



News from

# The Garden



**Welcome to Week 4 Term 1 2020**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## **How can we work together to achieve our Vision?**

Last week I focussed on how we can support children manage trauma and the hard times life brings. We looked at the Smiling Minds Mindfulness App that can support children to manage and deal with trauma minimising the impact on their learning.

This week I want to encourage parents to ensure their children are sent to school with their basic requirements.

After nearly 40 years working in schools teaching and leading I have seen how children react when they don't have the basic requirements for school. I have seen the look on their faces when they don't have classroom stationary items such as scissors and glue and they are forced to borrow from others. I have witnessed the frustration of children who want to be free to play outside but do not bring a hat to school and I have seen the embarrassment of students who don't have a healthy lunch or recess snack. Children try to be very brave and they pretend it doesn't matter, however it is very evident it does matter to them. Not having the basic school requirements does impact significantly on their self esteem and their ability to focus on their learning. When you are worried about what you don't have then your brain is not freed up to focus on the learning.

Parents can you please check that your child has:

- All their stationary items listed on the booklist
- A Soundwaves workbook (Years 3-6 only and available from the office)
- A hat in their bag every day
- A library bag so they can borrow books from our library
- Crunch and Sip fruit or veg snack
- A healthy recess snack that can be easily opened and eaten in the short recess time frame
- A healthy lunch with minimal packaging

I know every parent wants their children to be equipped to learn and grow and I do understand that some parents are struggling financially. May I encourage anyone experiencing financial difficulty providing these items for their children to come and see me so we can seek some support for you.

I am also eager to hear from a business, organisation or group who would be willing to provide funds for families who need some support to buy basic items for their children. In my previous school a generous business owner provided some funds for the school to use to support families provide basic school requirements. If your business could help us in this way, or if you know a business keen to give a small amount of money back to the local community I would love to hear from you. We would promote this business on our Facebook page and in our newsletter.

Let's not forget our Vision! Staff and parents working together to allow your children the opportunity to thrive.



## **Our School Vision**

To nurture students in a safe and supportive learning environment where parents and staff take shared responsibility for student growth and development, resulting in students who thrive and a community that flourishes.



## **Swimming Carnival**

Our school swimming carnival is coming up very soon for all students in years 4-6. You should have already received a permission note. Please note this carnival is for everyone and caters for all swimming levels. This will be a fun school event where we can celebrate

those students who are capable swimmers, build a team spirit through our faction competition and provide an opportunity for all our students to have fun and be active. I have attached the permission form if you have misplaced the one sent home. These forms are due back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (next Tuesday).

**Assembly TOMORROW Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

We are hoping you can join us for our assembly tomorrow. Mrs Ashwood's Year 4 class will be leading our assembly and also entertaining us. Come along and enjoy this very special community event.

### **Nourish Coffee Van**

The good news is that Judy from Nourish Coffee will be moving her van down closer to the assembly area on Thursday assembly days. This will make it very easy for you to grab a coffee and something to eat before or after the assembly. Judy is moving her van down from her usual spot near the Early Childhood entrance just for community assembly weeks and will remain at the Early Childhood gate on the other weeks. Judy gives a very generous commission to our P & C from her food and coffee sales and we are very grateful for her support. So enjoy a hot cuppa while you watch the assembly and at the same time support your P & C.



### **Public Holiday**

Don't forget it is a public holiday this Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Have a happy extended weekend with your family. Here is a link to fun places to go over the weekend. The app allows you to search for playgrounds close to home. Active kids are happy kids!

<https://www.natureplaywa.org.au>



### **Fundraiser - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Students are invited to order a lunch order from Subway on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Funds raised will be going towards subsidising the cost of buses for excursions throughout the year.

Lunch orders are \$6.00 per student. This includes a 6 inch sub and drink.

Please find attached the order envelope to complete and return with the correct money **(CASH ONLY)** to the front administration office.

Orders are due Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 2020. **No late orders will be accepted.**

Kind Regards

Jayne Ebsworthy  
Principal



### **News from the P & C**



Our AGM is being held TONIGHT **26<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm** in the conference room. All new and returning members are invited to join us. If you are interested in joining the P&C for 2020 we will have membership forms available on the night - and bring your \$1 joining fee. If you can't make the AGM you are still welcome to join.



### **Change of contact details?**

Please let us know if your contact details change. We need accurate information in an emergency. If there are court orders in place please ensure we have the latest court orders and if the orders are no longer in place please inform us.

### **Medication**

If your child requires medication at school please send the medication in the original prescription packaging with the child's name on it and the instructions. This is to ensure there is no confusion about the medication and who it belongs to.

### **International Mother Language Day**



Last Friday was International Mother Language Day. It is a day to celebrate all the beautiful different languages we speak.

Do you speak another language? If you do, we would like to hear from you. Please phone the school and leave a message for me.

*Kind regards, Mit freundlichen Grüßen*

**Lisa Maria Merta**

### **School Board 2020**

There have been some changes in the membership of our School Board. Members have different terms of service when elected and therefore every year there will be changes to the Board membership. On Thursday evening we will welcome the following new members to our first meeting for 2020:

Gillian Clifford (parent)  
Kerry Gibson (teacher)  
Rochelle Taylor (teacher)  
David Batt (re elected to the teacher position)

These people join the following existing school Board members:

Kat Lothian (parent) Board Chair  
Brad Schiller (parent)  
Katrina Glenn (parent)  
Jayne Ebsworthy (Principal)

Tamra Law (Ex officio member : Administration)

The Board has a very important role in the Governance of our school and I am fortunate to have such a committed and capable group of people working alongside me. This year our school is being formally reviewed and the Board will be actively involved in this process.

**Thank you to our chaplain Deb Cunningham!**



This week we farewelled our school Chaplain Deb Cunningham who has decided to consolidate the number of schools she works in. We are very sorry to see her go and we thank her for her work with staff, students and parents. We will soon have the opportunity to select a new chaplain so this very important work can continue.

*Jayne Ebsworthy*

**Principal**

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