

Newsletter

Thursday 29th June 2017

Principal: Alex Artavilla
School Council President: Kylie Barker

School Supervision Times:
8.45am - 9.00am
3.15pm - 3.30pm

Uniform Shop Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday
8.45am - 9.15am / 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Key reminders:

Last Day of Term Tomorrow

School Finishes at 2.30pm

Dates to remember 2017:

Term 2

Friday 30th June
Last Day of Term
2.30pm finish

Term 3

Monday 17th July
First Day of Term 9.00 start

Monday 17th July

Footsteps Dance Program
Will be held every Monday or
Tuesday for the term.

Monday 21st August – 25th
Book Week

Friday 25th August

Dress Up Day for Book Week

Monday 4th September

Swimming Program Starts

Term 4

Monday 6th November

Curriculum Day – No Student
at School

**Don't forget if you
have a sibling to be
enrolled for next year,
can you please hand in
your enrolment as
soon as possible to
help with planning**


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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for all your support over the past 11 weeks. It is amazing how quick the school holidays come around each term!

Thank you to the parents/carers that were able to come along to the Parent/Teacher meetings this week.

Key dates/events for 'Term Three' so far include:

- Footsteps Dance program commences on the first day back, and for every Monday or Tuesday (depends on class) for the rest of the term. Dances will be showcased at the 'Festive Concert' at the end of the year.
- 'Swimming Program' for students in Years Prep to 4 commences on 4th of September.
- 'Book Week' 21st to the 25th of August. Will include Author Visit Roland Harvey and a dress up day on the 25th August around the theme 'Escape to Everywhere'

Holidays!

Don't forget that it's ok for your children to be bored over the two-week period as it forces them to use their imagination and to be creative! Making something out of nothing is the most exciting thing that a child can do! I know when I was growing up my brother and I turned our BMX bikes into motorbikes by adding a piece of cardboard to the spokes of the wheel! We pretended we were the stars of the TV Show 'Chips' for the whole holidays!

However if you need some ideas of things that you and or your children could do over the break I have prepared some 'family homework'!

Family Homework Challenge Number One!

Having been inspired by the ABC Show 'War on Waste', I am keen for us as a school community to have our own 'War on Waste'. However, for our 'War on Waste' to be successful, we need the students to be the drivers and inspirations behind the actions that we take! This is something that we have already spoken about as a whole school.



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For me, the show really opened up my eyes to the amount of waste that there is in the world. It also opened up my eyes to the fact that even though we may put our rubbish in the bin, the pile of waste needs to end up somewhere (it doesn't just magically disappear).

A few weeks ago after a school day, I cleaned up every piece of rubbish that was in the yard. The next day myself and a group of students collected the rubbish that we found in the yard after one 30 minute recess break. To our astonishment, we ended up collecting '6' supermarket bags full of rubbish! '6' full bags over one break after just 30 minutes! Lots of chip packets and prima boxes! It confirmed to me that we need to do something different and that the students need to be the drivers of this.

After the recess experience, I decided to meet with the whole school in the gym at the start of lunch to share what we had discovered and to see if they could help me come up with a plan to reduce the amount of waste at school. At this meeting, we talked about things such as:

- If we didn't clean up the rubbish at the end of each day, how many rubbish bags would there be after a day, week, term, years?
- What happens to the waste that is left on the ground?
- Why we need to care for our environment?

We celebrated things that a number of students in the school are doing already to take care of our environment and to reduce the amount of waste in the world. This included:

- Rubbish free lunches
- Using the compost bins

I said to the students that despite what we are doing and how much we care for the environment, the six bags of waste that were collected at recess would probably make people that are not from our school think that we don't care for the place where we live. We needed to work as a team to solve this problem.

So I said to the students, *'For all that we have tried, we still have a long way to go, and I need your help to decide on what we need to do next to reduce the amount of waste that is found in the world and our school'*. The students were fantastic! They shared many ideas but most importantly, they had the courage to make us think much deeper.

2017 Book Packs

Book Pack Payments are now due.

Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated. If you require assistance, please see the office.

Thank you

Fundraising

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| Pop Up Book Store | \$4,757.88 |
| Easter Raffle | \$ 928.00 |
| Mother's Day | \$ 815.60 |

Last day of Term 2 is tomorrow the 30th June. School finishes at 2.30pm. Please also note that this is a casual dress day.

SIGN EXCURSION PERMISSION NOTICES VIA YOUR PHONE

"BIG NEWS"

To make things even easier when trying to organise payment and permission notes for excursions, you can now sign permission notices when you pay on QKR.

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Ideas that were raised included:

- Maybe we need more bins in the yard. A comment from a student about this idea was, *'Even if we put more bins in the yard, it doesn't mean we are reducing the amount of waste in the world. We are actually collecting more waste'*.
- Maybe we need to pick up rubbish when we see it on the ground. A comment from a student about this idea was, *'But imagine if there was nothing to pick up'*.
- Maybe we need to leave our waste in our lunchboxes or at home. A comment from a student about this idea was, *'But wouldn't that waste still need to go in the bin and that bin would end up in a wasteland'*.

So this is my challenge to the students that I am hoping that could be discussed as a family over the holidays.

What actions do we need to take as a school to begin our own 'War on Waste'?

It is a huge and exciting challenge, but one that needs to be inspired and driven by the students themselves! It may be small steps that we take, but at least we are moving forward in what we are aiming to achieve. It will also be a challenge that will require the support of all students, all staff and all parents.

I'm looking for a team of students to lead this, and I'm hoping parents/carers could inspire their child, and help them develop and shape their ideas!

Please ask your child to write up their action plan and to share their ideas with me during the first week back in Term 3. Could your child place their ideas in an envelope with their name on it. They can then pass on their envelope to the office.

Good luck and I hope it turns out to be an exciting and rewarding family experience!

Thanks again for all your support!

Look forward to seeing everyone back for another exciting term in two weeks!

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Alex Artavilla
Principal

Swimming update for students Year Prep to 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder before we go into the holidays that we are running out of places for the Prep to 4 swimming program. With well over sixty people having taken up this fantastic offer, spaces are running out rapidly. Payments can be made through a variety of methods before the holidays and after, but they can also be made during the break using the QKR payment selection, reminder that you can now sign your permission notice on QKR as well. After the number of 120 students is reached, all excess students will go on to a waiting list. The space allocation will be determined by date and time of payment.

At the pool, the students per instructor are capped by law to a maximum of 10 and the buses, which are seat-belted, have a limited amount of space. I urge you to get in as quickly as possible to avoid disappointment. Have an enjoyable time with your children over the break and stay safe and happy.

Regards Leo Damnicis
Swimming Coordinator

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