

# NEWSLETTER – 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

## PARTICIPATION IS THE KEY



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**School Enrolment:** As of last Friday, we had 759 students in our school with 97 students in Prep and 193 in the Intensive English Language Centre.

**Same Day Notifications:** Once again, we appreciate everyone's careful attention to letting the office staff know if your child is going to be away. Our 'text' system is working and we thank everyone for their co-operation and understanding so that we know where each child is at all times.

**Behaviour Expectations:** We continue to impress upon our children that we need to look after our mind and body as the days begin to get hotter. We need to keep drinking water and eating healthy foods, eg. fruit, vegetables and sandwiches. We also need a shady hat and our school summer uniform of a sleeved, coloured polo shirt and shorts. Sunscreen is also recommended or play in the shade.

Another of our expectations for the fortnight is to follow supervisors and teachers' directions the first time. There are times for discussions and opinions are welcome to be shared but there are other times when staff need students to follow directions for safety and organisational reasons the first time. This will help everyone get-along and achieve the expected outcome quicker.

**Safe Use of Digital Technology:** Parents and Caregivers are invited to a special morning of information about the safe use of technology at home on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 8:30am in the hall. Please see the advertisement later in this Newsletter.

**Students and Staff keep working:** Our children's classes are continuing to work on their studies and some progressive and final assessments are being completed over the next fortnight so that final reports can be ready for the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December. Parent/Teacher conferences and sharing of progress folios can be organised for that week too. More information will be made available in the fortnight ahead.

**Fencing Project:** Thank you to everyone for their co-

operation and support of our fencing project. This has caused some changes in our movement areas of the school but will create a more safe environment for us in the future.

Best wishes for a happy and productive fortnight ahead.

Garry Molloy – Principal

### From the Mobility Support Teacher

#### Transition Matters

Thank you to all parents who have been bringing their children regularly to our Pre Prep Transition Program. We have seen that the children are settling well into the prep environment and are happily learning new and interesting things.

#### Prep Information Morning

There will be an important **Prep Parent Information Session on Friday 25 November from 8.30- 10.30am in our Hall**. We will have on display ways to help support your children in the early years. Morning Tea will be provided. All welcome

#### Every Day Counts

Congratulations to the following students who have stayed on 100% attendance during Term 4. They were lucky to be drawn as a winner of the \$40 Tuckshop Voucher. Fahad Prep; Gwenisha Yr 1; Jorjah-Rain Yr 2; Dunia Yr 3; Zakia Yr 4; Nj Yr 5, William Yr 6  
Our school **attendance target is 95%**. Our whole school attendance percentage year to date is at **92.2%**. Term 4 whole school attendance percentage is at **92.7%**

#### Attendance Data

##### Percentage of Attendance for Term 4

Year	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Prep	92.3	88.9	89.4	89.2	89.9	90.2
1	93.8	94.1	94.6	94.2	94.2	94.3
2	93.3	91.7	92.2	92.2	92.1	92.4
3	92.1	91.6	92.4	92.3	92.7	92.9
4	89.7	90.9	92.3	92.8	93.3	93.4
5	91.7	90.4	92.3	92.3	93.6	93.8
6	91.2	89.8	90.5	91.0	92.3	92.0

#### Annual Attendance Celebration

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our students who have stayed at 100% for the whole year. Thank you to all our parents who have supported their child/ren with the *Every Day Counts* message. We invite you and your child/ren to come along on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00am in the Hall** for a special ceremony to hand out **100% Attendance Badges**. There will be a special morning tea following the ceremony. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Uniform Shop open:**

- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7:45 to 8:45
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 7:45 to 8:45
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:45 to 8:45
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:45 to 8:45
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 7:45 to 8:45
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:45 to 8:45
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 7:45 to 8:45

**Uniform Shop is CASH ONLY no cards accepted. Uniform prices will increase in January next year.**

**P&C Meeting**

Next P&C meeting is on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November** at 1:45pm in the Hub. (The Blue/Grey building in the school grounds near the corner of Railway Parade and Flinders St) Everyone is welcome to attend. This will be the last meeting for 2016.



**Heather Brae Biscuits and Slices Drive**

Heather Brae Biscuits and Slices Fundraiser have closed. If you have placed an order please remember the delivery date is **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** after 1pm from the School hall. Thank you for your orders.

**eSmart Community Engagement Program**



As part of their commitment to support school communities in being safe, smart and responsible online, *The Alannah and Madeline Foundation* will be facilitating a parent seminar at **Woodridge State School** on **Wednesday morning the 30<sup>th</sup> of November** at **8:30**. Facilitated by the experts in their eSmart Schools team, parents will be presented with all the latest trends and research about cybersafety and online behaviours. Strategies and guidelines will be discussed that relate to safe, smart and responsible uses of technology in the home

The eSmart Schools program is a cultural change initiative developed by the Foundation in consultation with academic and industry experts. eSmart aims to create positive, respectful and inclusive cultures that reduce bullying, cyber bullying and increase cybersafety.



**STUDENT AWARDS**

Key to Success Awards

- O = Organisation
- C = Confidence
- R = Resilience
- G = Getting Along
- P = Persistence



**IMPORTANT DATES!**



- 21st November - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Perspective Community & Elders Meeting 2pm Resource Centre
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December Year 3 & 5 Swimming
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November Prep Information Morning 8:30am - 10:30am
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Annual Attendance Celebration
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 Graduation

**BREAKFAST CLUB**



**Just a reminder that the breakfast club will be closed the last week of school and the first week of 2017.**

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Week Starting 7/11/2016		
1D	Lynette, Jaih	C, O
2A	Ryco, Turaki	O, G
2B	Connor	P
3A	Abdelrashid	P
3C	Reyhaneh, Jorja, Musa	C, O, P
3D	Hfoo Saw, James	P, C
4A	Priya, Dyson	C, C
4B	Eh K'Paw, Lafoa'i	P, P
4C	Adel	C
4D	Tha Meh, Kerfala	P, C
5A	Swe Dee	C
5B	Yousif	G
5C	Edmund, Phuong	P, P
5D	Renata, Trishia	C, P
5E	Mohammad Reza	G
6A	Shannon, Terangi, Shannon, Sam	C, C, O, C
6B	Tou, Nguyen	G, G
6C	Mohammad, Arnaya	O, P
ILC A	Junai, Mohammad	C, P
ILC B	John, Majabin	G, O
ILC C	Paw, Mujdeh	P
ILC D	Say Doh, Pray	P, C
ILC E	Beh Reh, Ali	C, C
ILC F	Cing, Hossien	O, C
ILC H	Shahzia	G
ILC K	Niang, Sadrack, Chaste	G, R, P

