

## 2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda— English, Early Years Reading & Collaborative Teaching

# Principal's Address

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Community Members and Students,

One of the best things about working in a school is witnessing children demonstrating responsibility, care and compassion for others. This week, I had the privilege of observing a student, without hesitation, pick up rubbish belonging to others and place it in the bin. I witnessed students having genuine concern for the well being of another student when they were distressed. It really is a great place to be when such wonderful things are happening. We have a great school, with fantastic students and amazing staff. I feel very fortunate to be here.

As we progress through the term, it is time for students to begin reflecting on their learning **goals. Setting goals is most effective when parents are involved. Your child's classroom teacher** will soon communicate with you to organise a time for goal setting meetings. This meeting represents one of the two formal meetings offered to parents throughout the year. Please take advantage of this so that we can work together to best support your child.

Lost Property— If you know that your child has misplaced something at school, please look in the lost property bin for the item. At the end of the term, any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

P&C Meeting— The next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27 at 3:15pm.

Sporting Activities— We have been fortunate enough to arrange some excellent Health and Physical Education opportunities for students. A representative from QLD Cricket will be doing a coaching session with each class on Friday, March 3. Through HIE, students will also be engaged in Physical Activities and Nutrition Presentations over a number of days. Please see **the key dates page for the dates. Parents may also be able to participate in a 'Workshop' after assembly on Wednesday, March 1.**

Tuckshop— Just a reminder that tuckshop orders need to be placed on Wednesdays in preparation for delivery on Thursdays.

New dates to be aware of:

- Assembly on Wednesday, February 15 at 2:30pm.
- P&C Meeting on Monday, February 27 at 3:15pm
- QLD Cricket Coaching Clinic (see page 2)
- Physical Activities and Nutrition Presentations (see page 2)

Have a great week!

Regards

Mr. Keith Poulter

Acting Principal

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**School Attendance**  
**2017 Target = 94%**  
**Term 1 to date = 96%**  
**↑ 2% above**

**Every day at school counts!**



Greater than 95% means that your child has the best possible chance to reach his/her full potential.



Between 90% to 95% means that your child will improve, but will miss some key lessons, content and skills.



Less than 90% means your child is more likely to fall behind their year level benchmarks.



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## Term 1

### February

15	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
20	Monday	Principals' Cluster Meeting—Mr Poulter away, Mr Farrawell is Acting Principal
20	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
27	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
27	Monday	P&C Meeting at 3:15pm
27 & 28	Monday & Tuesday	Complete Performance Solutions—Physical Activity and Nutrition Presentations

### March

1—3	Wednesday—Friday	Principals' State Conference—Mr Poulter away, Mr Farrawell is Acting Principal
1	Wednesday	Complete Performance Solutions—Physical Activity and Nutrition Presentations
1	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
3	Friday	QLD Cricket Coaching Clinic
6	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
13	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
15—17	Wednesday—Friday	Year 4—6 Camp at Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre
15	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
20	Monday	Swimming Prep—6
20 & 21	Monday & Tuesday	Complete Performance Solutions—Physical Activity and Nutrition Presentations
27	Monday	Swimming Carnival
29	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
31	Friday	Easter Holidays commence

## Term 2

### April

18	Tuesday	Term 2 commences
25	Tuesday	Public Holiday—ANZAC Day
26	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm

### May

1	Monday	Public Holiday
9	Tuesday	NAPLAN— Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation
10	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
10	Wednesday	NAPLAN—Reading
11	Thursday	NAPLAN—Numeracy
24	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm

### June

7	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
21	Wednesday	Assembly at 2:30pm
23	Friday	Last day of term 2

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## Prep/1/2 Class News

### P-2 Class News

The start of the school year is always an exciting time and in the P-2 classroom we have been enjoying getting to know our five youngest members to the school, Thomas, Muhammad, Ella, Faiva and Jake! We are so happy to have you in our school!

