Learning Today for Tomorrow’s Community

WE VALUE RESPECT, PERSEVERANCE, PROBLEM SOLVING

From the Principal

Welcome to 2016. thank you for your patience and understanding as we have re-shuffled classes due to a larger than expected enrolment. Children, Parents and staff are to be congratulated on the smooth transition.

This year our class structure is:
Reception—Rm 2 Ms Cheryl Pettigrew
Year One—Rm 9 Mrs Samantha Moore
Year Two/Three—Rm 3 Mrs Lesley Payne
Year Three/Four—Rm 6 Ms Taylor Cork
(We welcome her from St Thomas More School Elizabeth Park)
Year Four/Five—Rm 7 Ms Tegan Chebotarev
Year Five/Six/Seven—Rm 5 Ms Nikki Priestman
Performing Arts/Junior & Senior Choir—Ms Charlotte Holmes (Mon & Tue)
Asian Studies—Mrs Jeanie Green (Wed & Thurs while Lisa Peck our Japanese teacher in on leave in 2016)
Science—Ms Tamara Carter (Fri)

We also welcome back:
Ms Sharon Hunt (Admin/Finance Officer), Mrs Leigh Antonello (Admin/student support), Mrs Linda McKaye (Early Birds/ classroom & student support), Mrs Teresa Bull (classroom & student support), Ms Jackie Payne (classroom support), Ms Mary Ackers (classroom support), Mr Peter Lucantoni (groundsperson Tues & Thurs). Mary Ackers is also our pastoral Care Worker on Thursday & Friday.

We also welcome Olga Chaschin, Bilingual School Support Officer on a Tuesday.

Michelle McKenzie served our school community well as Play Centre Leader for Seven Years. Thank you Michelle. We welcome Trudy McConville from Elsie Ey Pre School as our new Play Centre Leader. If you have a preschool child you are welcome to join the playgroup on Friday morning from 9:15-11:15. Its Free at the Evanston Gardens Community Centre next door. There is also a playgroup run on Wednesday morning from 9:00-11:30, which is also free and open to all families.

NO SMOKING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS
As you will have noticed Stage One of the Capital Works project has commenced (on January 11th). Thank you to the whole school community for respecting the importance of safety (not entering the fenced area or the driveway at the side of the office. Thank you also for your patience with any inconvenience this may cause.

The boys and girls toilets have been moved to a new location near the Gym and new sewer pipes are being dug from the front of the school to the relocated toilets. We will have temporary toilets near the library for the first few weeks of school while the sewer work is completed.

Then work will begin on the new classroom block which will be located next to our Junior Primary Playground. As the Junior Primary Playground is close to the site of the new rooms and behind the barricades this will not be able to be used until completion of Stage One. Alternative arrangements will be made for play. The canteen and Breakfast Club will not be able to operate until the relocated toilet block is complete as the canteen is currently behind barricades for safety reasons. We apologise for any inconvenience due to building works but look forward to the completion of each stage and the many benefits this will bring to our school community.

Lilly M— a confident start to music
Max M— excellent group work
Hayley C— a great start to music
Charlotte B— outstanding start to music
Mikaelah H— great start to music
Connor G— Excellent listening
Zac H— an awesome start to music
Isaac A— having a go in music
Blake D— excellent group work
Daniel BW— excellent group work
Aleesha T— having a go in Junior Choir
Chevea G— having a go in Junior Choir

Attendance Awards


Meet & Greet

A “Meet & Greet” the teacher will be on Wednesday February 17th.
There will be two sessions, 3:30—4:15 and 4:45—5:15.
Yes I will be attending

Child(ren Name(s): _______________________________________________________________

Classes: _____________________________________________________________

Parent Name(s): __________________________________________________________

Session 1: 3:30 - 4:15pm Session 2: 4:45 - 5:15pm (please circle preference)
Please return the tear off slip.
You may also like to make an appointment with your teacher if you cannot make these times.
You may also like to make an appointment to see Ms Holmes on a Monday or Tuesday, if you are interested to talk about choir or Performing Arts
Thank you
**Junior & Senior Choir**

Junior Choir rehearse every Tuesday after lunch and is open to students from Year 1 through to Year 7. We have begun by learning some fun, getting to know you songs with the aim to build confidence and group skills throughout the year. Those Year 3 students with previous experience will also get the opportunity to build leadership skills during some of our rehearsals.

![Musical Notes]

Senior Choir is open to all students from Year 4 through to Year 7, with rehearsals being every Tuesday afternoon. No singing experience is required and there are no auditions, however perseverance and commitment is expected. Year 5–7s may also get the opportunity to perform at the Festival Theatre as part of the Festival of Music Program later on in the year. This is a fun opportunity to learn new skills, play games and develop team skills.

Please see Ms Holmes for further information.

**Native Wildlife**

We have had a possum at our school which has recently been relocated. Please do not approach any possum as they can bite or become aggressive. It also scares the possum.

![Possum]

We have also seen our first snake for the school year. Spade Snake Education will be coming to our school next Friday 12/2/16 from 9:15—10:45 regarding snake safety and education. Remember:

**STOP—STAND STILL—POINT AT THE SNAKE—YELL 'HELP SNAKE'**.

![Snake]

Our children have shown they can use this procedure effectively in the past.
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### Regular Happenings:

- **Monday:**
- **Tuesday:**
- **Tuesday Fortnightly:** Wicked Wednesday Lunch orders due by 11.00am (odd weeks)
- **Wednesday:** STAFF MEETING DAY 3.30pm - 5.00pm
- **Thursday:**
- **Friday Fortnightly:** Newsletter and Assembly (odd weeks)