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Newsletter – Term 1 Week 1: 2 February 2018

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 Liam and Makybi have had a terrific first week at high school. We've all been thinking of them both.

We're delighted to welcome Nickolas to Year 2 this year. Remember to say hello to him and his mother Wendy if you see them around the school.

Students have been preparing for the term ahead this week and will be ready to launch into the curriculum from day one next week.

As you'll notice from the list of coming events, I have a number of 3MAPS meetings and training days coming up this term. However, disruptions to student learning will be greatly minimised as Mr T and I are team teaching with all students in the one classroom this 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

Teaching Principal

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Coming Events

Week 2	
Wed 7 Feb	P&C meeting 9am
Thurs 8 Feb	Ms Q – 3MAPS Principals meeting 9.30 – 11.30am
	Ms Q – CHCOS meeting 12 – 3pm
Week 3	
Mon 12 Feb	LDPSSA Swimming Carnival
Week 4	
Thurs 22 Feb	MZPSSA Swimming Carnival
Week 7	
Thurs 15 Mar	Ms Q – 3MAPS Principals Meeting 9.30am – 3pm
	Ms Q & Mr T – 3MAPS staff meeting 4-5pm
Week 8	
Mon 19 Mar	Ms Q – Connecting to Country training
Tues 20 Mar	Ms Q – Connecting to Country training
Wed 21 Mar	Ms Q – Connecting to Country training
Fri 23 Mar	3MAPS Harmony Day Colour Run HVPS
Week 9	
Fri 30 Mar	Good Friday
Week 10	
Mon 2 Apr	Easter Monday
Fri 6 Apr	Term 1 Assembly
Week 11	
Fri 13 Apr	Final day of Term 1



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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.

Students are also reminded to bring along a library bag each Thursday for library borrowing. Library borrowing commences next Thursday.

Students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 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 Kinder, Year 1 and 2 do not need to bring any stationary equipment from home as it is supplied by the school.

P&C news

Next meeting: Wednesday 7 February 9am

The first P&C meeting of the year will be held next Wednesday 7 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. The date for the AGM will also be set at this meeting, and all school community members are asked to consider taking on an office bearer role for 2018.

Canteen opening next Friday

Canteen ordering will commence next Friday 9 February. Margaret has a very busy year ahead and will require some assistance in the canteen. All families are asked to fill out the "Help Wanted" slip included in this newsletter to indicate whether or not they will be able to assist.

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 important initiative at our school and all parents are encouraged to support the program every school day.

Student attendance

Recording student attendance at school will be a little different this year with the introduction of a new LMBR application. Roll marking is now completed online each morning, which will have some implications for families.

Important changes:

Written explanation of absences essential

It will be very important that parents send along a note explaining any of their children's absences within 7 days of an absence. Verbal explanations will be too difficult to track, so all parents are asked to send notes in to avoid unexplained absences on their child's attendance record.

Late arrivals and early leavers

Parents of students who arrive to school late or leave early will now be required to sign them in or out on a register located in the classroom. This will allow Miss Craig in the school office to update our online records each week and ensure that your child isn't incorrectly marked as absent once the roll has been initially submitted online. Parents **MUST** accompany their children to the classroom if they arrive late and complete an entry in the register.