Dear Parents and Caregivers

Next week is an important week with 3-Way Reporting. It is a great opportunity for your child/ren to share with you what they have learnt and for the teachers to give you feedback on the progress being made. True partnerships between the school and the parents lead to improved student outcomes. It is important that students understand that their teachers and parents all want the same thing – for them to learn and be productive citizens. Please take time to make an appointment to come to the 3-Way Reporting sessions.

Students at this school continue to impress me with their learning. Writing is a school priority and last week I had the privilege of working with a group of Year 5 students on their narratives. The focus was on ‘sizzling starts’ and developing character and setting. Students used their knowledge of vocabulary to create interesting sentences and imagery for the reader. I look forward to reading their completed stories.

All staff and volunteers are bound by a code of conduct when in school grounds. As adults, we model the appropriate behaviour for the students. Please can I ask all parents, families and volunteers to be aware of the Code of Conduct. Volunteers must sign in at the office and wear a Visitors badge.

On Tuesday 19 April we will have the first Prep Information session. This will be held at 6pm. If you know of families wishing to enrol their children in Prep in 2017, please let them know of this date and time. Preparing your child for the beginning of their school life is an important step and can help to cement successful learning.

Daily attendance is another factor that contributes to successful learning. Students should be at school every day unless they are sick. All absences must be explained, preferably on the day of the absence. Daily absences are recorded and unexplained absences will trigger a phone call to ensure that the student is safe. Repeated absences without any explanation, are treated seriously and letters reminding parents and caregivers of their responsibilities are sent out. We ask all families to ensure that their children are at school every day.

Can I clarify that there is no handball before 8am. Students are to sit under A Block. Once the music plays, students are able to go and play sensibly. These rules have been in place for a while and have not changed. The last newsletter caused some doubt pertaining to this rule.

Extraordinary P&C AGM
None of the executive positions were filled at the AGM on Tuesday 9 March. A P&C cannot operate without at least two members of an executive. However, this school does need a full executive. Please nominate yourself or someone you believe has the skills to lead the P&C. There will be an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 22 March at 7pm in the Library to resolve this matter.

Michelle D’Netto
From the Deputy Principal….

Detention Changes
Detention will now take place daily during the play time of lunch break. Detention can now take place on the day following the breaking of school rules. Students will continue to take Blue Detention Notification forms home so the inappropriate behaviour can be discussed with Parent / Carers. So that we know that students have shown the Blue Detention Notification form to parents we ask that this be signed and returned as soon as possible.

Robert Matlock

Easter Bonnet Parade
The annual Easter Bonnet Parade for students in Prep, Year One and Year Two will take place on Wednesday the 23rd of March from 2-3pm in Girrawheen Place. Students are invited to create their own special Easter hats for this parade at home, with your help where needed. The hats can be as creative or as simple as you like, and we suggest you go online to find an inspirational starting point. We warmly invite all community members to attend. The children will sing songs for you such as Little Peter Cottontail, and each class will have a turn to ‘show off’ their beautiful hats. The bonnet parade is always full of fun and good cheer, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Music Uniform
We have an enthusiastic group of students involved in our Senior Music Ensembles this year. These ensembles are Senior Choir, Band and Strings. Children in these groups are required to have the formal music uniform to wear at performances. Students will need black pants, a long-sleeved white shirt with collar, black socks and black shoes. The pants and shirts can be purchased at the uniform shop, with some second hand items available. Over the next few weeks, vests will be handed out to these children. There is an annual hire fee for these vests of $5, which will be invoiced through the school office shortly. Bowties will be handed out and collected at each performance.

Please note that students in the Junior Choir and students in their first year of stringed instrument studies are not required to wear the formal music uniform to performances. They are asked to wear their regular school uniform instead.

Mrs Buddle

The Letter M Brought to You by Prep S
Last week in Prep S we learnt all about the letter M and the sound it makes. Together we brainstormed a list of words that begin with the letter m. Our favourites on our list were monsters and Minions! Prep S had lots of fun making Minions from the movie ‘Despicable Me’ and monsters out of recyclable materials! Thank you to the wonderful parents who donated materials for us to use. Check out our hands on, play based learning on the following page!
Term Dates for 2016 School Year

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From the Administration Office

Payments
When making payments to the school, why not utilise our direct deposit payment system as this method is easy to identify and allocate payments to students. Also, it is quick and convenient and you do not have to wait in a queue. **This is our preferred method of payment.** If you wish to use this method, our school's bank account details are as follows: BSB 064-162 / Account No. 00090035. The school also accepts cash/cheque/eftpos. **Please ensure permission forms are completed and submitted to the class teacher when paying by EFT.** Our school does not participate in the Centrepay scheme.

If you have any concerns or difficulties with these payments, please do not hesitate to contact the front office to discuss payment arrangements **before the cut-off date.**

Earn & Learn Has Arrived!

Woolworths and Modern Teaching Aids have delivered our 2015 Earn & Learn prizes! Thanks to all of you that collected the stickers which contributed to resources for our school. Some of the items received are board games, mobilo, CD players with six listener ports, magnetic letters and white boards, puzzles, Crayola crayons and carry all. These items will be a great asset to lunch time activities which have already been put to good use in the resource centre.
Term 1 – Dates of Significance

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Crazy Hair Day – Thursday 24 March

**THE STUDENT COUNCIL IS HOLDING A CRAZY HAIR DAY!!!**

To raise money for World’s Greatest Shave for blood cancers

*Gold coin donation*

***No permanent hair dye***

So Go Crazy!!

Beware of Stray Dogs

If you see a stray or unleashed dog, please stay away and do not approach as there have been stray/unleashed dogs spotted in the area.

P&C News

**P&C Meeting**

The P&C Extraordinary Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 22nd March, 7pm in the School Library. All interested parents including new Prep parents are most welcome to attend. Please see attached invitation.

**Easter Raffle**

Win a Playstation N4 (Console, games and Super Heroes Infinity). Tickets $2 each, available for sale until sold out (only 1,000 tickets available). Drawn on parade Monday, 21st March. Tickets available Monday in Girraween Place before parade and each morning before school from 8.20am.

**Uniform Shop**

Opening Hours: 8.30am – 9am Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Rebecca McCutcheon
Convenor
Swimming Club

Volunteers Urgently Required for Election Day Fundraising BBQ to be held whilst Local Council Election
If you can assist on this day, please contact P&C Fundraising Coordinator, Erin Viles, by email on elc_1978@hotmail.com.

School Banking
School Banking Day is Monday. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please pick up an application form from the office and return.

Community News
Holland Park High School

Participate in a Morning in High School At Holland Park High School for year 6 students
Friday 22 April 2016 from 9 – 11.30am

Year 6 students are invited to experience a morning in high school at Holland Park High. This exciting opportunity will provide students with a taste of life and learning in high school. Limited places available.

Closing date for applications: 15 April 2016. Students are to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Eg. A parent can accompany a group of up to 4 – 5 students. All enquiries should be directed to Holland Park State High School. Phone: 3347 0111 or Email: info@hollparkshs.eq.edu.au