From the Principal

Parent Teacher Class Meetings
Parents will be receiving invitations to their class parent teacher meetings in this next fortnight. The classes will be combining for part of the information session and then going with the individual class teachers for a more class based look and discussion of the class program. Please come along and find out about your child’s program and meet other parents in your child’s class and other parents in your child’s stage of schooling.

IEP meetings will be held in the last week or so of this term and early term 2.

The P and C AGM is March 8th at 7.00pm in the staff room. I encourage you to attend this meeting and become members as it is through the P and C that matters of the school community flow, are discussed and decided on. The general meeting will follow this and is then held every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Staff Absence and Teacher Supply
We have had a lot of staff absences due to illness early in the term and some due to injury sustained in the course of their work. Please bear with us as we work through replacement teachers to secure the right supply and contract staff for the classes affected. The supply of qualified and suitably experienced staff is very limited again this year.

Our Health and Hygiene practices remain at a high standard and are continuously monitored and audited by ourselves. All staff have been re-trained in Handwashing and Hygiene for specialised health requirements in January as part of our school’s policy on compulsory training in this area for every staff member.

Transport and Parking Arrangements
Again thank you for working with us on the changed transport and parent pick up arrangements. We understand it can be confusing at times but the changes are necessary to ensure the children remain safe, accounted for and have safe transit throughout the transport and parent pick up areas. In the bigger picture I am working with the Department and the P and C to develop further a safe and secure boundary for our school and improved vehicle & pedestrian usage on the campus. The parents of the ECDP using F block and G block have been great and have slowed down their driving speed as well as being very supportive of the need to have the large gates on the road leading to the ECPD closed at times so we can enable safe passage of students transiting on foot- Thank you! Further developments in this area will be presented at the next P and C meeting.

Please note Q Parents is coming to our school. Please refer to admin notice in this newsletter.

In partnership
Shauna St George
Dear Parents and Carers

With school back up and running for 2016, our CE classes are already involved in many exciting and engaging learning experiences. In our ECDP, we have welcomed one new student and have one ready for their enrolment process to begin. The little ones will be learning all about colours this term. As per usual, there have been outstanding developments in their standing, stepping, grasping and mobility.

This year, many of you will be aware that there have been minor changes to the look of the CE program with our Junior class moving to D Block. As mentioned last newsletter this move was planned to increase our students’ involvement in the rest of our campus’ Junior cohort. Kelly and the CE staff are committed to working with the rest of their colleagues in the CE program and establishing close links with the staff and students in the Junior school as well.

Our Middle school classes have been developing their curriculum to include “Outdoor Education” and “Project Based Learning” to their school day. This curriculum is very interactive in its living and non-living science unit, using sensory experiences and technology to engage our learners.

The Junior Secondary class is focusing their Environmental Studies/Science Unit on water conservation. Each week, they will receive extra hands-on support from the St. Laurence College boys to conduct experiments, communicate their responses and expect to head out this semester to explore water in the local community. Our Senior class will embark on a new chapter in their school careers. This will be the first time that a Conductive Education class enters the senior years together but the programming will continue to challenge and excite our students. Lying tasks, standing transfers, mobility programs and switching skills will continue to be integral to our holistic approach to learning. In addition to this, our students will be able to generalise the skills learnt in their various task series in programs such as working in the school café, sail ability, gardening and “arm chair travel”.

As always, please let me know your thoughts and ideas, questions and concerns regarding your young person’s education.

In partnership
Jeff Watts
A/ Deputy Principal

Admin

We are in the process of implementing the Qparent app for smart phones as you would know from the information which we sent home with your child last week.
To download the app, parents will require an email link sent by our school administration which when clicked will prompt them through the set up process.
We are currently in the process of collating the updated information from the returned Student Personal Details forms which should include everyone’s email addresses. If you have not yet returned this form yet please do so asap and please remember to include your email address.
Please also return Media Consent Forms asap – if you require another form please let your class teacher know and they will send home another form with your student.

Leeanne Pedemont
SCHOOL BANKING

This year’s School Banking has started up on Tuesdays again. If your student already has a bank book continue to make deposits. If you would like to start banking, please request a paperwork package, fill out the forms and return them to the office. School based banking is open to students under 18, including siblings of students attending this school.

There are new rewards for 2016, once a student makes ten deposits they can choose one of the following items:
• Flying Snake Tail and Wildlife Writer Set, released Term 1
• Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag, released Term 2
• Backtrack Eraser Pen, and Jump and Skip Rope, released Term 3
• Bush Fly Fan and Wriggly Glow Worm, released Term 4

If you would like any more details please feel free to contact Wendy Windley, EPO on 3308 6333.

WICKET

A very big THANK YOU to all the families that donated to the Student Council’s Wicket Christmas appeal! Through your generous support, we purchased his new bed last week. He was cooler and much more comfortable sleeping during these hot summer nights. It’s really great to see how much Wicket has become part of our community.

Wicket had a relaxing summer break and is very excited to be back at school with all our fantastic students.

Wendy Windley
Acting EPO

P and C

The P and C association have changed the monthly meeting nights to the second Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is also our AGM and is on the 8th of March at 7:00pm in the Staff Room. Please come along and support your school through the P and C.

Please note that information regarding nominations for executive positions and meeting agenda will be sent home with the children shortly.

Please have a look out for this and consider supporting our P and C.
School Notices

Able Clothing emerged as a clothing alteration service for families and carers who struggled to find clothing suitable for their loved ones. We now have an exciting clothing collection to choose from where product designs are customised with children with special needs in mind. Our adapted clothing range offers comfort and efficiency as they are equipped with special features to make dressing time a breeze. The vision of Able Clothing is to provide a clothing range which is comfortable, dignified but also stylish at the same time.

Please Call Marcelina on 0404 768 798. Visit our website: www.ableclothing.com.au or find us on Facebook.

Below are some of our items:

If you are interested in a viewing on Monday 7 March @ at 9am -10am at the school, please RSVP Nursery Road SSS reception. Please note:

Viewing will only take place if there are at least 5 parents/caretakers interested.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

2016

P & C AGM
8th of March
@ 7pm in staff room

Last day of term 1
24 March

Good Friday
25th of March

Easter Monday
28th of March

First day of term 2
11th of April

P & C meetings

Term 2
12th of April
10th of May
14th of June