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A message from the Principal

Ms Sheree Quinlivan



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

I've heard reports that our 2016 Year 6 students have had a terrific first week at high school. We've all been thinking of them.

We're very lucky to have three new students this year – Indi and Blossom in Kindergarten and Tyler in Year 3. All students have settled very well into our beautiful little school.

Students have been participating in benchmarking and classroom assessments this week and will be ready to launch into the curriculum from day one next week. We've been working closely with the 3MAPS to develop a common scope and sequence in Key Learning Areas which will be implemented, monitored and evaluated collaboratively throughout the year.

There are lots of bits and pieces included in this newsletter with important information for families. Please read everything enclosed carefully and return all information required in a timely manner to ensure that we're all up to date for the start of the year.

If you have any concerns at all, please feel free to make an appointment with any of our friendly staff members.

Thank you

Sheree Quinlivan

Principal

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Coming Events

Week 3

Wednesday 8 February	P&C Meeting 9am
Thursday 9 February	Ms Q – 3MAPS Principals Meeting 9.30-11.30am Herons Creek PS Ms Q – CHCOS Meeting 12-3.30pm Kendall PS Ms Q & Mr T – 3MAPS Staff Meeting 4-5pm Herons Creek PS
Friday 10 February	Assembly 2.30pm

Week 4

Wednesday 15 February	LDPSSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 17 February	Hastings Principals Network Meeting 8.30am-3.30pm

Week 5

Wednesday 22 February	MZPSSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 24 February	Assembly 2.30pm

Having someone to love is
FAMILY.

Having somewhere to go is
HOME.

Having both is a
BLESSING.

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Voluntary School Contributions

Parents and carers in all NSW Government Schools are asked to consider making a Voluntary School Contribution to their child's school each year. Any funds that are received are used to assist the school with the purchase of classroom consumables such as work books, pencils and rulers, as well as helping cover the cost of producing fortnightly newsletters.

Our school's contribution guide has been set as follows:

Kindergarten: \$20.00

Year 1 – 2: \$30.00

Year 3 – 6: \$35.00

Please remember that contributions are not mandatory, but are very much appreciated.

Student/Family Information

Included in this newsletter are a range of forms for all families to complete to ensure that our school data is accurate. The information we require includes the family address, contact numbers, parent occupation and education levels, emergency contact details and student medical details. It is extremely important that this information is accurate to ensure your child's safety at school. This data is also used to determine future funding for the school.

Please pay special attention to the emergency contact section. Poor mobile reception is one of the prices we have to pay for living in such a beautiful part of the world. It is imperative that we have the contact details of at least two other people we can call on if we are unable to contact you in an emergency.

All information collected remains strictly confidential within the school. Please endeavour to return these early next week so that we can have all records updated.

A 2017 General School Activities permission note is also included for each family. Please complete and return these to the office to ensure that your children are covered for minor local excursions, such as walking to Johns River Hall.

School Supplies

Although the school provides most classroom supplies for students, there are some bits and pieces that families are asked to send in from home for the school year.

Every student is asked to bring their own, clearly labelled paint shirt. This is very important as infants in particular are involved in a number of messy or wet activities during their school day. We find that an old, large T-shirt works well as it slips on and off easily over uniforms. Unfortunately, there will not be any spares at school available to borrow.

Students are also reminded to bring along a library bag each Thursday for library borrowing. The P&C Association very generously gifted all students a bag labelled with their name at the end of last year which would be perfect. A reminder that library borrowing commences next Thursday.

Students in the Year 3,4,5,6 class are asked to bring a pencil case containing the following:

- 3 X HB lead pencils
- Set of coloured pencils
- Glue stick
- Pencil sharpener
- 30cm ruler
- Scissors (child-sized)
- Small selection of textas (optional)

Remember that students in the K,1,2 class do not need to bring any stationary equipment from home as it is supplied by the school.

School Assemblies

Fortnightly assemblies will commence next Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. Please help us to encourage the wider school community to come along so that our proud students have a large audience to entertain.

P&C Meeting:

Wednesday 8 February 9am

The first P&C meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday 8 February at 9.00pm. It is very important that all parents and carers attend if possible as a number of extremely important agenda items will be discussed.

Students will be making a special presentation at the meeting regarding attendance concerns for 2017. It'll also be a great chance for us all to catch up after the holidays and start working on some exciting plans for the year.

The school will be needing all the support and assistance we can get as some of our key dedicated office bearers have found themselves back in the workforce and will not have as much time to commit to school events.

See you all there!

Crunch & Sip

Included with this newsletter is an information brochure for parents with some great tips for packing Crunch & Sip for your children.

Please note that although the brochure states that canned fruit in natural juice and dried fruit are acceptable on occasions, we ask that parents refrain from sending these items for Crunch & Sip at Johns River PS. Students may consume these items at recess and lunch times instead.

Please also be mindful of portion sizes. Our Crunch & Sip break only lasts for 10 minutes and any extra time spent finishing-off snacks eats into valuable teaching time.

Crunch & Sip is a very valuable initiative at our school and all parents are encouraged to support the program every school day.

Every day counts at Johns River Public School

What chance has your child got of being successful?

One or two days absent per week doesn't seem like much, but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling, that's....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Ask us about help with getting your children to school every day.

School starts at 9.00am

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem like much, but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling, that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

Ask us about help with getting your children to school on time.

From the classroom

Kindy Superstars



Indi & Blossom

**Welcome to Johns River
Public School!**

Welcome back Tyler!



**We've missed this
colourful character.**

Gardeners Wanted

We'd love your help if you are able to volunteer some time in our school gardens. They've gotten out of hand over the school holidays! Any assistance is greatly appreciated.



**All enquiries
to Mr T**