



2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017



**'Soundwaves'  
SOUND  
OF THE WEEK**

March	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Woodlands Swimming
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>G1-2</b> – Meet & Greet Afternoon
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Prep</b> – Pet Ownership Incursion
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School</b> – Labour Day Holiday
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>G3-6</b> – Regional Swimming (selected students) <b>G3-6</b> – House Athletics (BBQ Lunch / Canteen Closed)
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School</b> – Ride to School Day 'Bike n Blend'
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School</b> – School Photos
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>G3/4</b> – Botanical Gardens Excursion
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School</b> – School Dental (Phase 2)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Prep-G2</b> – RACV Incursion
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School</b> – Special Lunch
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Whole School</b> – Casual Clothes Day – Pink Stumps Day <b>Whole School</b> – End of Term (Early Dismissal 2.30pm)

This week the Grade 6's played a game of scattegrories - students were given different grapheme choices for the k sound and had to come up with as many words as they could for those grapheme choices. They then teamed up and made a superlist which they compared to other teams.

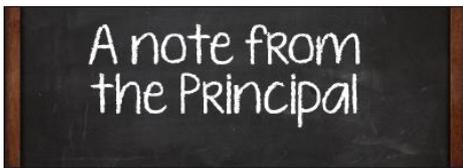


April	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School</b> – Start of Term 2
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>G3-6</b> – Cross Country
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School</b> – Curriculum Day
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School</b> – Student First Aid Training

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Elxie, Cooper M,  
Haylee, Bridee**



**Getting to Know You**

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent information this week. The teaching staff put a great deal of time and effort into preparing for the evening to ensure parents have a better understanding of the learning and expectations that take place in the new grade level.

The Junior School are having their Open Afternoon next week (7<sup>th</sup> March, 2.15-4.00pm). We are looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible and having them visit the classroom. Please remember if anyone would like to have the opportunity to talk more at length with any teacher you are more than welcome to call Jo in the office to make a mutually convenient time.

**The Fathering Project**

On Tuesday morning Frank Pianura (dad), Gary Fisher (grandfather), Damian O'Keefe (teacher) myself and Sharon Ramunno met with Colin from the Fathering Project to discuss Sunbury Heights finding some fun ways for fathers to be more involved with their kids. As a school and from what you tell us as parents we are aware that fathers and father figures are important in every child's life, boy or girl. If you are interested in helping us develop a plan of how this could look at Sunbury Heights we are holding an information session on Monday 27 of March at 7.30 in the school staffroom.



**School Photos**

This will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Every child has received an order form this week. Forms for split families or sibling photos are available from the school office.



### **Pancakes Galore**

Can you imagine having to cook in excess of 500 pancakes! Well this is what our canteen manageress Jo Miller and her band of helpers had to do on Tuesday morning to ensure that all the students and staff in the school could celebrate Pancake Tuesday in style. A big thank you to Jo for organising the event and to Donna, Chrisi, Anashree, Vanessa, Jenny and Nanna Pat who were Jo's chief cooks and bottle washers for most of the day.



The hot weather this week has seen some of our students (and staff) wilting in the heat. I realise it is particularly hard in warm weather to get children to eat a healthy filling breakfast some mornings. Most classes let students eat a healthy snack at ten o'clock. Others let students eat a piece of fruit whenever they are hungry. I encourage everyone to send along some fruit or vegetables and plenty of water to drink so that all students have some brain food to keep them going through until recess time

### **Cyber Safety Tips**



Respect the Privacy of Others by treating others' privacy as you would your own. Ask for their permission before uploading photos and videos of them.

<https://www.esmart.org.au/news-events/national-esmart-weeks-top-10-cyber-safety-tips/>

### **Grade 3/4 'Plant Life'**

Part of the program has seen grade 4M studying plants in action.

All students planted seeds, watched them grow then dissected the seeds to investigate the life of the plant further.



### **NEW SunSmart App**

Have you seen the new SunSmart app that is now available.....



The app shows daily sun protection times (when UV levels are three or higher), UV levels and weather. Please try to check the

sun protection times for your area each day so you can be sure you are protecting your family by dressing them in appropriate clothing and applying the correct amount of sunscreen. Please remember sun protection isn't just needed during terms one and four.

### **Junior School Council – Casual Clothes Day**

Last Friday we had a casual clothes day. We'd like to thank everyone for their gold coin donation. Together we raised an amazing \$270.40 which is going towards our school community garden.

Katie and Jessie



### **Numeracy**

In 2017 one of our key improvement areas is numeracy. Narelle de Young is our Numeracy Coordinator and part of Narelle's role is to provide professional development to the staff in the area of mathematics. This may involve presenting the curriculum, explaining new evidence based research and providing coaching to staff just starting out on their teaching journey. We want to ensure that all staff have the same level of confidence, knowledge and skill so that they can be expert teachers of mathematics. In the classroom the students have at least five hour of maths per week. This term the students from 3-6 are working on developing the necessary mathematical skills in four sessions per week and in the fifth session they work on open ended maths tasks that encourage them to think mathematically but in a different way. Narelle will also be providing some open ended mats tasks for you to try at home. Today there is one to get you started.

### **Family Maths Challenge**

- Find 5 items from your pantry that weigh less than 500grams. - Find 5 items that weigh more than 500 grams.
- Which items can be added together to make exactly 1kg?



Grade	Student	Reason
PREP B	Erin	For being respectful and demonstrating beautiful manners
PREP C	Quade	For approaching every task with a positive attitude
PREP K	Rachel	For working positively with her buddy
1H	Blake	For an enthusiastic and confident start to Grade 1
1D	Ryuu	For positive engagement in all learning
1U	Atticus	For demonstrating active listening in life skills
2XR	Caleb	For enthusiastic start and contribution to writing
2B	Dexter	For contributing positively to every situation
3J	Geordie	For being a fantastic mathematician
3D	Jack	For approaching every task in a positive and enjoyable manner
4M	Charlotte	For your energetic enthusiasm towards learning every day
4H	Riley	For applying 100% to every task
5K	Hayley	For 100% effort on all learning tasks
5A	Norint	For always being respectful of others
6PA	Jesse	For completing his home learning tasks to an exceptional standard
PE	Natasha 1D	For excellent listening when learning to play ball tag
ART	Jesse 4H	For dedicated effort resulting in marked improvement in his work
SCIENCE	3J	For their enthusiasm when learning about living and non-living things