



Week 1, Tuesday, October 10, 2017

NEWSLETTER WEEK 1 TERM 4

Calender Term 4

Week 1

Wed 11/10: P & C Meeting 6.30pm

Fri 13/10: Galgabba Cup

Week 2

Mon 16/10: RockCave Guitar Lessons
re-commence for T4

Wed 18/10: RockCave Guitar Lesson
(makeup class from T3)

Thu 19/10: Transition to School
Session #1 9.30-10.45am

Fri 20/10: Swimming for Sport
commences

Week 4

Mon 30/10: Life Education Program
Commences

Thu 2/11: Transition to School
Session #2 9.30-10.45am

Week 6

Thu 16/11: Transition to School
Session #3 9.30-10.45am

Week 8

Thu 30/11: Transition to School
Session #4 9.30-10.30am

Week 9

Wed 6/12: Year 6 Farewell
Fri 8/12: Presentation Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 4.

I hope everyone had a great holiday and is coming back to school refreshed. Students have settled back into routines very quickly and are working hard already. It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces on Monday morning.

The school is now using our Sentral management system to generate an SMS message if your child is absent with no explanation once rolls have been marked for the day. It is to help remind you to provide a reason each time your child is absent from school. This is a requirement for all students in NSW Public Schools. Please contact the office or fill out the Absentee Form through the Skoolbag App.

During Term 4 we will start the process of planning for 2018. If you know you are not returning in 2018 could you please advise the office as soon as possible. Also if you are aware of student who may be moving into our area could you ask them to contact the school. The information helps us understand possible class structures required for 2018.

Parents may make requests for special consideration for placement for 2018. A special request form is only available from the office. Requests from parents will only be considered if they are on the form and it is submitted by 3rd November 2017. Please note it is not possible to request a particular teacher.

Whilst all requests with substantial grounds for the request will be considered, the final decision will be based upon the professional judgement of the teaching staff. Requests will not be considered after 3rd November 2017.

Have a great week.

Swimming for Sport

This term our primary students (Years 3-6) will commence Swimming for Sport on Friday mornings **starting next week, 20th October**. This program will run for 7 weeks and the cost is \$35.00. All primary students are expected to attend these invaluable lessons. Notes were sent home last term and payment needs to be received with permission note and swimming ability by Wednesday 18 October. Children are reminded to make sure they bring their swimmers, goggles, sunscreen, towel and plastic bag for wet clothes on Friday mornings.



HOMEWORK CENTRE

Homework Centre will commence back
in Week 2

Wednesday 18th October 2017



LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Yesterday your child received a note regarding the Life Education Van's visit to our school in week 4.

Please ensure the note and money is returned by week 3 to secure your child's attendance.

If your child would like to purchase any "Harold Merchandise" please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child's name and class.

Below is a brief outline of the programs that will be delivered to the children who participate:

Early Stage 1 (Kinder) HAROLD'S FRIEND SHIP – Explores how to build friendships and care for others, feelings and emotions, safe and unsafe situations and early warning signs, safe place and people to turn to for help.

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) SAFETY RULES – Problem solving, personal safety, seeking help, how to care for others and behaviours that maintain friendships.

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) BCYBERWISE - Explores cyber safety through animation, vox pops of children, relevant scenarios, discussion and problem solving.

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) IT'S YOUR CALL – Definition of legal drugs, decision making, emotions, peer pressure, risk taking, problem solving, safe and appropriate use of communication technology.



YEAR 5 PARENTS SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for selective High school placement for 2019 are open now online. Contact the school office regarding more information if required.

Selective high schools cater for the specific needs of high achieving gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Selective schools help gifted and talent students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Parents apply when the student is in Year 5. The students sit the test in March of Year 6.

To be considered for placement students must sit the Selective High School Placement Test. For information about applying and the placement process go to:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Some selective high schools have vacancies in Years 8 to 12. Applications open in late June for placement the following year. For information about applying and the placement process go to:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/years-8-to-12>

FUN RUN GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Friday 3 November, K-2 grandparents and great grandparents are invited to celebrate National Grandparents Week with our children. Grandparents and Grandfriends are different in each family. We understand that some of our children do not have grandparents or they may live far away. If your child is upset by their grandparents not being able to attend then the parents can attend in their place. Parents and grandparents are invited to lunch and the Fun Run. Grandparents and Grandfriends are invited to come along at 11.30am. They will be entertained by our K-2 students and then invited into their classrooms. If the grandparents would like to also visit the children in years 3-6 they will be welcomed into their rooms too. We will be having lunch at 12.30-1.30pm followed by the Fun Run.

