NEWSLETTER NUMBER 25

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DIARY DATES

AUGUST 2017

| Fri  | 11  | Year 6 Sports Challenge     |
| Mon  | 14  | Public Holiday – Redlands Ekka Holiday – School closed |
| Thur | 17  | Under 8’s Day 8:50-11:00am   |
| Fri  | 18  | School Disco P-Yr2 5:00pm-6:15pm, Yr 3-6 6:30pm-8:00pm |
| Wed  | 23  | Book Week Parade 8:50-9:30am Hall |
| Fri  | 25  | Year 5/6 Sports Challenge    |

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

District Athletics Success
Last Thursday and Friday, students from our school competed at the District Athletics Championships. Mrs Stewart and Ms Ricketts accompanied the team over the two days and reported that throughout the championships all students showed great team work and school spirit. Four students qualified for the District Team to compete at the Regional Championship. Congratulations to Ashlee H, Jack C, Hayleigh B and Logan B. Congratulations to Ashlee H who is the District Champion for the 100m and 200m sprint races. She broke the record for the 100m sprint. What a fantastic achievement! Thanks also to the parents, carers and friends that went along to cheer on our students. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Redlands Eisteddfod Success
Last Tuesday night, our Senior Band competed at the Redlands Eisteddfod. Our Band Teacher, Miss Jess Steffen reported that our students performed very well on the night and were awarded first place! Congratulations students and Miss Steffen! What a great result. Thanks to the parents who attended and also thanks to our music teacher, Mrs GayleTuckwood for assisting on the night.

Years 5/6 Sports Challenge
This Friday students in years 5 & 6 will compete in the first round of the Sports Challenge. Students will again be competing in the following sports: Netball (5 teams), Soccer (3 teams) and Oz Tag (3 teams). At school, students will also be participating in Drama and Kitchen/Garden Clubs. I would like to wish the students and their teachers all the best for the day.

Under 8’s Celebration
On Thursday 17th August, students in Prep to Year 2 will be enjoying an Under 8 Celebration, from 8.50am to 11am. During the morning, students will get to explore a range of activities located in and around the prep classrooms and in the junior playground.

Thanks to our senior teachers, Mrs Bloomfield, Mrs Green and Mrs Doolan for organising and co-ordinating our Under 8 Day activities. Thanks also to students from Wellington Point State High School who have volunteered to help with the activities.

At 11am, following the activities, our P&C Association and Kitchen/Garden Specialists will be organising a special thank you morning Tea at the hall for parents and volunteers. Looking forward to seeing you there on the day!

Release of 2017 NAPLAN Student Reports
On Monday, we received the 2017 Year 3 & 5 Student Reports. Later this week the class teachers will send home reports to parents. We were sent only one copy per student, so additional copies were copied for those parents requiring an additional report. Please speak with the class teacher if you have any questions regarding the report.

Regards
Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

Love Reading
The importance of reading is the subject of much research. Here at Wellington Point State School, it is a priority for all of our year levels. We have worked hard to establish a common set of reading strategies and explicitly teach these to all students. Students are encouraged to read every night for homework.

“The Courier Mail” newspaper is currently running a campaign around great Aussie stories, where you can purchase fabulous Australian books for under $3 when purchased with a newspaper. This is a great opportunity to build your home library. Lay a strong foundation for success with the following reading tips:

| L | Learn together - Make time each night to read and share. Look for books and authors. |
| O | Offer a variety of reading materials e.g. picture books, magazines, graphic novels, ebooks or audio books |
| V | Visit the library - Borrow books regularly. |
| E | Empower your child to love reading. Make reading fun – not a chore. |
| R | Read Aloud This is essential to a child’s language development and builds a vital foundation for future success as a reader. |
| E | Enthusiasm Promote positive attitudes towards reading. The values that parents share about reading significantly affects the attitudes children develop. Give positive messages about the joys of literacy. Model and demonstrate reading. Help children realise the importance of reading in multiple settings: shopping, reading recipes, assembling furniture etc. |
| A | Ask questions After you have finished a story ask your child to tell you about their favourite part, or ask them to imagine a different ending to the story. |
| D | Discuss Talk about stories. Guide your child to understand a text by asking questions about the plot, the characters and events that take place. Discuss the meanings of unknown words. Show them how to look up the meanings using a dictionary or searching online. |
| I | Imagination It is important to share and read a variety of books both fiction and non-fiction. Use the power of books to experience other places, other realities, other lives etc. |
**LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Sara B of 6D who is this week’s Library Student of the week.

