



16 August 2017

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 26

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660		
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DIARY DATES		
AUGUST 2017		
Thur	17	Under 8's Day 8:50-11:00am
Fri	18	School Disco P-Yr2 5:00pm-6:15pm, Yr 3-6 6:30pm-8:00pm
Wed	23	Book Week Parade 8:50-9:30am Hall
Fri	25	Year 5/6 Sports Challenge
SEPTEMBER 2017		
Fri	1	Father's Day Stall
Thur	14	Colour Run

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Under 8's Celebration

On **Thursday, the 17th August**, students in Prep to Year 2 will be enjoying an Under 8 Celebration, from **8.50am to 11:00am**. During the morning, students will get to explore a range of activities located in and around the prep classrooms and in the junior playground. Thanks to our senior teachers, Mrs Bloomfield, Mrs Green and Mrs Doolan for organising and co-ordinating our Under 8 Day activities. Thanks also to students from Wellington Point State High School who have volunteered to help with the activities. At 11am, following the activities, our P&C Association and Kitchen/Garden Specialists will be organising a special thank you morning tea at the hall for parents and volunteers. Looking forward to seeing you there on the day.

School Disco – Glow in the Dark

On **Friday 18 August** we will be conducting our second school disco for the year. Our Student Council has organised the disco with the theme being come as your favourite **Glow in the Dark**. On the night, our P&C Association will also be selling food and drinks from the hall canteen, as one of their fundraising activities, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Our **Junior Disco**, Prep to Yr 2, starts at **5pm and finishes at 6.15pm**, with our **Senior Disco**, Yrs 3-6, going from **6.30pm until 8pm**. Tickets can be brought before the disco, outside the office in the mornings. Prepaid tickets are \$5 per child. Tickets can also be bought on the night for \$7 per child.

Book Week 2017

Next week we are celebrating Book Week in our library. This year the theme is **"Escape to Everywhere"**. Thanks to Ms Saverin, Mrs Watson and Mrs MacKellar who have done a fantastic job decorating our library as well as organising activities and competitions for the students. A visit to our library is a must this week!

On Wednesday 23 August, we will be conducting our spectacular **Book Week parade from 8.50 to 9.30am in the hall**. Students are asked to come dressed as their favourite **Book Character**. I can hardly wait to meet the many interesting characters.

Sports Challenge Success

Last Friday, students in Yr 5 & 6 competed in the first round of the Sports Challenge. The teachers reported that all teams played well and the students enjoyed the day of competition. Students competed in **Netball** (5 teams) and **Soccer** (3 teams) and **Oz Tag** (3 teams). Apart from the sports offered for the Challenge, students also participated in Kitchen/Garden or Drama Club. The second round of the Sports Challenge will be **Friday 25 August**.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on **Wednesday 23 August at 7.00pm**, in the meeting room at the hall. All parents are invited to attend this meeting.

Regards
Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Top Literacy Tips for Parents



- Try to spend at least 10 minutes a day reading with your child. It is important to keep reading to your child even when they are able to read for themselves.
- Try to listen to your child read out loud every day, and encourage them to read to visitors or younger siblings. Reading out loud, even for a short time, can help build your child's confidence in reading. Try asking your child to read notes, signs and menus out loud regularly.
- Try to have a range of different reading material available for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction – this can include newspapers, magazines, instructions manuals and comics, etc.
- Let your child see that you enjoy reading. Let them hear you discussing books with friends. Or if you don't read for pleasure, look up information with your child in cook books, instruction manuals, phone books, atlases, and the dictionary or on the internet.
- Try playing word games such as I Spy, Scrabble, Pictionary, Boggle and crosswords with your child – these are great for improving spelling and vocabulary.
- Visit your local library and let your child choose books they like. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child and borrow audio books you can listen to together, great for long car trips.

Tips for reading with children in primary school:

- Let your child choose a book to read or share one you enjoyed at their age.
- Talk about the book before you or your child start reading – discuss the cover, the title, the pictures, and talk about what the story may be about.
- Take turns reading as your child is able, a sentence, paragraph, page or chapter each.
- Talk to your child about the books you read together. Ask your child what they thought about what happened in the story, which parts they liked best, what was exciting, funny or sad. Talk about the meaning of the story and different words.

- Talk to your child's teacher about strategies you can use to help if your child 'gets stuck' on a word or uses an incorrect word. You can also try the **Pause, Prompt, Praise** method to help them:

- Pause

- Give your child time to work out the word (try not to jump in with the correct word straight away).

- Prompt

- Suggest going back to the beginning of the sentence, or encourage your child to read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence.
- Suggest looking at the pictures or the sound the word begins with for a clue about what the word could be.



If prompts are not working, tell your child the word and briefly explain the meaning of the word but then quickly prompt them to continue reading.

- Praise

Give your child praise for trying, even if mistakes are made. For example you might say:

- *"Well done, that was great reading. I thought it was fantastic how you went back to the start of the sentence to try and work out that tricky word for yourself."*

Yours in learning, Stacey Kelleher

WELLO CHAMPS

Winners of this week's Wello Champs! will be announced next week.



LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Emily S of 5W who is this week's Library Student of the week.

KITCHEN GARDEN STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Morgan M from 5W who is this week's Kitchen Garden Student of the week.

