop and pay for Reading Eggs & Athletics 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

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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 Dollarsmites on this futuristic adventures. 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 Dollarsmites 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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