



30 August 2017

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 28

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660
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DIARY DATES

Fri	1	Father's Day Stall
Mon	4	Parent Teacher Interviews commence
Fri	8	Chaplaincy Pancake Breakfast 8:00am-9:00am
Tue	12	School Photos
Wed	13	Prep Information Session – Hall 8:50am
Thur	14	Colour Run

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Book Week Success

Congratulations to Ms Saverin, Mrs Watson and Mrs MacKellar for organising great activities to celebrate Book Week, last week. Well done to students, staff and parents for ensuring that our Book Week Parade on Wednesday morning was a great success. The thought and effort that went into the outfits was fantastic.

In the Pursuit of Trivia Excellence!

Congratulations to our fabulous P&C Association for organising another very successful Trivial Pursuit Night last Saturday night. The theme was *Back to the 80s* and it was great to see the creative thought that went into the costumes worn by our parents & friends. Congratulations to the winning best dressed team who came as Ghostbusters complete with green helium balloon ghosts. Spectacular! Thanks to our P&C Executive and all the parents who helped organise the night. Special thanks to Mrs Charlene Sisson who co-ordinated the event and was the brains behind the organisation. Wello done!

Sports Challenge Update

Last Friday, students in Yr 5 & 6 competed in the second 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, the students who participate in the Kitchen/Garden and Drama Club enjoyed a walking excursion to the Point.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This term, parent/teacher interviews will be conducted after school, in the hall during week 9, from **Monday 4th September until Thursday 7th September**. A letter has been sent home to parents this week outlining the process which allows parents to book an interview time online. The booking system will be accessible from **6.00am on Monday 28th August through to 12 noon on Friday 1st September**. The system may be accessed by typing the following in your web browser: <http://sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=730>

Prep Enrolments 2018

Parents are reminded that a Prep Information Session will be conducted on **Wednesday 13th September** from **8:50am to 9:50 am** in the hall. Prep enrolment interviews will be conducted in the first

two weeks following the September holidays. Parents are invited to contact the office to book an interview time.

NAPLAN 2017

This term we received our 2017 NAPLAN data. A brief summary of our students' achievements in the five strand areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy, are as follows:

- **Year 3** – Statistically similar; numerically equal to or above the National mean in Reading & Grammar & Punctuation. Statistically similar; numerically below the National mean in Spelling & Numeracy. Below National mean in writing.
- **Year 5** – Statistically similar; numerically equal to or above the National mean in Reading & Grammar & Punctuation. Statistically similar; numerically below the National mean in Writing, Spelling & Numeracy.

Landscaping Masterplan Update

We are currently seeking quotes to concrete the internal pathways leading to the new Shelter Shed at the top of the Drop Off zone. We are also seeking quotes to install new fencing between the carpark and the Shelter Shed.

On Tuesday, our School's Officer, Mr Hough and helper, removed the two old metal storage sheds to the north of the prep playground, in preparation for installation of the new fence and continuation of the internal pathway to the Shelter Shed. The P&C are currently completing a Community Gambling Grant application in anticipation of being awarded funding to build the Shelter Shed. I will continue to provide updates on the progress of this work.

Staffing Update

I wish to advise that next week, our Business Manager, Mrs Susan O'Shea is commencing two weeks leave. During this time, Mrs Cheryl Morton will act as Business Manager and Mrs Sharon Main will provide full time Administrative support in the office. We have also contracted Ms Anne Searle to provide part-time Administrative support in the office throughout this time.

Regards, Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

TOP NUMERACY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Here are some ways you can encourage the love of maths at home and help your child along the way:

- Talk positively about maths with your child – even if you struggled with it at school yourself. Staying positive about maths will help your child. Saying "*I was bad at maths*" can lower a child's own expectations of themselves at maths and can give your child an excuse not to try.
- Talk to your child about how you use maths in everyday life – while shopping, banking, budgeting, cooking, driving, and keeping score in sports games, telling the time etc.

- Help your child to see the real-life purpose for the maths they are learning at school e.g. when your child is learning fractions you could ask them:
"How many slices will I need to cut the pizza into so that everyone has two slices?"
"What fraction of the glass is filled with water?"
"Can you cut up the apple to make six equal pieces?"
- Play games with cards, dominoes or dice to help your child with maths. Try asking your child to tell you the number of dots on the dice each time they are thrown during a board game. Eventually they will be able to do 'see' the number without having to count the dots.
- When you are helping your child with their maths homework and they get stuck, try to help your child solve the problem themselves by asking:
"What is the problem asking you to do?"
"How do you think we can work this out?"
"Do you think you will need to use addition or subtraction, or do you need to use multiplication or division?"
- Ask your child to explain how they work things out – e.g. "What is the question asking you to do?" and "How did you get that answer?"
- With maths problems there is always more than one way to get the right answer. When your child thinks about how they figured out a problem, it can help concepts make more sense to them and build their confidence.
- Encourage your child to practise the times tables and 'mental computation' skills – working out answers to arithmetic questions in their head. Give your child little problems to solve in their head. Try asking them to:
 - estimate the total cost of a small basket of groceries before reaching the checkout
 - work out the actual cost of discounted items (e.g. 25% off \$20)
- Figure out when you will arrive at a destination (e.g. "It is 4:15 pm now. It will take us 30 minutes to get home – what time will we arrive?").
- Talk with your child about how they feel about maths. They may not always be willing to discuss problems they're having, but it is important to show your support and that you are interested in what they are learning.
- If your child is having difficulties with maths, speak to your child's teacher or write them an email or short note. Once problems are identified, learning patterns can be better understood and a solution can be developed.