LOTE



Congratulations to Skyla B of 5W who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week



CLASS OF THE WEEK 4M



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	James	3S	Joshua S
PP	Will A	3W	Belle H
PO	Caitlyn M	3/4T	Jackson C
P/1G	Tyson T	4E	Pheonix
1B	Trinity B	4/5F	Aiden C
1D	Rani B	5B	Elli P
1/2F	Diya R	5W	Jeremy M
2B	Summer W	6C	Leyton W
2G	Audrey B	6D	Jackson L
2S	Tyler	6M	Shayla J
3J	Charlie L		

LIBRARY NEWS

Only one week to go until Book Week. The Theme is Escape to Everywhere. Lots of students are already prepared and very excited about their character and costume for our Book Week parade, which will be held on Wednesday 23 August from 8:50am to 9:30am. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character.

There is no need to hire costumes, just use a bit of imagination! It would be great if children could bring along a copy of the book their character is from and please, no guns or weapons.

All of the short list books are on display so if you have time, come and check them out. Keep bringing in your Premier's Reading Challenge Sheets. You have until 25 August to complete the challenge so keep on reading. The lucky winner of this week's prize draw will be announced next week.

Love to Read!

Mardi Saverin - Teacher Librarian

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DUE next Tuesday 22nd August.

All questions should be sent to wpsbookclub@gmail.com.

MUSIC NEWS

STRINGS

2018 Strings Program

Year 2 Students have received an expression of interest form regarding the Strings Music Program Next year. Please write down your child's preferences and return the form the office.

Thank you – Nicole Davie

BAND

On Tuesday the 22nd August all band students will be involved in a workshop day in the hall. We will have Alexandra Hills SS and Hilliard SS students joining us. Parents and family members are invited to come see our mini concert in the afternoon at 2pm, where we will showcase what we have done that day. Miss Steffen – Band Teacher

SPORT

District Hot Shots Tennis Tournament

On Thursday, the following students will be participating in our District Hot Shots Tennis Tournament, held at Redlands Lawn Tennis Assoc., Cleveland.

Our Year Two team will participate in modified games, putting the skills they learned in Term One Tennis lessons, into competition practice.

We wish Mrs Geddes and the team the best of luck.

Senior Team

Holly J 6C
Will E 5B
Peter B 5W
Logan B 6D

Orange Ball Team

Skyla B 5W
Rylee W 3/4T
Ethan J 3J
Sean V 5B

Red Ball Team

Pippi B 2G
Mariah S 2S
Casey B 2S
Ethan D 2S
Henry B 2G

Macie S 2B
Levi W 2S
Jordie G 2G
Braith P-S 2G
Flynn C 2S

Jump Rope For Heart - Year Three/Four

Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, students in Year 3 and 4 will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks, during their Thursday afternoon Sport program. Jump Rope for Heart is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia's leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation.

On **Friday 15 Sept** we will be holding a **Jump Off in our school hall**. Information regarding sponsorship and fund raising has already been given to all students in the program.

Cassey Stewart – PE Teacher

P&C NEWS

Trivia Night

Last chance to register for next weekend's 'Back to the 80s' Trivia Night. Judging by some of the fantastic team names so far, we are in for a night of fun! Registrations close on 18 August. Email wps.trivia@gmail.com if you need another form or more detail.

P&C Meeting / 2018 Fundraiser

At our meeting on Wednesday 23 August the committee will be deciding on an alternative format for our major fundraiser for 2018. All welcome to attend.

Disco Diner

Pre-orders for Disco Meal Deals close at 5pm Wednesday 16 August. The P&C Association will have plenty of yummy food and treats on offer at the 'Disco Diner' and 'Candy Shop'.

Follow us on Facebook To stay up to date on all the exciting P&C News (like our upcoming Colour Run), following us on <https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonPointStateSchoolPandC/>



ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Have your say!

Queensland state school parents, caregivers and school staff are invited to participate in the **2017 School Opinion Survey**. Have your say about what our school does well and how it can improve.



An information sheet was sent home to all parents the week before the survey opened which outlined the process and provided an individualised logon and password. Parents wishing to complete a survey are reminded that they have until Friday 25 August 2017.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Invoice payments can be made:

- by cash to the office in an envelope labelled with the child's name, class and activity,
- Bpoint <https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>. Please ensure the correct information as shown on your invoice is entered.
- direct deposit to the school bank account with reference of child's name and class.

BANKING DETAILS			
Account Name	Wellington Point State School		
BSB 064-138	Account No.	00090131	

Parents are reminded that the music levy for the band and strings program is now overdue. If you are unsure whether this has been paid please call admin on 3286 0666.

Payments are currently being processed for the following activities:

- Year 2 excursion Ormiston House \$10.00
- Year 6 Japanese Excursion \$23.90
- Voluntary Contribution \$50.00
- Strings Jazz Workshop \$10.00
- Music Levy \$50.00

COMMUNITY NEW/EVENTS

Surf Life Saving Queensland runs the community based Little Lifesavers program at several locations across Queensland including Raby Bay, Cleveland.

Running in Queensland since 1993, the Little Lifesavers program is a great introduction for children aged five to 11 to surf lifesaving without having to travel to the beach or join a surf life saving club. Our highly skilled surf lifesavers will guide the children through a structured program.

Throughout the program, children will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of games, sports, and educational activities which are all designed to slowly build their confidence in the water and teach them how to stay safe at the beach. Through this participants are also introduced to some of the basic principles of surf safety such as general rescue techniques, first aid and, if nothing else, these are vital skills they can take with them for life.



RABY BAY

Foreshore Park (Masthead Drive, Cleveland)



Highly skilled surf lifesavers introduce children to board padding, wading, dolphin diving, beach sprints, flags, rescue techniques, patient care and CPR.

- 18 – 22nd September 2017 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)
- 11th – 15th December 2017 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)
- 15th – 19th January 2018 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)
- 24th February – 24th March 2018 (5 sessions, Saturday mornings)

8am – 10am

Registration includes long sleeve rash shirt, water bottle, wet bag and activity book.

For more information

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