**KITCHEN GARDEN STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Ryley W from 4E who is this week’s Kitchen Garden Student of the week.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Book Week, which runs from 18th to 25th August is almost here. The Theme is Escape to Everywhere. Lots of students are already prepared and very excited about their character and costume for our Book Week parade, which will be held on Wednesday 23 August. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. There is no need to hire costumes, just use a bit of imagination! For any families who are finding it difficult to put a costume together, Chappy has brought in a range of costume items. Her room will be open next week if you would like to see her for help. It would be great if children could bring along a copy of the book their character is from. Many children are enjoying reading one of the short list books in The Magic Faraway Tree. Just watch out for the trolls in the tunnel and the giant peeping through the window. Thank you to Prep O for their artistic representations of the caterpillar life cycle. They have made a colourful addition to the story corner and the A Patch From Scratch display. Mrs Mac has also created an amazing display for the shortlisted book One Photo by Ross Watkins & Liz Anelii. Make some time to come into the library with your child and take a look. This week I have published the titles of the books that were shortlisted by the Children’s Book Council of Australia for the Crichton Award for New Illustrators. These include:

- A Patch From Scratch – Megan Forward
- Mechanica – A Beginner’s Field Guide – Lance Balchin
- Welcome to Country – Joy Murphy & Lisa Kennedy
- Melbourne Word by Word – Mike McMahon
- The Patchwork Bike – Maxine Beneba Clarke & Van T Rudd
- Small Things – Mel Tregonning

The books in this category are intended for an audience ranging from birth to 18 years. If you would like to check out these titles, come and see us in the library. Keep bringing in your Premier’s Reading Challenge Sheets. You have until 25th August to complete the challenge so keep on reading. Congratulations to Grace H of 1/2F who was this week’s lucky winner of the prize draw. Love to Read!

Mardi Saverin - Teacher Librarian

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Well done to the following students, who received a certificate at assembly.

| PK | Ziggy  | 3S | Harry E |
| PP | Aiden A, Thomas W | 3W | Ava L |
| PO | Venessa K | 3/4T | Alex P |
| P/1G | Sophia L | 4E | Lola K |
| 1B | Noah E | 4M | Skyeler S |
| 1D | Jed F | 4/5F | Charlice M |
| 1/2F | Freya | 5B | Sarah G |
| 2B | Samantha | 5W | Elie M |
| 2G | Jack H | 6C | Dominic G |
| 2S | Star | 6D | Lachlan W |
| 3J | Holly H | 6M | Craig M |
The online survey is available now until Friday 25 August 2017 and should take less than 10 minutes to complete. To access the survey visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey, select Parent/Caregiver Survey link and enter the two access codes below: Code 1: B02730057 Code 2: flower

Colour Run Fundraiser
Just over a week until the CUA School Colour-Run launches! Next week students will bring home sponsorship forms and a parent letter to explain what is happening. The event is being held on Thursday 14 September and we encourage you to come and cheer the students on. We are also looking for some volunteers, so if you’re available please contact the P&C via Facebook or email wpss_pc_secretary@outlook.com

Follow us on Facebook To stay up to date on all the exciting P&C News (like our upcoming Colour Run), following us on Facebook@WellingtonPointStateSchoolPandC

Thank you for support of our school. Lisa Blackmore, P&C President

DISCO
School Disco – Glow in the Dark. On Friday, 18th August we will be conducting our second school disco for the year. Our Student Council has organised the disco with the theme being come as your favourite Glow in the Dark. Our Junior Disco, Prep to Yr 2, starts at 5pm and finishes at 6.15pm, with our Senior Disco, Yrs 3-6, going from 6.30pm until 8pm. Tickets will be on sale before school from Tuesday the 15th of August outside the office. Tickets will be $5 if purchased before the night, and $7 on the night.

Prep - 2 disco from 5pm - 6:15pm
Year 3 - 6 disco from 6:30pm - 8pm.

Disco Diner. The P&C Association will be selling food & drinks from the hall kitchen. This is one of their fundraising activities, so your support would be greatly appreciated. Why not save time in the Diner line and order your meal-deal via Flexischools online!! Pre-orders will close on Wednesday 16 August.

FINANCIAL NEWS
Invoice payments can be made:
• by cash to the office in an envelope labelled with the child's name, class and activity,
• Bpoint. Please ensure the correct information as shown on the invoice is entered.
• direct deposit to the school bank account with reference of child’s name and class.

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Please ensure that parent/carer email address is kept up to date to enable invoices to be sent via email. Each invoice will have BPOINT (similar to BPAY) payment details in the bottom left hand corner. When paying via BPOINT, please ensure that you enter:

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3. Student Name as shown on the invoice.
4. Amount being paid.

Year 2 excursion Ormiston House $10.00
Year 3 Fizzics Science $12.50
Year 6 Japanese Excursion $23.90
Voluntary Contribution $50.00
Strings Jazz Workshop $10.00
Intermediate Band Workshop $55.00

COMMUNITY NEW/EVENTS

Redland Museum's Science celebration

Ignite your inner curiosity at the Redland Museum’s Science celebration.

Get involved with the many experiments that will be taking place and be transported back in time while exploring our many valuable artefacts.

All materials and tea and coffee included. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the Museum grounds.

Bookings are preferred but visitors can also attend any time during the day and pay at the door as activities run all day.

Seniors bring the grandkids; kids bring your parents.

Normal museum entry prices apply, children are $4 which includes $2 for materials

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Thank you for support of our school. Lisa Blackmore, P&C President

2018 Enrolments
Prospective families are welcome to contact the school and arrange a tour and collect an Enrolment Pack.

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