Last week we also welcomed our new year 2 students Russell, Connor and Jaxon to the class. **It's great to have such helpful, responsible and knowledgeable students in our room. And it doesn't stop there... we have** also welcomed another member to the classroom – Astrid the Pygmy Bearded Dragon. Astrid is a part of the Taylor family and we are very grateful that she has been able to come and spend time with our class. Astrid has a very special habitat and diet and the students are excited to begin to share in taking care of her living needs.

In English, the students have been exploring stories and developing their opinions about stories and characters. We have extended our learning through role playing and creative writing activities.

In maths students have been learning to represent numbers in different ways and sorting into different kinds of groups. We have been finding lots of new games and fun ways to interact with numeracy and the mystery picture challenge has been a big hit with all.

We have also enjoyed our regular gardening time and are planting and **taking care of the garden. We can't wait to see our latest seeds grow!**

Thank you to all of our parent helpers in our reading group sessions. The students have loved having you come in and support their learning of magic words, sounds and reading books. We always welcome new helpers. Reading groups are from 9-9:30 Tuesday to Friday.

Hope to see you there!

Miss Chapman



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## 2/3 Class News

### News in the 2/3 Classroom

**The 2/3's have been off to a flying start this Year. We have all been busy learning all about each other and the expectations in the classroom. So far every single student in the class has reached green level behaviour, every single day. Congratulations Year 2 and 3.**

This term in English we will be creating exciting narratives. Students are all very excited to type their narratives on the computers and then present them to the class.

In Maths we will be extending our knowledge of numbers with addition and subtraction. **The Year 2's are learning to tell the time to the quarter hour and the Year 3's are learning to tell the time to the minute.**

In Science we are learning about living things in our environment. We have planted our seeds (Thai tomatoes, sunflower, mint and pansy) and will be looking after them and watching them grow over the term.

### **Happy Valentine's Day!!!**

On February the 14<sup>th</sup> it was **Valentine's Day. We had so much fun making 'ValenSLIME' as well as decorating special biscuits and making cards for people that we love.**

**We have some super special new students in the 2/3 Classroom...**

### **Joel Fleming...**

is in Year 3, he always enters the class with a big smile on his face and has lots of funny jokes to keep the class laughing.

**Favourite Food:** "Chocolate, ice cream and burgers."

**Favourite thing to do on the weekend:** "Swimming and playing Mine Craft."

**Favourite subject:** "Writing stories because it is relaxing."

### **Noah Webb...**

is in Year 2, he is incredibly helpful and always enters the classroom ready and eager to learn.

**Favourite Food:** "Crab and Lobster."

**Favourite thing to do on the weekend:** "Fishing with my Dad and little brother".

**Favourite subject at school:** "Reading because I am a reading machine."



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## 4-6 Class News

Welcome to 2017! The senior class has got a new bunch of fresh year 4 students! These bright eyed and bushy tailed year 4s have shown that they are eager and keen to take on the next chapter of their schooling. Meanwhile, the year 5 students move on to a new set of expectations, with higher levels of critical thinking and longer and more complex tasks to challenge those rapidly growing minds. Then at the top of the tree sit our wise year 6 students, their past experience, higher order thinking skills and leadership will be tested every step of the way this year. So without further ado, let the journey begin!

### English -

The year five and six students are studying Narratives in class for the first five weeks. Students listen and read a range of short stories and study the text structure, language features and strategies used to create humour in text.

The year 4 students are exploring Narratives also with a focus on **the popular children's chapter book, *The Twits*, by Roald Dahl.** Students study language features and how the author uses descriptive verbs and nouns to construct characters. Students will also create an alternate chapter to the book, which is always a lot of fun.

### Maths-

Revisiting Number and Place Value skills and knowledge is a **core element for term one's first Math unit of work.** Once students have demonstrated proficiency in the initial number skills, year 4, 5 and 6 will separately move onto my personal favourite, Fractions and Decimals.

### Science-

Did you know that octopuses have three hearts? They can also learn from observing other animals and even use tools. Scientists who study them also say they have personality traits! Welcome to **"Diversity in the living world".** This term our Science unit covers Biology and looks at many aspects of animal adaptation, both behavioural and physical.

