2017 CLASS STRUCTURES

Due to an unexpected high number of enrolments at our school, we will be continuing with a 14 class structure for 2017. This would mean that the average class size would range from 26-27 in our Reception/Year 1 classes and an average of 29-30 in our Year 3 -7 classes.

As yet, we cannot confirm the staffing for 2017. We are still waiting on appointments and approvals from DECD Human Resources to confirm any new teacher appointments to our school. Hopefully this will be completed by the end of the term and you will be notified as soon as possible.

2017 Class Placements

In Week 9 your child will receive their End of Year Report and a letter informing you of their 2017 Class Placement and teacher. The staff have spent many hours over the past term setting up the classes for 2017. Many factors are taken into account such as number and gender balance, friendship groupings, behavioural issues, learning needs and social development. The class placements are as final as we can make them. To shift a student now will mean undoing many of the considerations listed above and will upset the balances we have created.

On Thursday 15th December, all students from R-7 will have time to visit their new classes and meet their new classmates and teachers. This process will enable the students to feel more comfortable about starting the new school year knowing where they will be, who is in their class (old and new friends) and who will be teaching them.

Annual Opinion Survey Reminder

All schools must conduct a survey within their school community to report on the satisfaction level of the parents, students and staff regarding overall operation of the school. There are two ways that you can respond to this survey. You would have already received a letter from the school explaining how you can complete the survey either as a hard paper copy or electronically. The electronic version of the Parent Opinion Survey can be accessed at: https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/YXpm7EEK

Friday 9th December is the final day for the surveys to be completed with all paper copies returned to school and the electronic copies closing at the end of the business day.

Once the data is collected, DECD will prepare an individual report for our school. The information from this report will be incorporated in the school’s Annual Report as well as providing information for the Site Improvement Plan.

Greg Graham
GOVERNING COUNCIL

2017 Materials and Service Charge Polling Process

The Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) has approved the Governing Council’s request to set the 2017 Materials and Service Charges at $310. The fee of $310 covers stationery, internet access, computers, photocopying, art materials and texts. The increase is on par with the CPI.

You would have received in the mail a Polling Survey seeking your response to the Governing Council’s recommendation that the 2017 Materials and Service Charge to be set at $310. Responses need to be returned to the front office by Friday 2nd December (TOMORROW).

All responses will be held in confidence.

Finance

ALL outstanding balances should have been finalised by 01/12/16. All overdue accounts will now be given to Governing Council for approval to be sent to the Debt Collector. If you are having difficulty paying, please contact Marcia so we can discuss your payment options.

Marcia - Finance 8296 2678 or dl.0933_finance@schools.sa.edu.au

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Changes to Keynes Avenue Parking Zones

Parents need to be aware that this week the Marion Council have changed the parking zones in front of the school especially ate the ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone.

The NO STOPPING zone (as identified by the yellow kerbside line marking) has been extended to further west, past the school crossing, taking up the length of the Kiss and Drop Zone. This means that you cannot park a car in this space at any time.

The NO PARKING zone has been moved further west. This area is now the only place where you can stop and drop off or pick up passengers. Under the road traffic by-laws you must not park your vehicle where a NO PARKING sign applies unless:

- You do not leave the vehicle unattended - that is move more than 3 metres away
- You complete the dropping off /picking up as soon as possible - in any case within 2 minutes

The Marion Council parking compliance officers will be monitoring the parking and will impose fines if motorist breach any parking laws.

Lost Property

There are numerous items of clothing in the Lost Property baskets in the Hall foyer, ranging from hats to Bomber Jackets. Most of the items do not have names on them which make it hard to return them to their owners. At next week’s assembly the clothes will be displayed outside of the Hall so that parents can look for any lost clothes. Any leftover clothing will be placed into the Second Hand Clothing box and resold.

SCHOOL SPORT

Cricket Presentation Day - Tuesday 13th December. 3:30-5:00pm

Parent Vs Children game.

School Values Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were given School Values Awards in Week 6:

Rm 3: Talia & Aidan
Rm 4: Christopher & Tahlia
Rm 6: Hina & Marsia
Rm 7: Charlotte & Oliver
Rm 8: Boaz & Tom
Rm 9: Ebony & Patrick
Rm 10: Tyson & Nikky
Rm 11: Leo & Cindy
Rm 12: Declan & Ali
Rm 14: Aika & Mia
Rm 15: Solomon & Linkin
Rm 16: Oscar & Ayaan
Rm 17: Sophie & Jamie
Rm 18: Bronson & Meerab
**Instrumental Music**

**Concert Reminder**

The Warradale Strings program is having their annual concert to ‘show off’ the skills the students have learnt and practiced throughout the year. The concert will be in the School Hall and every student in the music program is expected to attend and participate in the concert.

When: Wednesday 7th December, 2016  
Where: School Hall  
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm  

All welcome. If you think your child may be interested in playing an instrument next year please come along and see what the students have learnt.

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**Spelling Bee**

The WPS Spelling Bee was held this week in the Library. We really do have some very talented students who were able to spell numerous extremely tricky words! Congratulations to Ayaan in Reception, Linkin and Dylan in Year 1, Madeleine in Year 3, Emma in Year 4 and Bella in Year 5 for taking year level honours! A huge thank you to Amy and Blake’s mum Lyn for donating the book prizes, I’m sure they will be enjoyed by all.

Ms Davidson

**Canteen Closure**

On Thursday 8th Dec. the canteen will be closed all day.  
**On Wednesday 14th Dec,** the canteen will be closed but there will be counter service at Recess time only.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who have worked in the canteen throughout the year, especially Jessica and Jodie for helping out every week! A special thanks to Sarah for her tireless efforts in providing such a valuable service to the school community.

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**Slushie Litter!** Just a reminder for all students to put your used Slushie cups into the rubbish bins! If the Slushie litter continues to grow then the canteen will consider getting rid of the Slushie Machine!

Sarah

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

**Christmas Breakfast Celebration**

December 7th from 8:10 - 8:50  
‘Wise men’ are coming with small gifts for the children. Please join us. Our supporters have also been invited.

Week 9 (Wed 14th Dec) will be normal Breakfast Club.  
Breakfast Club will start next year in week 2, Wednesday 8th Feb 2017.

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**Thank you for supporting School Banking!**

We would like to thank all of our students who have taken part in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year. Not only does the program reward children for saving regularly, but it is also a great fundraiser for our school.

Keep an eye out for our 2017 Back to School launch in Term 1 next year where you’ll find out about our new theme, new rewards and the Grand Prize competition!

Our final School Banking day for 2016 will be 7th December. If you wish to order a reward item for your child this year please ensure that your redemption slip is filled in and returned by 30th November. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2017.
On Tuesday November 15th, Rooms 11, 12 and 14 went to the Makers Fair at Brighton Secondary School. The Makers Fair promoted STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) learning through a creative approach. The students enjoyed the opportunity to visit Brighton Secondary and participate with a hands on approach. Students were able to keep some of their creations, including a key chain made by the laser cutter.