



14 February 2018

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 4

STUDENT ABSENCES – TELEPHONE 3286 0660		
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JANUARY 2018		
FEBRUARY		
Wed	21	P&C AGM Meeting 7:00pm - Hall
MARCH		
Fri	9	School Photos
		School Disco – Prep to Yr 2, 5.00pm-6:15pm Yr 3 to Yr 6, 6:30-8:00pm
Mon	12	Yr 3-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue	13	Yr 3-Yr 6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed	14	Prep-Yr2 Parent Teacher Interviews
Thur	15	Prep-Yr2 Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed	21	P&C Meeting, Hall 7:00pm
Fri	23	Radio 96.5 Visit 6:00am-9:00am
		Year 3, Cross Country – 9:00am – 10:30am

From the Principal

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

Year 6 Leadership Camp Success

Last week our year 6 students and their teachers travelled to Tallebudgera Beach School for a five day leadership camp. On Tuesday I met with our school captains who gave me a thorough account of their experiences on camp. During the week, they enjoyed lots of interesting activities including tobogganing, high ropes, body boarding, kayaking, walking to the top of Mount Burleigh and visiting David Fleay Wildlife Park. They also enjoyed a Mastermind Day, which required them to work together in teams to solve problems.

I asked them to share some reflections about their camp experience. These included, 'I really enjoyed riding the body board. It was great being out on the waves. I enjoyed the challenge of the high ropes. We had to help one another. We got to see different sides to people. There were a lot of all-round opportunities. It made me appreciate my mother's cooking!' All the student leaders agreed it was an extremely successful camp. Many thanks to the Year 6 teachers and support staff for making this a great experience for our students.

Bayside District Swimming Trial

On Thursday 15th February, five students from our school have qualified to compete at the trial. Congratulations and good luck to Jessica H, Chelsea J, Poko T, Chloe N & Charlotte B. Our PE teacher, Mrs Stewart, will be accompanying the students to the trials. I know they will do themselves and our school proud!

Student Council

This year we will again be operating a Student Council at our school. This will offer our students an opportunity to contribute to the operation of our school. Over the coming weeks, our teacher co-ordinating the Student Council, Mrs Elaina Cramb, will be assisting teachers in years 3-6 elect their class representatives for the Student Council. I look forward to working with our new Student Council.

P&C Association - Annual General Meeting

On **Wednesday 21st February** the P&C Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting, followed by the monthly meeting, commencing at **7 pm** in the meeting room in the hall.

At the Annual General Meeting, the P&C executive committee will be elected to positions for the coming year. Nomination forms for positions will be available from the office.

Parents are invited to attend both meetings.

Staffing Update

I wish to advise that next week, commencing Monday 19th February, I will be taking 5 days leave. Whilst I am on leave, our Deputy Principal, Mr Ross Gillespie will be Acting Principal. As a result of this staffing change, our Head of Curriculum, Mrs Stacey Kelleher will be Acting Deputy Principal and our Year 6 teacher, Mr Peter Davey, will undertake the Head of Curriculum role.

Regards, Marg Lane

HEAD OF CURRICULUM

READING EGGS

Learning to read is one of the most important skills your child will learn. At Wellington Point State school students have the opportunity to access the ABC Reading Eggs program. ABC Reading Eggs helps teachers and parents support children's reading journey from the very beginning, and **grows with them at their own pace**. And the best part is that children love it. The program **makes learning to read fun and highly motivating for children aged 2 to 13 years** – nurturing a lifelong love of reading.



Reading Eggs supports all learners by offering **individual, one-on-one lessons**. The online lessons allow your child to **progress at their own rate**, gradually building their reading confidence and rewarding them at every step of the way. Reading Eggs was **created by a highly experienced team of Australian primary school teachers, writers and developers** to help children become fluent and proficient readers. The

multi-award winning early learning resource supports your child's learning to read journey with carefully designed **online reading games and activities** that are easy to follow, self-paced, and highly engaging for learners of all ages.

Over **91% of parents** report a noticeable improvement in their child's reading skills after using ABC Reading Eggs because the program is based on **solid scientific research**. Using the five essential keys to reading success, the program unlocks all aspects of learning to read for your child, focusing on a core curriculum of phonics and phonemic awareness, sight words, vocabulary, comprehension, and reading for meaning.



The ABC Reading Eggs program begins with a placement test. This matches each student to his or her instructional level. All instructions throughout the program are clear, easy to understand and read aloud in order to improve student understanding.

