

Welcome to Week 1 2018

Tuesday 1st May 2018

What a great start!

Today was a very happy and positive start to Term 2 for our students. This term is only nine weeks long but it is a very busy one. May I ask parents to keep in touch with the school through our Connect Notice 'News from the Garden', Facebook and most importantly your child's classroom teacher.

Yesterday my staff and I had a busy day of professional learning. The morning was spent working with Taniera Hawke-Hohepa as she shared key understandings from Maori culture. The session was informative, challenging and relevant to our school community. We look forward to a working with Taniera and her husband David as we seek to build our understanding of Maori culture and engage our Maori families. Attached is an invitation for your child to join a Kapahaka group at our school next Tuesday afternoon in the covered assembly area from 3 – 4 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child and school community and I do encourage you to read the information attached and return the expression of interest form.

Yesterday my staff also spent time extending their understanding of how to explicitly teach social and emotional skills and address mental health concerns in our students. Claire Orange who wrote the program 'Highway Heroes' which our school uses to support our staff teach social and emotional skills was the visiting presenter. Her presentation was also challenging and informative and my staff responded very positively. I have attached some information about the program 'Highway Heroes' for your information.

School Planner

The latest Term 2 Planner is attached and I wish to draw your attention to some special events coming up in the next few weeks.

Footy Focus

Footy Focus started today and thanks to Mr Gardiner and Mr Richardson there was lots of learning and lots of fun.



After School Netball Commences this Thursday

Netball for Years 3 -6 students commences this Thursday afternoon on the school courts straight after school. All students who attend must have returned a signed permission form to school prior to the day.

Runners Club on Friday

Our first ever Runners Club commences this Friday at 7.45am on the oval. Students from Years 1 -6 are invited to attend every Friday morning before school. What a great chance to learn how to run correctly and to build fitness. All students who attend must have returned a signed permission form to school prior to the day.

Year 6 School Camp

Our Year 6 students are off to camp at Woodman Point next week from Wednesday to Friday. This is a very important part of the school curriculum and we thank all families involved for their willingness to pay the costs involved. The children who attend will grow personally and build their capacity to work as a team and develop leadership skills. They will also have an awesome time!

Junior and Senior Choir Rehearsals

Don't forget Junior and Senior Choir rehearsals commence this week for Term 2. Mrs Graham has lots of performances planned so please ensure you attend regularly and on time. The Junior Choir will be performing next Wednesday evening at Bunnings and a note will go home this week seeking parent support in taking them to Bunnings for this community event.

Walk Safely to School Day Breakfast

We are very excited to announce our next whole school breakfast is on Friday 18th May from 7.30 am. 98.5 FM Sunshine Radio will be broadcasting live from our school and it is also Walk Safely to School Day. So leave the cars at home and walk to school for a yummy healthy breakfast and a happy time shared with your school community.

A message from your P & C



Welcome to Term 2!

The P&C has a Calendar of events planned for the remainder of the year. We are seeking more parent helpers so we can make these events happen and create a vibrant community for our students and their families. Tasks can be as little as ordering buns for a sausage sizzle to booking a supplier for an event or shopping for event items. If you're a savvy shopper we'd love you help! Our

events cannot run without the help of our parent community. We are seeking helpers for our Mothers Day Pop up Shop, If you are able to help please get in touch with Kirsty,

We are also still seeking helpers for our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on the 12th May, Shifts are 8-10am, 10-12 noon, 12-2pm, 2-4pm, Please call Kirsty on 0423984093 if you are available to help,

Next Meeting Thursday 10th May at 6.30pm in the conference room. Due to unforeseen circumstances our meeting has changed from the 16th May

Thanks

Your P&C team!

Half Day School Closure

Please note that in the last week of this term all teachers will be available for Parent / Teacher meetings following the release of the Semester 1 student reports on Friday 22nd June. **The school will be closed from 12 pm on Tuesday 26th June to allow teachers some additional time to conduct these interviews.** An interview schedule will be published in the weeks to come and parents will be able to book their interview times using an online booking system. We do hope every parent will take this opportunity to join with your children's teachers in taking shared responsibility for your children's progress and development. Please note that if you cannot make other arrangements for your children on the 26th June from 12 pm we will provide supervision, however the regular class and school programs will not run. This half day closure is approved by the Regional Director from the Department of Education.

School Jackets

As the weather gets cool and your child needs a jacket please be aware we do not stock school jackets on site. We have sample jackets to try on for size only. All school jackets must be ordered through Willetton Uniforms <https://www.willettonuniforms.com.au/> who will deliver

weekly to the school. **If you cannot buy a school jacket for any reason can I ask you to send your child to school in a plain navy blue windcheater or jacket.** These can be bought very cheaply from shops like Spendless, Target or K Mart. We would like to ensure all students are dressed according to our school's uniform code as this creates a sense of pride in our school.

Congratulations to the Johnston Family

Congratulations to the Johnston Family (Alex and Jacob) who won our Early Bird prize for paying their school voluntary contributions. This lucky family has won a family pass to the movies! We thank all families who have paid their contributions. You really do help us provide valuable and much needed resources for our new school. All families who pay by the beginning of Term 4 will go in the running to win a new bike! More details to come soon.

I am always keen to hear from parents and encourage you to contact me with feedback or suggestions to make our school even better. Please phone me, stop in for a chat or email me at Jayne.ebsworthy@education.wa.edu.au

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