



06 September 2017

# NEWSLETTER NUMBER 29

**STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660**  
**If you receive an ABSENCE SMS, please REPLY TO TEXT**

**DIARY DATES**

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

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

**Innovate Competition Success**

On Friday 25th August, four students from year 5 & 6 represented our school at an Innovate Competition held at Alexandra Hills State High School. Students selected to compete were Ben M & Darian C (Year 6 Team) and Naomi S & Madelaine G (Year 5 Team). Both teams competed in the Year 5/6 Video Game Development category. The students did a wonderful job representing our school with our Year 5 team winning the competition! The students won an mBot for the school. I would like to thank Mr Davey for supporting the students on the day and also for the great work he does with the students every Friday morning at the Code Club.

**Wello Done Ashlee!**

Congratulations to Ashlee H who has been selected in the Metropolitan East Regional Athletics Team. Ashlee will compete in the 10 Year Old Girls 100 metre sprint and relay team at the state titles which are being held at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre at Nathan on Tuesday 10th October. I know you will join with me in wishing Ashlee all the best at the titles.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent teacher interviews take place this week and will be conducted in the hall from Monday 4 September until Thursday 7 September. We look forward to seeing many parents taking up this opportunity to discuss their child's progress with their class teacher.

**Father's Day Stall Success**

Thank you to our hard working P&C, for the wonderful Father's Day Stall last Friday. It was a great success. I hope all our dads out there had a great day and enjoyed the little gifts brought home from the stall.

**School Photos 2017**

Parents are reminded that school photos will be taken on Tuesday 12th September. A letter and personalised photo envelope were sent home to parents last week. Parents need to ensure that completed envelopes are returned with payment, preferably prior to photo day, but the photographers will also accept envelopes returned on the day.

**Prep Enrolments 2018**

Parents are reminded that a Prep Information Session will be conducted on Wednesday 13th September from 9.00 to 10.00 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.

**Staffing Update**

I wish to advise that our Deputy Principal, Mr Ross Gillespie will be on a week's leave. Mrs Stacey Kelleher will be Acting DP during this time and Mrs Lyn Williams, will replace Mrs Kelleher as Acting Head of Curriculum.

Our SEP teacher, Mrs Sam Dean is on 5 days leave and we have contracted Mrs Tracey Mann to replace her.

Mrs Kylie Mathams will be on 5 days leave and Mrs Bronwen Malengret has been contracted to teach Year 4M.

Regards,  
 Marg Lane

**HEAD OF CURRICULUM**

**HOME READING HELP**

Every student at Wellington Point SS has Home Reading as part of their homework tasks. Sometimes it is hard to find the time at the end of a long day to read with your child. Sometimes your child tells you they don't want to read. Research highlights the importance of reading at home every day.

Why read 20 minutes at home each day?

- ❖ 20 minutes per day = 3,600 minutes per school year = 1,800,000 words per school year
- ❖ Children are more likely to score in the top 10% in standardised reading tests.
- ❖ If students start reading for 20 minutes per night in Prep, by the end of 6th grade, they will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days.
- ❖ If students start reading for 5 minutes per night in Prep, by the end of 6th grade, they will have read for the equivalent of 12 school days.

Having trouble maintaining positive feelings about completing home reading with your child? Is the routine getting a little tired?

You may find this article interesting: "How to avoid the battle of the school reader". The author gives real world, practical advice to parents and caregivers around how to keep everyone's enthusiasm for reading homework high.

The article can be accessed at:  
<http://readability.com.au/2017/07/25/how-to-avoid-the-battle-of-the-school-reader/>

Don't forget that you can also seek advice from your child's teacher. They will have their own top tips for making reading time a happy time.

*I opened a book and in I strode,  
 now nobody can find me.  
 I've left my chair, my house,  
 my road, my town, and my world behind me.  
 I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped*

on the ring, I've swallowed  
 a magic potion.  
 I've fought with a dragon,  
 dined with a king,  
 And dived in a bottomless ocean.  
 I opened a book and  
 made some friends.  
 I shared their tears and laughter.  
 And followed their road  
 with its bumps and bends,  
 to the happily ever after.  
 I finished my book and out I came,  
 the cloak no longer hid me.  
 My chair and my house  
 are just the same  
 but I have a book inside me.  
 - Julia Donaldson

Yours in learning,  
 Stacey Kelleher

#### LIBRARY NEWS

This week on parade, we presented the prizes for the Premier's Reading Challenge. We had 149 children complete the challenge which is fantastic. Certificates for the children who completed the challenge will arrive and be distributed in term 4. Congratulations to Maui H – PK and Alysha F – 4/5F who were the lucky winners of the final draw. Both Maui and Alysha have received a \$20 gift voucher to spend at the Book Fair next term. The Premier's Reading Challenge is broken up into three categories: P – Year 2, Years 3 & 4, and Years 5 & 6. Each year, as an incentive, we give an ice-block to the students in the class in each category, who has the most students complete the challenge. The ice-block is given to all students in that class who completed the challenge. Congratulations to 1D who had 19 students complete the challenge, 3J who had 14 students and 5B and 5W with 6 students each completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. The students received their ice-block at second lunch yesterday.

