

# Newsletter

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

- Public Holiday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Parent Teacher Interviews 28<sup>th</sup> June

## Dates to remember 2017:

### Term 2

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
The History Box Incursion

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
No School Public Holiday

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
Reports sent home

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
Parent Teacher Interviews

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
Last Day of Term 2.30pm finish

**Term 3**  
Dates to remember

### Term 4

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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,


It looks like the cooler weather has finally settled in which makes it a challenge for everyone to get up early in the morning!

For the newsletter this week, I just wanted to give everyone a bit of an outline of what has been happening at the school. Firstly, I wanted to welcome back educational consultants Vicki Froomes and Alan Wright who have both joined us once again in 2017 to continue to inspire and challenge the way we support students to develop the behaviours of a reader and writer. In 2017, Alan and Vicki will spend most of their time working with teachers in the Year 3 to 6 area both in the classroom and in professional learning team meetings.

Over the past few weeks teachers have also spent time working with students from their class individually to administer a variety of assessment tasks. The purpose of these assessment tasks is to give the teachers the opportunity to gather further information about how their students are progressing as learners so that they can continually support their development. This includes the strategies that students are using to read and solve mathematical problems. This information is used immediately by the teachers to plan learning experiences that meet the needs of the students. It also provides information to the teacher about the positive impact they are having on a child's development. Please note that to support the teachers in gathering this information as soon as possible, teachers have been provided with extra release time to conduct these one to one assessments. The information gathered from these assessments is valuable and ensures that we are doing all that we can to meet the needs of the students.

We have also established a number of staff 'working parties' to explore and investigate ways that we can enhance student learning. The use of working parties enables a number of staff to take on authentic leadership opportunities. One of the working parties that was established at the beginning of the year was focused around exploring ways that we as a school can enhance the creative and inquisitive thinking skills of the

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students. The group will be focussing on what we do well now, and providing future recommendations. This working party includes members from a variety of year levels and members are sort via an expression of interest.

### Peer Review – preparing our 2018 to 2022 School Strategic Plan

We are also currently in the middle of our 'review' to develop new actions, goals and targets for the next four years. The actions, goals and targets that we select will be dependent on what the Departmental data is saying about the school, and the Department's 'Framework for Improving Student Outcomes' model. The 'Framework for Improving Student Outcomes' identifies researched based elements which are essential for schools to have in place to improve student outcomes.

Some of the things that we have already identified as a staff that we are keen to enhance includes further challenging and supporting students that are working above the expected expectations in the Year 3 to 6 area. We have currently had a number of conversations with a number of students, staff and parents to explore what we are currently doing well and what we can do better.

### Big School Survey

I also just wanted to share some of the actions that we are looking at taking immediately thanks to the feedback from the 'Our Big School Survey'. This includes feedback regarding the possibility of providing leadership opportunities for students in the Year Prep to 4 area. Mrs Noel and I have been brainstorming many ideas and have a draft plan to share with students, staff and parents in the coming weeks. The plan centres around the idea of giving students as many opportunities as possible to take on a leadership role. This would be achieved through a flexible 'working party' model that would focus on key issues. We are currently finalising the plan and hoping to share with staff for input in the coming days.

Finally reminder that Parent Teacher meetings are on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Codes to book an interview online will be sent home in the coming days.

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Alex Artavilla  
Principal

### 2017 Book Packs

**We still have a number of outstanding Book Pack payments which are now overdue. If you need assistance, please come and see the office. Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated. Thank you**

### Fundraising

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

### Interschool Sport Draw for Winter Sport 2017

Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June away against Our Lady's – Travelling by Bus

### Save the Date...

Please note 1B & 1C's Parent Teacher Interviews will occur on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Information to book online has been sent home this week.

All other grades interviews will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June.

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**Student of the week:**  
Will be awarded at assembly

**PREP**

A Muhammad Omar  
B Betty Bogdan  
C Liam Whitehead

**ONE**

A Deakin Yalniz  
B Rizu Shrestha  
C Levi Dimkovski  
D Nessie Le

**TWO**

A Darlene Nguyen  
B Owen Anderson  
C Nam Nguyen

**THREE**

A Kayla Kagioglou  
B Aleisha Bentley  
3/4A Anika sato

**FOUR**

A Lana Schulz  
B Nick Truong

**FIVE**

A Merita Tuala-Visesio  
B Leo Suprihartono

**SIX**

A TBA  
B TBA

Multimedia: Joshua Ricardo  
Art: Youssef Mesto  
Sport: TBA  
Spanish: Akeelah Mabuoc Gray  
Science: Claudia Nguyen

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