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NEWSLETTER

Newsletter No.1

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019 school year.

It has been a very smooth start to the year. As you would have noticed there has been a change to the time that the classrooms open in the morning. It came to my attention last year that the Non instruction time entitlement was not compliant with the industrial agreement. Three time tables were presented to the staff to correct this and the current model was chosen, taken to governing council and approved. The effect of this means that the classrooms do not open until 8.45am and recess begins at 10.55am for 20 mins. The rest of the day remains the same. Supervision in the yard, near the learning centre, in the morning begins at 8.30am and we are asking that all children head to Area 1 (near the canteen) until this time. I am humbled to see so many volunteers so early in the year. A positive partnership between the community and school always has positive outcomes for student learning.

In week 4 we undergo our external review. This is an extensive process where a peer principal and review officer examine our school, processes, student learning and achievement over two days. They will interview staff, students and families about their experience at Mulga Street and inquire into practices and pedagogy and provide us with feedback.

Also in week 4 we will hold our acquaintance night. Teachers will give a short presentation about the outcomes of the Quality Start program and outline class expectations and future learning directions. It will be an opportunity to ask how you are able to best support your child whilst grabbing a sausage from the parent club BBQ. Keep an eye out further information.

I would particularly like to welcome our new students, new staff and returning staff.

Current Staffing 2019

Principal

Mrs Mardi McClintock

Deputy Principal

Mrs Tamarin Condon

Wellbeing Leader

Mr James Egan

Yr 6/7

Paul Frost

Yr 6/7

Sophie Adamopoulos

Yr 6/7

Alison Whibley/Keston Green

Yr 5/6

Trudi Naughton

Yr 4/5

Amanda Wright

Yr 4/5

Jason Proud/Keston Green

Yr 3/4

Fiona Punton

Yr 2

Angela Roberts

Yr 2/3

Gail Lewis/Jacquilyn Bradley

Yr 2/3

Gaynor Whitby

Yr 1

Jess Kipping

Yr 1

Hayley Meyer/Leesa Little

Foundation/Yr 1

Jess Hill

Foundation

Emily Perryman

Foundation

Chris Schebella/Robyn Williams

Specialist Teachers

LOTE

Maria Corfield

HASS/AET

Alison Martin

Health/PE

Tom Renzi

The Arts

Samara Greer

Ancillary Staff

Ms Sarah Holloway

Mrs Sue Shaw

Ms Helen Staskevicius

Ms Kylie McManus

Mrs Karen Pink

Mrs Naomi Ferguson

Mr Stephen Osborne

Computer Systems Manager

Mrs Leeanne Tincknell

Mr Dave Marshall

Grounds/ Student Support

Ms Bec Radford

Ms Fiona McIntyre

Mrs Nicole Gordon

Mrs Linda Watson

Mr Rob O'Brien

Mr Stephen Wanganeen

Aboriginal Education Worker

Mr Ken Milsop

Mrs Pam Young

Pastoral Care Worker

Director Education & Care Children's Centre –

Mrs Pauline Bosco

Director

Mrs Michele Hall

Teacher

Ms Rebecca Devlin

Teacher

Ms Gabriell Knogl

Teacher

Mrs Rebecca Smith

Admin/Student Support

Miss Lauren Lowe

Student Support

Mrs Brooke Willard

Occasional Care Support

Mrs Kelly Williams

Family Service Coordinator

Ms Fiona Pulford

Community Development

Coordinator

We welcome the following students to Mulga Street PS in 2019, including 38 new Reception students and we hope their time with us is both educationally rewarding and enjoyable:

Mac, Thomas, Elana, Scarlett, Thiri, Ana, Tucker, Elva, Bella, Casey, Anna, Rock, Seth, Kelsie, Stephanie, Alexis, Blaire, Ajyaye, Ryder, Chelsea, Addison, Madison, Payton, Agapé, Kaydence, Phoebe, Grace, Zayne, Jorja, Asha, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Issac, Joey, Gracie, Jaxson, Mackenna, Ayla, Seth, Nim, Chayce, Brady, Riley, Alistair, Chloe, Vincent, Trey, Laylah.

Mardi McClintock

Tamarin Condon

Principal

Deputy Principal



IMPORTANT DATES

- 18th February Swimming Lessons begin
- 20th February Acquaintance Night
- Governing Council AGM
- 8th March Pupil Free Day (Tentative)
- 11th March Adelaide Cup Holiday
- 22nd March Pupil Free Day (Tentative)
- 28th & 29th March Noorla Yo Long Excursion
- 2nd – 4th April Year 7 Aquatics Camp

WELLBEING



Attendance

Welcome to 2019. I hope your child has had a wonderful start to the year. I wanted to take this opportunity to either inform you or remind you of the lateness and absenteeism processes and how important your child's attendance is at school.

Going to School Matters

Regular attendance at school not only improves student's future life choices but also benefits others including parents, teachers and classmates.

The likelihood of success in learning is strongly linked to regular attendance and appropriate participation in educational programs. It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age; even from the time they are enrolled in preschool.

Children and students who have poor patterns of attendance are at risk of not achieving their educational, social or psychological potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in life.

Did You Know?

Being absent five days a term from Reception to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of school missed!!

Each morning teachers are required to complete daily lateness and absentees in their roll book. I thought it was important for parents to have some understanding of the times and requirements involved in this process.

Lateness/Absenteeism

Lateness- A child arriving to class after 8:45am is to be marked as late in the roll book, however will **not** be required to sign in at the Front Office.

Sign in sheet- A child arriving after 9:00am is marked as late in the roll book and **is** required to sign in at the Front Office.

Morning absent- A child arriving to class after 10:45am is to be marked as a morning absence in the roll book.

Afternoon absent- A child leaving class after 12 noon and not returning to school is to be marked as an afternoon absence in the roll book.

Early departure- A child leaving class after 2:30pm and not returning to school is to be marked as an early departure in the roll book.

Thanks
James Egan

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Students receive catalogues twice a term. There are books for all budgets starting from \$2, ideal for gifts and to encourage children to read. Orders placed earn rewards that are used to purchase books for our Library.

Last year we earned \$851 in rewards, so thank you to everyone who ordered as this enabled us to purchase more great books for the students to read.

You can order and pay online via LOOP, following the instructions on the order form. If you have any questions call Scholastic customer service 1800 021 233 Mon – Fri 8.30 - 4.30 or see Karen in the Library. Please note you can still order through the Front Office if you prefer. If you have any questions about the Library please ask Karen.

Karen Pink
Library Manager

CANTEEN

Welcome back to 2019. Hope you all had a great Christmas. Please note, there have been a couple of price changes. If you haven't done so already, please remember to update your child's details on our Qkr! App. It's very important to make sure your child's lunch gets sent to the right class.

Leeanne Tincknell
Canteen Manager

QKR! APP



Don't forget to download the Qkr! App on your phone or tablet. Search for the app in the app store, this is a new easier payment option we are making available to parents to pay for school/preschool/music fees, uniforms, excursions, incursion and pay for lunches from our canteen. For more information on how to install please contact the front office.

