

KINDNESS

WELLBEING

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

TERM ONE

Mon Feb 11	Curriculum Day – Students do not attend school
Mon March 11	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed March 20	Presentation – Prep to 2 'Being Brave' (no cost)
Thu March 21	Family Night
Mon March 25	Presentation – 3 to 6 'Being Brave' (no cost)
Tue March 26	Year Six Camp
Wed March 27	Year Six Camp
Thu March 28	Year Six Camp
Thu March 28	Prep BBQ – 5.00pm to 6.30pm (no cost)
Thu April 4	School Photos
Fri April 5	Casual Day – Cuthbert House -
Fri April 5	Last Day of Term – 2.30pm dismissal

**DON'T
FORGET**

**CURRICULUM DAY MONDAY
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND**

'Meet the Teacher' – Prep Parents/Carers



Prep parents/carers have had a number of opportunities to meet their child's class teacher including the transition sessions in 2018, before and after school and when bringing their child to school for the one-on-one interview.

Another opportunity will be provided at the Prep BBQ on Thursday 28th March. A separate note will be sent home regarding arrangements for the BBQ.

'Meet the Teacher' – Years 1 to 6

This year we will be trialling a different approach to the traditional 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon/evening. With increased enrolments it has become difficult to manage looking after the children in the afternoon to allow these meetings to start prior to school finishing. We also know that many parents are regularly in touch with teachers and attend these meetings because they feel they should.

We believe that it is extremely important that contact is made between teachers and parents early in the school year for the exchange of important information and to establish the home/school relationship.

This year, your child's classroom teacher will contact you for a chat either at school (if you drop off or pick up your child) or by phone. During this chat your child's class teacher will provide you with information regarding how your child has settled in to school this year. They will ask you if you have any information you would like to share and what goals you have for your child this year.

For children on the Program for Students with Disabilities and SSG will be arranged in the coming weeks with the same intention and sharing of information.

If for any reason you need to talk to your child's class teacher prior to them contacting you, please do not hesitate to phone and make an appointment. The 'Meet the Teacher' arrangements are in place to ensure every family is contacted in term one.

Emergency Processes

This week we commenced our emergency drills. While for students in years one to six the drills are quite familiar it was the first time for our Prep students and they were fantastic. The emergency siren interests the students with them asking where it comes from and imitating the noise – we apologise if your child came home and spent the night demonstrating this to you.

One of our processes is an evacuation to Ginifer Reserve. We did this on Thursday and were most impressed with the way the children conducted themselves

As we go through these processes we identify improvements and update practices accordingly.



School Information - Policies

Our school policies can be found on the school website. As policies are developed and approved by School Council they will be added to the website. At present the following policies can be found on the website:

Anaphylaxis	Asthma
Attendance	Bullying Prevention
Child Safe	Class Placement
Digital Technologies	First Aid
Inclusion and Diversity	Medication
Mobile Phones	Privacy
Restraint of Children	Sun Smart

Car Parking on School Grounds
Personal Accident / Personal Property Insurance
Statement of Values and School Philosophy
Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Inclusion

Parents seeking further information regarding school policies and procedures are welcome to make an appointment with Cathie or Suzy.

School Website

We are currently updating our school website to ensure information parents need is available. If you have any suggestions as to what should or could be included on the website please contact Cathie.



Late Arrivals

It has been pleasing to note a reduction in the number of students arriving late to school each day so far this year. Arriving on time is extremely important for a number of reasons.

Anxiety

Students who arrive late often feel anxious as they know the school day has commenced and they have to walk into the classroom when everyone has started. This anxiety can reduce their capacity to learn until they settle.

Missed Opportunities

At the start of each day, teachers welcome students and go through the agenda for the day. This allows students to make the transition from home to school and prepares them for a day of learning. Often important information is communicated to students at this time. It is vital that students feel part of the class team which is established at this time.

Development of Habits

Punctuality is a habit and an important life skill and the foundation for this habit is developed when children are young. Children need to know that being 'on time' is important, shows respect and allows them to make the most of opportunities.

Preparing for Secondary School

Parents often ask how they can help prepare their child for secondary school. Last year I spoke to staff at our local secondary school about this and the first response was 'time management'. If students start secondary school with good time management skills such as being punctual and being able to organise themselves to be on time they are well on their way to being successful students.

School Values



As part of our Positive School Wide Behaviour work this year we will be focussing on the school values. As mentioned in the newsletter last week, students have been learning about the values in their classrooms. Information regarding the values will be included in the newsletter and presentations will be made during school assembly.

You can support your child by continuing to discuss the values at home and highlighting when your child demonstrates them.

School Assembly

School assembly is held every Friday afternoon (unless otherwise notified) in the gym, commencing at 2.50pm. Parents are asked to sit at the back on the chairs provided. This allows us to keep the sides of the gym free should an evacuation be necessary.

Our school captains run this assembly and made a fantastic start to this last week. Often adults find it difficult to stand up and talk in front of a large group. While our captains were nervous they showed resilience and pride on their first day of assembly duty.

QKR Update



If you utilise QKR for school payments, please make sure you update your children's profile to reflect their 2019 class. Thank you

Grade 6 Uniforms

Grade six uniforms have arrived. Those ordered and paid in full have been delivered to students today. Those with a balance owing are available from the office for collection on payment of final instalment.

Staff News – Mrs Humplik



Congratulations to Mrs Humplik who has been successful in her application for a Business Manager position at St Albans Heights Primary School for the remainder of the 2019 school year. This is a promotion position for Lisa and an excellent opportunity for her to further develop her knowledge and skills in regard to school operations.

A temporary replacement staff member will be sourced over the coming days to work in the office while we go through the recruitment process to secure a staff member for the rest of the year.