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Dates To Remember

Year 4 Excursion - 25 August
Prep Excursion - 27 August
Canberra 2016 Deposit Due - 7 September

From The Principal

Sports Day for Kindy to Year 3

Another wonderful sports day for our younger children. Thanks to Tony for the overall organisation of this popular event and to staff, students and parents, including the Tuckshop Team, for making it such a success. It is great to have the Kindy Kids participating in our early childhood events.

Community Hub

A huge thank you to Shelly Yip, who has been our Community Hub Leader over the last 18 months. Shelly has built strong links into the wider community and been able to access services for children, not just within the school, but for parents and children who are not yet of school age. We will really miss her when she leaves in a few weeks' time. We are currently in the process of obtaining applications for this position and interviews will be taking place next week. We hope to be able to announce Shelly's replacement by the end of next week. You will also have noticed another person around the school. This is Naomi Mills. She is working in the Hub on Fridays and will be focusing on a range of crafty activities for parents in this area.

Abacadarian Approach to Early Literacy

Several meetings have already been held to get this program up and running in our local community. It is research-based literacy program which helps support parents of young children with fun ideas and activities that help develop early literacy skills. It focuses mainly on children in the 0-5 years of age and also extends into the early years of schooling. It involves the training of a range of people from a range of services in the community including education. The training program commences soon. More information will be shared as it comes to hand.

WNSS Looking Good

We have a lot of facilities improvement activities taking place at present. These include painting, replacement of doors, plumbing, garden improvements and other items that are on our planned maintenance list. Thank you for accommodating to the barricades and other safety requirements associated with these works.

Health and Well-being

This year seems to have been a really bad one for illness. Usually, it crops up in Term 3 but this year we seem to have had adults and students becoming sick during Terms 2 and 3. Please take care of yourselves and make sure you are getting adequate sleep (sometimes difficult), eating healthy food and giving yourselves some down time from the busyness of daily life.

Warm Regards, Muriel

Student Council News

26 August - Touch Footy Comp - Every Wednesday Second Break - Oval

27 August - Disco - P-3 First Break, 4-6 Second Break - 50cents to wear free dress but NO disco, 50cents to disco but NO free dress, \$1 to free dress AND disco.

28 August - Daffodil Day - Cancer Council Fundraiser - Wear Yellow - Gold Coin Donation

11 September - Cap Day - \$1 if you wear a cap

NOTICES

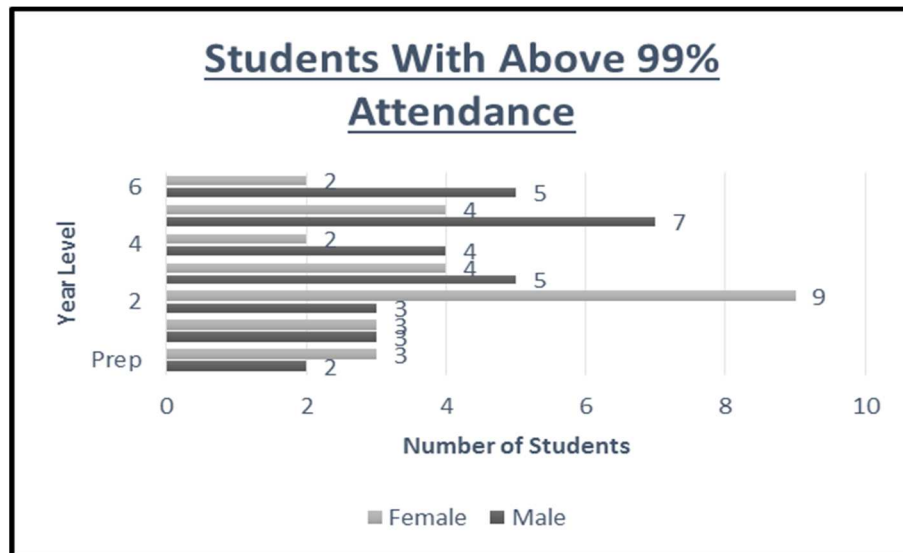
From The Deputy Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to our parents who wait with their student before school. Two weeks ago we ask for their help regarding keeping our students safe during this time and it has been extremely pleasing to have that support. Thank you for sitting in the D Block end of the undercover area.