Please assist us by ensuring your child returns their books on time. If you have received an email or a letter regarding overdue books, we would appreciate your help in clearing these up before the holidays. Thank you to all the parents 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.

<b>PK</b>	Mabel	<b>3J</b>	Arthur E
<b>PP</b>	Finlay Mc	<b>3S</b>	Ashlee G
<b>PO</b>	Vanessa K	<b>3W</b>	Matthew M
<b>P/1G</b>	Jake T	<b>3/4T</b>	Olivia H
<b>1B</b>	Lachlan D	<b>4/5F</b>	Josh F
<b>1D</b>	Keane G	<b>5B</b>	Jessica H
<b>1/2F</b>	Cooper T	<b>5W</b>	Ben H
<b>2B</b>	Kate	<b>6C</b>	Hannah B
<b>2G</b>	Tahlia S	<b>6D</b>	Bryce P
<b>2S</b>	Flynn	<b>6M</b>	Jaydah S

#### WELLO CHAMPS

Winners of this week's Wello Champs! are Liam D of P/1G and Daniel H of 4M.



#### LOTE



Congratulations to Ashlee H year 5B who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.

#### LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Lani M of 6C and of who is this week's Library Student of the week.



**CLASS OF THE WEEK 6C**



#### MUSIC NEWS

**Choir News:** Written by Holly J, Charlotte B, and Emily E  
 Recently the Senior Choir had an after school rehearsal to prepare the students for their performances of "Wombat Stew". It was a fabulous afternoon that improved our performance. We would like to give a special thank you to the parents who helped prepare our afternoon tea and Larissa and the kitchen garden group for making the delicious zucchini slice. After a long rehearsal we did our first performance of Wombat Stew for our parents. It was great fun! The following day, the choir walked to WelloKids to perform. The kindy kids enjoyed it a lot and we enjoyed seeing their faces light up as we performed. When we arrived back at school we performed for our students, which was really enjoyable.

#### P&C NEWS

##### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.**

#### TUCKSHOP NEWS

##### **END OF TERM PIZZA SPECIAL**

Friday 15th September

##### **Choice of Pizza**

Cheese ham/pineapple  
 BBQ chicken Popcorn

##### **Cookie**

##### **Choice of Popper or water**

(Apple Apple/blackcurrant Orange Tropical)  
 \$5.50

Please note no other hot food will be available on this day.

#### FINANCE NEWS

The following invoices are due for payment:

- Year 3 Swimming \$15.00
- Voluntary Contribution \$50.00
- Strings Jazz Workshop \$10.00
- Music Levy \$50.00
- Music Hire \$100.00
- Prep Evergreen Theatre \$6.40

Please note the Evergreen Theatre incursion is \$6.40 not \$6.50 as written on the note.

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.

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.

BANKING DETAILS	
Account Name	Wellington Point State School
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:



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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS/NEWS

### Wellington Point State High School

**WHY WELLINGTON POINT STATE HIGH SCHOOL?**

- ✓ Strong leadership
- ✓ Inclusive culture
- ✓ High expectations
- ✓ Dedicated teachers
- ✓ Great improvements in OP results
- ✓ 100% QCE attainment in 2016
- ✓ Diverse pathways
- ✓ Improved NAPLAN results

<b>2018 Enrolments</b>	Prospective families are welcome to contact the school and arrange a tour and collect an Enrolment Pack.	Ms Rochelle Lewis Marketing & Communications Officer <a href="mailto:rlewi128@eq.edu.au">rlewi128@eq.edu.au</a>
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### 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 – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (5 sessions, Monday to Friday)
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (5 sessions, Saturday mornings)

#### 8am – 10am

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

For more information

[littlifelivesavers.com.au](http://littlifelivesavers.com.au)

[littlifelivesavers@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:littlifelivesavers@lifesaving.com.au)

(07) 3846 8000



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.



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