

NEWSLETTER – WEEK 1, TERM 1 - 2018

Welcome back!

I hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing and fun filled break in readiness for what promises to be an exciting year! Our students in years 1-6 were placed in classes at Tuesday's morning assembly before moving off to their new rooms to start the school year. Our 2018 Kinder students have been busy with Best Start on Tuesday and Wednesday, before starting yesterday. And they, like the rest of our students, have settled in fabulously! On behalf of our school community, I would like to welcome all of our new Kinders, our newly enrolled students in other grades and their families to our school.

Staff and Class News

We will start the year with nine classes and 223 students, a similar enrolment profile to 2017 figures.

As mentioned at the end of last year, there will be some changes to staffing to begin 2018.

- Year 6 teacher, **Miss Stevens**, will continue to take leave. This time, however, she will be taking maternity leave. On behalf of the school and families, I would like to congratulate Miss Stevens, along with partner Zac, on the birth of their daughter Milla.
- I would like to welcome **Mrs Kim Gorton** to our school. Mrs Gorton is a highly regarded teacher who, I'm sure, will provide to be an outstanding addition to our staff. She will be our K/1 teacher this year.
- **Mr Tom Irwin** is another excellent addition to our staff in 2018. Mr Irwin will be assigned to 4 / 5I; he is a talented teacher and role model who will also bring great expertise in a number of sporting areas.
- **Ms Webster** will be taking leave during Term 1. During that time she will be replaced by **Miss Alicia Osland**. Miss Osland comes to our school with a wealth of experience at schools around the Maitland area. She will bring great teaching quality, enthusiasm and energy to our school and her students in 2/3W.
- In other changes, **Mrs Caffery**, will be working three days per week during 2018. She will be job sharing with **Mr Tarrant**, who will be with the class on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the year.
- **Mrs Petersen** will also be working three days per week this year. She will be complemented by **Mrs Katrina Beggs** who, like Mr Tarrant, will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays.
- **Mrs Whetham**, our substantive Teacher Librarian, will continue to take leave during the year. **Ms Coyle**, who has worn a number of 'hats' during the last couple of years, will be our Teacher Librarian in 2018. Library days this year will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- **Mr Scanlan** and **Ms Strang** will not be on class this year. Instead, they will be working in all classes, sharing their expertise in all rooms. Mr Scanlan and Ms Strang will work with teachers and students from K-6, providing team teaching, lesson demonstrations, mentoring and targeted support.
- Long term Creative Arts teacher, **Mrs Charmain Krempin**, will not be returning to our school in 2018. Mrs Krempin will take a period of long service leave before retiring in Term 2. Mrs Krempin has been an excellent servant to Public Education over an extended period and she has made outstanding contributions to our school. We will miss Mrs Krempin but congratulate her on a wonderful career. **Mrs Kristy Kirkman** will relieve in Mrs Krempin's RFF role and will be at our school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the year.
- **Ms Ann Croger** (Drama) will work at our school on Thursdays during Term 1.
- Later in the year, **Mrs Kristen Jack** (nee Lanesbury) will return to the school to provide music for all classes.



2018 Classes / Teacher Allocation

KH	Mrs Hanks
K / 1G	Mrs Gorton
1P	Mrs Petersen / Mrs Beggs
1 / 2 B	Mrs Baker
2 / 3 W	Miss Osland (Ms Webster from T2)
3 / 4 F	Mrs Fincher
4 / 5 I	Mr Irwin
5 / 6 C	Mrs Caffery / Mr Tarrant
5 / 6 S	Mr Stewart

Please be aware that class composition may be subject to change in the event of variations to student enrolment numbers. Our school refers to a class size policy that reflects DoE recommendations.

Staffing Summary

Role	Staff Member	Days
RFF	Kristy Kirkman	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
RFF	Ann Croger	Thursdays
Library	Anne Coyle	Tuesdays and Wednesdays
School Admin Manager (SAM)	Suze Touzell	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
School Admin Officer (SAO)	Vicki Watson	Mon, Tues, Wed (odd weeks), Thurs
School Admin Officer (SAO)	Andrea Price	Mon, Tues, Wed (even weeks), Fri
School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) - Specific	Sophia Roose	Mon, Tues
School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) - Specific	Vicki McEnroe	Wed, Thurs, Fri
SLSO - General	Jo Kearney	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
SLSO - General	Rach Butterfield	Mon - Fri
Counsellor	Mark Rose	Friday
General Assistant	Rick Harnes	Monday, even week Fridays

'Meet the Teacher' Meetings

We will be offering a chance for parents and carers to meet their child's teacher in the coming weeks. We will be offering two sessions on Wednesday 14 February, where teachers will provide an overview of class routines and procedures. The sessions will be held at 3:30pm and then repeated at 4pm. Hopefully a large number of our parents will be able to attend.