If you are finding it difficult to explain how to solve a maths homework problem, ask your child's teacher for advice and examples. Teachers understand that maths problems are sometimes taught differently from when you were at school. Encourage them to practise, practise, practise! Maths is a learned skill that improves with practise. Encourage your child to get their hands on as much practise material as possible – and do it as part of a regular routine.

Yours in learning, Stacey Kelleher

LIBRARY NEWS

Last week was a fabulous and very exciting week in our library. Every day we were inundated with children keen to be photographed under the Magic Faraway Tree and join in other fun Book Week activities. The feedback was really positive and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. On Thursday and Friday, the students really enjoyed challenging themselves in the Escape Maze set up in the Junior Fiction area.

Thank you to the amazing monitors who happily helped with all of the activities. A special thanks to Felix from 3 / 4T who led students in making origami pin wheels on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped to make our Book Week Parade the extravaganza that it was. The children did an amazing job of dressing up, supported by a fabulous team of parents and staff members. The imagination and creativity put into the creation of such spectacular costumes is incredible. We

ran three competitions in the library over Book Week. The winners of the competitions each received a \$20 voucher to spend at our Book Fair next term.

Congratulations to Violet S – 1D, Ryan O – 3S, Felix H 3 / 4T, Skye F – 4M, Jake F – 5B and Trey T – 5B who were the lucky winners of the competitions.

Don't forget all of the shortlist books are now available for borrowing. The Premier's Reading Challenge has also finished and we are currently finalising numbers and prizes. Next week on parade we will present the two major prizes and announce class winners.

Thank you to all the parents and students who continue to support our library in so many ways.

Love to Read!,
Mardi Saverin - Teacher Librarian

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Ruby	3J	Lochlan H
PP	Yasmin E	3S	Madison J
PO	Arabella S	3W	Alissa M
P/1G	Olivia K	3/4T	Lilly M
1B	Tillie F	4E	Emma M
1D	Dylan B	4/5F	Paige K
1/2F	Riley C	5B	Maggie R
2B	Cooper	5W	Sarah M
2G	Eli R	6C	Emma M
2S	Skye	6M	Emily F

WELLO CHAMPS

Winners of this week's Wello Champs! are Rani B of 1D and Rafe of 6C.



LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Elyse S of 5B and Sarah M of 5W who is this week's Library Student of the week.



LOTE

Congratulations to Rylee W of year 4 who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.



CLASS OF THE WEEK 3/4T



MUSIC NEWS

Band News: Written by Keala D and Holly J

In August, the band competed in the Redland's Eisteddfod. We had been very busy practising three pieces. We are proud to announce that we came first in our section. The support from our parents was amazing, and we couldn't have done it without our fantastic band teacher, Miss Steffen who helped us progress in our music. Holly and Keala also had the pleasure of performing with the Wellington Point High School band.

Alexandra Hills State School and Hilliards State School joined our Senior and Junior band in the hall for a workshop day last week. The Juniors performed amazingly in the second piece which was at senior level. We had a lot of fun performing in front of the school and the parents of children who had attended the day.

Student Choir news to follow next week.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

In Week 9 we will celebrate chaplaincy week and raise money for our school's chaplaincy program. **Chappy Op shop:** From the 4th - 7th of September, (Monday to Thursday), the chaplaincy committee will run a **Chappy Op shop** outside the hall from 3:00 – 5:00. Please come join us and browse through our items while you wait for your parent

teacher interview. Free coffee and tea will be provided! **Chappy Tin:** The Chappy tin small change collection has begun! Please bring any change and fill up the tin in your class! The winning class will have a party in the Chappy room on the 14th of September. **Chappy Pancake Breakfast:** Come join us for a pancake breakfast on Friday, the 8th of September, from 8:00 – 9:00. Pancakes and drinks will be sold for \$2 each.

P&C NEWS

Trivia Night Success

Thanks to all who attended the P&C's Annual Trivia Night on Saturday night. This year's theme 'Back to the 80s' made for a fun night! A big thank you also to the following local businesses for their continued support of our school and generous assistance with the fundraiser: Dexters by the Bay; Event Cinemas - Capalaba; Studio Star Photography; Capalaba Park Shopping Centre; Bricks N Fun; Hogan's Wellington Point and of course our MC for the night - Cr Paul Bishop!

Colour-Run Fundraiser

By now all students should have received sponsorship forms and information on how to register for online fundraising. This is a great way to share your child's fundraising goal with family and friends near and far, by email or social media. Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward and just by jumping online, your family has the chance to win a \$30,000 Ultimate Family Experience! Visit <http://www.schoolfundraising.com.au/> to register and for more information. The Colour Run will kick off at 1pm on Thursday 14th September. Permission forms and more details are headed home soon. Please note - As per the letter sent home, **cash donations should not be brought in until Friday 6 October.**

Thank you for your kind support - Lisa Blackmore - P&C President

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 the invoice is entered.
- direct deposit to the school bank account with reference of child's name and class.

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BSB	064-138	Account No.	00090131

Please ensure that parent/carer email address is kept up to date to enable invoices to be sent via email. Each invoice will have BPOINT (similar to BPAY) payment details in the bottom left hand corner. When paying via BPOINT, please ensure that you enter:



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4. Amount being paid.

Year 3 Swimming \$15.00
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 Strings Jazz Workshop \$10.00
 Music Levy \$50.00
 Music Hire \$100.00

Parents are reminded that if they haven't paid the **2017 Instrument hire and music levy for the band and strings program it is overdue; please arrange to pay by the end of this term.** If you are unsure whether this has been paid please call admin on 3286 0666.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/NEWS

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 paddling, 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.

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