

Newsletter 1: 7th February, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of our school community I offer a special welcome to all families new and existing to our wonderful school. Staff have spent many hours readying their rooms in preparation for the term ahead and I thank them for their professional approach to their preparations. Teachers spend the first week getting to know students, analysing data and working out individual student's strengths and areas for additional support. This follows on from a comprehensive handover between teachers. If you see new families please make them welcome.

As the 'first educator' of your child I urge all parents and carers to talk regularly to teachers to share knowledge about their child, our student. Together we can do a far better job.

Also, a massive 'thank you' to all families for having their students in uniform. As a school we look FANTASTIC! Our students wear their uniforms with great pride.

And the smiling faces of the students (and parents) when school started, probably my favourite day.

Parent Information Evening & Family BBQ

WHEN: Next Wednesday 12th February

Class teachers will be available at the times below to discuss their expectations of students, class rules and so on. Please come along as an opportunity to meet the teacher, understand their expectations so family and school are on the same page. Should you like a longer discussion this is the time to book a mutually acceptable time for a chat.

The P&C and parent supporters will be providing a sausage sizzle and drinks at a small cost. Sit on the grass with friends and enjoy the atmosphere.

Wednesday 12th February, commencing 5pm:

Meeting times:

5.00pm C1, C2, C4 and C6

5.20pm - B5, B6 and C3

5.40pm - A1, A2 and A3

Staff Movements

We welcome Ms Natashe Gray to the front office as well returning staff, Deputy Principal Mrs Belinda Popovski on Mondays and Fridays, Ms Erin Turner who returns to the pre-primary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 7th February 2020	Prefect Assembly
Tuesday 11th February	Edu-Dance commences - \$32 Per Student
Wednesday 12th February	Parent Night

DAILY ACTIVITIES

Breakfast Club	8.00 am - 8.15 am
Uniform Shop:	8.00 am - 8.30 am 2.00 pm - 2.30 pm

Sadly, we are going to lose our very friendly and obliging gardener Mr Ray Pink who also works at Harrisdale PS where he has been offered full time employment. We wish Ray the very best of good fortune.

Dragon Dancers at Assembly

What a wonderful finish to the week having Dragon Dancers at our first school assembly to acknowledge Chinese New Year. Special thanks go to Mrs Rennie.



Netball/Basketball Courts

We have had the school netball/basketball courts resurfaced over the vacation break, they look fantastic and I hope with the assistance of the P&C to do the final court next to the oval this year.

P&C Annual General Meeting

All welcome. Please come along and support your school. A date will be determined in the coming weeks.



I look forward to catching up with families in the near future.

Hans Geers, Principal

General Housekeeping

Attendance

It is expected that all students attend school. Attendance of 90% or above is considered by the Department of Education to be regular. If your child misses one day of school a week, they will miss **almost a term of school** every year! A reason must be provided for every day a child is absent from school.

Absentee Notification

SMS 0437 515 023

Email Brookman.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Phone 9458 5542

Edu-Dance

One of our students' favourite involvements is with Edu-Dance and it is exciting that this will commence next week Tuesday and continue weekly for the remainder of the term. please ensure you make payment of \$32.00 by Monday the 10th February.

Late Arrival

Children who arrive late to school are requested to report to the school office to be signed in and accounted for. Students who arrive after 8:30am will be marked as absent for the session. Unless they have come through the front office for a late note.

Signing Out

Department of Education policy requires that if you are collecting your child during school hours, you must report to our front office to "sign out" your child, where a staff member will provide you with a "sign out" note to hand to your child's teacher, to release your child.

Maths

I saw a lot of great maths lessons as I walked around the school this week. Many classes have started with number which includes counting, place value and patterns. In each year level, the content for maths increases so this first week is a time for teachers to see where children are at and if there are any gaps in their learning. Next week, at the Yr 1-6 class meetings, teachers will tell you a little more about the programs they run. You can help your child at home by counting forwards/ backwards, by 1's, 2's, 5's etc and using cooking and shopping as opportunities to use maths in the real world.

Tania Rennie | Deputy Principal

Literacy

Welcome back, I hope you all enjoyed the holidays. This year we are again counting the

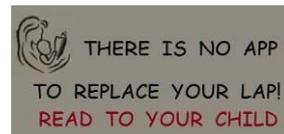


number of nights of home reading and awarding certificates and prizes. Children from year 1 to year 6 have been issued with a Home Reading Book to record their nights of home reading. **"Research continues to show that good**

reading and writing skills learned as a child are vital in setting up adults for future success."

Therefore, now is the perfect time to start forming the habit of reading every night at home! Encourage your child to read their home reader or library book and fill in the log book each night. All our children should be able to reach 200 nights by the end of the year if they start now!

If you have any questions about home reading, please see your class teacher.



Tina Lawrence Literacy Teacher

Honour Certificate Recipients



Congratulations to this week's Honour Certificate recipient's.

City of Gosnells – Safety around schools

In an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone, the City of Gosnells Ranger Services patrol school parking mornings and afternoons throughout the school term. It is imperative that drivers are aware of the road rules and understand signage around schools to ensure the safety of children, road users and pedestrians. Unlawful parking in school areas is a major safety hazard and parking infringements may be issued for incorrect, unlawful or dangerous parking.

Be responsible

- Observe parking restrictions (read the signs)
- Be aware
- Use Kiss and Drive (if provided)
- Always be aware of children
- Walk or cycle to and from school
- Plan your trip so that you arrive earlier
- Stop on the school side so your child does not have to cross the road
- Use the crosswalk services at all times
- Use parent's parking bays (where provided)