School Assembly

Our whole school assemblies will be held in the Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) on 'Even Week' Mondays during the year. Starting at 2pm, the assemblies will feature student performances and the presentation of merit and wellbeing awards. The assemblies will begin on Monday of Week 2 (this coming Monday) of this term.

We encourage our parents to come along and share the celebrations and achievements of our students and school. Our K-2 classes will hold their assemblies on 'Odd Week' Mondays, beginning in Week 5.



Performance Assembly Roster - Term 1

Week 2	5/6C
Week 4	1/2B
Week 6	5/6S
Week 8	1P
Week 10	2/3W

School Leader Induction Assembly

Our 2018 school leaders were announced at our school presentation ceremony, held during the final week of last year. Congratulations to our captains Sophie Formosa and Alex Shepherd along with their vice captains, Sophie Gadd and Ryan Eveleigh-Tanks.

We will be holding a leadership induction assembly on Monday 12 February (Week 3), where we will present badges to our school leaders, as well as our house captains. The leadership assembly will begin at 9:30am in the MPC.

House Leaders Elections

Yesterday our school elected house captains and vice-captains. I am pleased to announce that the following students have been chosen to represent their respective house groups.

Sturt

Captains :

Olivia Gregor
Kody Winter

Vice Captains :

Charlotte Anscombe
Dominic Matthews

Hume

Captains :

Daisie Bursill
Billy Lockwood

Vice Captains :

Ella Bryant
Bryant Cummings

Oxley

Captains :

Abbie Wilkes
Jack Parker

Vice Captains :

Mia Taylor
Connor Griffiths

Eyre

Captains :

Lonneke van de Scheur
Angus Quinn

Vice Captains :

Jayda Lane
Darcy Emmett

Class Requirement Packs

This year we are once again offering an all-inclusive class requirement pack. The pack will include essential classroom items including handwriting texts, class specific texts, pens, writing pencils, colouring pencils and glue sticks. Parents will only be required to provide a pencil case! Importantly, the class packs will also include relevant class subscription software packages that will be used throughout the year. Please note that students will be able to access the software packages from home as well as school. Teachers will provide an overview of software that will be used in the classroom at parent / teacher information sessions. The packs are valued at approximately \$100, but we are able to offer them to families for \$50; this represents excellent value and will ensure that all students are adequately prepared for learning activities.

Voluntary School Contributions

Our voluntary contribution will remain at \$40 per student per year. Contribution funds are used by the school to support a range of school programs and activities. Please be reminded that, as a public school, the paying of school fees is voluntary.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 15 February – Week 3. Please refer to the notes that were recently sent home for specific information about the carnival.

P&C Meeting

Our P&C will be holding their first meeting for the year on Monday morning. The meeting, providing the room has been reassembled after carpet replacement, will be held in the library, commencing at 9:30am. All current and intending members are encouraged to attend.

Newsletter

Our newsletter will be made available to families on Mondays.

Please contact our school if you have any questions regarding class or school operation. I also encourage our parents to install our Skoolbag app, available for iphone and android devices, to keep informed of current and upcoming school events – *Peter Edmonds*

CANTEEN NEWS

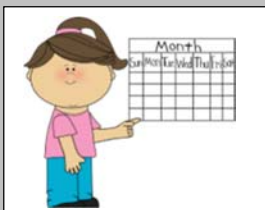
Week 2 - Term 1, 2018

Tues 6.2.18	Fiona Leary
Wed 7.2.18	Kasey Flanagan. HELP NEEDED
Thurs 8.2.18	Kirstin Machan, HELP NEEDED
Fri 9.2.18	Angela Smith, Louise Griffiths



Week 3 - Term 1, 2018

Tues 13.2.18	Jessica Trace
Wed 14.2.18	Elizabeth Gregor, HELP NEEDED
Thurs 15.2.18	Lisa Johns (Swimming Carnival)
Fri 16.2.18	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED



P & C Meeting :
Monday 5th February 2018
9.10am in the Library - ALL WELCOME !