If you have been in the school during week 5 you would have seen some improvements taking place. We currently have some areas fenced off to keep students safe during this period of refurbishment. Our painters will be onsite for a few more weeks to come, so we would remind students to take notice of the restricted sections and stay safe. Not only are we continuing to improve our school environment, the school continues to provide engaging and worthwhile experiences for students. Our recent Junior Sports Day and Prep Open Day, as well as the upcoming Literacy & Numeracy Week, are fantastic examples of the positive school environment we have the pleasure to share.

Without mentioning individual names I would like to draw attention to the wonderful girls and boys who continue to make every day count (see table below). By being here over 99% of the school year to-date these students are ensuring they can take advantage of the experiences on offer, the ever-improving facilities, and the quality teaching that takes place in every classroom. In particular, Year 2 (12 students) and Year 5 (11 students) appear to be leading the way for high attendance – outstanding!



DP NOTICE BOARD:

~ High school transition experiences are approaching for our Year 5 and 6 students. Students will be provided with documents. Here are some key dates:

@ Mabel Park SHS	@ Woodridge SHS
Year 5 OPEN DAY on Wed. 26 th August	Year 6 EXPERIENCE WOODRIDGE Day on Tue. 15 th September
Year 5 & 6 PARENT INFO session on Wed. 26 th August (4:30pm – 5:30pm)	Year 6 ORIENTATION Day on Thurs. 3 rd December
Year 6 Scholarship Offers Close on Tue. 20 th October	

Sincerely,

Community News

Southern Stars Baseball Club
Regency Dr, Regents Park
Sign on day 22nd August 2015 9am to 2pm
Contact Karen Gallpen 0421 773 768
All age groups from Under 8 to Under 20 & Seniors

Students Arriving Early

Some students have been arriving at school as early as 7am!
There is no supervision for students before 8am. If you require the details of before school care facilities please see our office for a list of those in the area.

School Watch

POLICE: 3826 1888 or 3807 7790 SCHOOL WATCH: 13 17 88 - STATE GOVERNMENT SECURITY: 3224 6666

NOTICES

Woolies Earn & Learn

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



Canberra Camp 2016

After 2 very successful Canberra Camps in 2012 and 2014 we are excited to offer this experience to our year 5 and 6 students in 2016. A letter outlining the details of the camp was sent home last week, if you need another copy feel free to see our office. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is required by September 7th to secure your students spot on this camp.

The cost of the camp depends on the number of students attending and includes:

- Return flights to Sydney from Brisbane
- Return coach travel from Sydney to Canberra and during our stay
- Accommodation at a motel in Canberra
- Three meals plus morning and afternoon tea each day
- All snow clothing and toboggan hire for the snow day
- Entry to all attractions



Year 5 News

Year 5 students should have brought home a note regarding the Year 5 Open Day at Mabel Park State High School on August 26. The cost of the trip will be \$4.40 per person and will need to be paid by August 21.

Mabel Park State High School has planned an exciting day for our year 5 students.

Community Hub News

The Community Hub is now open on Fridays!

All families and children are welcome to come along and all activities are free! Is English your second language? These activities will help you and your children with your English. Learn English vocabulary and practice speaking English.

9:30- Storytime - 0-5 years old.

10:00 – 12:00: Cooking and sewing culture club. Come and cook together. We will eat yummy food and learn to sew.

Any enquiries please contact the Community Hub Leaders, Shelly or Naomi. Drop in at the Community Hub or call 3380 6337.

Prep News

Our excursion is on Thursday 27th of August. Lunch payments are due on the 14th of August and permission forms are due ASAP to classroom teachers. Please be at your child's classroom by 8:15am on the day of the excursion. We will be getting on the bus at the front of the office and will be departing at 8:30am. Children who are late can be driven to Queens Park (Ipswich) by their parent or they will spend the day in a year one classroom. Children who have not presented their excursion permission form prior to the excursion day will not be allowed on the bus and will spend the day in a year one classroom. We look forward to this exciting adventure with our prep students.

Lost Property

Please check our lost property! Anything not collected by Friday August 28 will be disposed of.

Word of the Fortnight

Assist (verb)

[uh-sist]

Meaning: To help or give support.

*So that she could go to the ball, Cinderella was **assisted** by her fairy godmother.*