From the very first lesson, children are motivated and excited to learn. And the journey continues over **hundreds of online reading lessons and thousands of wonderful e-books**, guiding and motivating your child at every step of the way. Reading Eggs is great for students to use at home to reinforce what they've learnt in the classroom. Thank you to our P & C who fund this program annually to allow your child to access this invaluable program both at school and at home at no cost to families. Please ensure your child works on their reading eggs lessons for at least 10 minutes a day as part of their homework routine.

Yours in learning, Stacey Kelleher

LIBRARY NEWS

On Monday we held a First Read Club in the library. Students from years 4 – 6 attended by invitation only. It was a big hit as the students got to browse and borrow all of the new books in the library before they hit the shelves for general circulation. I'm looking forward to their feedback around what they have chosen. Each book will have a Book Plate glued inside the front cover with the name of the student who was 'First to read it'.

Library borrowing started last week. Thank you to all the parents who have reminded their child to bring along their library bag. You do not need to go to great expense; a simple shopping bag is fine. If you are purchasing a library bag however, you may wish to look at the uniform shop as they have bags for sale with the school logo on them. This makes them easily recognisable if lost and they are also waterproof so that is great news for our books. Every student who brings their own library bag will receive a ticket in a prize draw. The winners will be drawn each Friday. Last week's winners were Tabitha – PK, Louise – 2S, Millie – 2/3G, Star 3J and Jesse 5F. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. Keep watching out for more great stuff happening in the library.

Love to Read!
Mardi & Sue

LIBRARY STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Milani H of 5F who is this week's Library Student of the Week.



CLASS OF THE WEEK PK



WELLO CHAMPS

winners of this week's Wello Champs are Jasper of 3C and of Cooper of 2S.



LOTE Congratulations to Jack K of 4E who is the LOTE (Language Other Than English) – Japanese Award winner this week.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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

PK	Lucy M	3C	John R
PO	Elise V	3W	Eli R
PP	Evie	3J	Adam L
1G	Amelia C	4T	Joshua C
1B	Lachlan M	4E	Kaleb T
1D	Mitch	4M	Ethan J
1/2F	Charlie M	5F	Sienna M
2B	Griffin	5B	Cooper K
2S	Rani	5W	Skyeler
2/3G	Mabel		

MUSIC

It is great to see so many students in years three, four, five, and six with their descant recorders at music. Can you please check with your child that they have their recorder at school? Although it is preferable for each student to have their own recorder, could you let Mrs Tuckwood know, and a school recorder can be loaned to your child.

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting - Wednesday 21 February - 7pm

Want to get involved and have your say? P&C Membership forms are available from the office or website <https://wellpointss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/membership-application.pdf>, or email the P&C secretary at wpss_pc_secretary@outlook.com.

Coles Sports for Schools is here!

This great campaign has now started. Families shopping at participating Coles supermarkets and Coles Express outlets can begin collecting Sports for School vouchers. For every \$10 spent at a participating store customers will receive one 'Sports for Schools' voucher.

Please place your vouchers in the box inside the school office or the WPSS collection box at your local store.

\$\$ Spare Change Challenge \$\$

This exciting and easy FUNdraiser starts from 26 February. Start collecting your spare change....More details coming soon.....

Follow us on Facebook

Be sure to follow our Facebook page (@WellingtonPointStateSchoolPandC) for all the latest news and events.

Lisa Blackmore - P&C President

ADMIN NEWS

Parents of year 6 students are reminded to collect medications that were taken to camp from the admin office.

Medications

It is Department of Education policy that if your child requires medication to be given at school you will need to complete a Medical Consent Form with the student, parent and medication details, dosages and times to be administered. This is for both PRESCRIPTION and OVER-THE-COUNTER medication.

ADMIN NEWS

FINANCE NEWS

- Year 3 Fun with Maths \$8.00
- Year 4 Swimming \$13.50
- Year 6 Leadership Incurson day - \$18.00
- Year 5/6 Youth Excel Program - \$25.00
- Strings/Band Program Music Levy - \$50.00
- Instrument Hire Fee - \$100.00

Payments can be made by:

- BPoint - when paying via BPOINT, click the hyperlink in your invoice email and this will pre-populate information from the invoice to the BPoint payment site where you will enter the amount to be paid.

- Direct deposit to the school bank account. Please ensure your child's name is used for the reference.

BANKING DETAILS			
Account Name		Wellington Point State School	
BSB	064-138	Account No.	00090131

- Cash handed into admin in an envelope marked with the student name, class, activity and amount being paid.
- The finance window in admin will be open Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8.45am for eftpos payments

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