



Message from the Principal

We have a very busy time coming up for the next five weeks of term. Please ensure you read all notes your child brings home and check diary dates. Don't forget to leave Friday 14 December free for our P&C Christmas Carols. This is a wonderful family evening to celebrate and enjoy the festive season.

Major P&C Raffle

Each year our P&C holds a major Christmas raffle to raise much needed funds to purchase equipment and resources for our school. The children will be bringing the tickets home today. Please support our raffle by selling as many tickets as possible; it is a good time to see if friends, relatives and work associates might buy some.

There are great prizes to be won in the raffle:

- 1st prize: Samsung Tablet
- 2nd prize: 28 inch Kogan Television
- 3rd prize: Big Banana Voucher
- 4th prize: \$50 voucher – Aimee McLachlan Photography
- 5th prize: Hamper

If your child is not able to sell the tickets, please return the book to the school so it can be reissued. All tickets need to be accounted for, so all books must be returned whether sold or not. Any child needing extra ticket books can get them from the school office. All tickets need to be returned by Tuesday 11th December. The raffle will be drawn at Carols by Candlelight on Friday 14th December.

Intensive Swimming for Year 2

The Intensive Swimming Program for Year 2 runs this week and next. Our school has chosen to subsidise

Kinder Orientation Visits

The first Kindergarten Orientation morning visit last Friday was delightful, with so many very eager and excited children having fun and making new friends. A large group of parents stayed for an Information Meeting in the hall which gave them the opportunity to get lots of information about how to help children settle into school, what to expect from the school experience, and supporting their children throughout the year. We also had guest speakers Darren (Busways information about organising bus transport) and Kelly (OoSH information about before and after school care, and vacation care) and Kate from Community Health with tips about healthy lunch box options. Two more visits will follow on Friday 23 and 30 November. My thanks to Belinda Oxenbridge and Helen Wright for arranging morning tea.

Year 4 and 5 Excursions

We wish Year 4 students and their teachers a wonderful time at Yarrahappinni this week. They will be leaving tomorrow morning. We also wish Year 5 a great time next week at Lake Ainsworth. Thanks to all the teachers and office staff for their organisation.

Parent Helper Morning Tea

The Parent Helper morning tea is on Thursday 22 November at 11:00am on the veranda of the school hall. We hope all those parents who have helped in any way in 2018 can come along so that we can show our appreciation for your support of our school.

Reminders:

Perpetual Trophies

Time has gone so quickly this year and we need the Perpetual Trophies returned in preparation for the 2018 Presentation Day. If you have a Perpetual Trophy that your child received at the Westlawn Presentation Day last year could you please return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Have a great week

Trish Ellis

Relieving Principal

Diary Dates

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Week 6

Mon 19 Nov - Fri 30 Nov Intensive Swimming

Tues 20 Nov Major Raffle tickets go home
 CSI

Wed 21 Nov-Fri 23 Nov Yr 4 to Yarrahappinni

Wed 21 Nov Y6 excursion to SCU in Coffs Harbour as part of the Stellar program
 Infants Science Show

Thurs 22 Nov Parent Helper Morning Tea at 11:00 am

Fri 23 Nov Kinder Orientation

Week 7

Mon 19 Nov - Fri 30 Nov Intensive Swimming
 Yr 5 Excursion to Lake Ainsworth

Tues 27 Nov Year 6 Orientation Day at GHS

Wed 28 Nov Year 6 Orientation at SGHS

Fri 30 Nov Kinder Orientation

Week 8

Mon 3 Dec - Fri 7 Dec Yr 6 Excursion to Canberra

Tues 4 Dec CSI

Thurs 6 Dec – Fri 7 Yr 3 Excursion to Coffs Beach School

Week 9

Tues 11 Dec Presentation Day
 Major Raffle Tickets returned by this date

Wed 12 Dec Award Assembly
 Canteen and P&C Meeting at 6pm in Meeting Room.

Fri 14 Dec Reports go home
 Carols Night and raffle draw

Week 10

Mon 17 Dec Primary end of term treat day

Tues 18 Dec Infants end of term treat day
 Yr 6 Farewell

Wed 19 Dec Students' last day

A reminder to parents about the safe use of technology and the importance of monitoring the use of technology by your child.

Online Safety Suggestions for Parents of Young Children

This document will give you some hints and tips to keep your children safe on the internet, when using computers, tablets and phones, and when accessing social media. Young children are increasingly digitally literate, and as adults, we need to know what they are up to and teach them how to keep safe online.



Social media:

Technically, children under the age of 13 shouldn't be building profiles on Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat etc. This is difficult, as many of their friends may already have profiles. Some sites such as YouTube, allow for children aged 13-17 to have profiles under their parent's consent. Twitter's terms of use are a little more confusing, and imply that children under 13 can have a profile with their parent's consent. When your children are old enough to access social media, take time to sit with them and go through privacy settings, explaining who can see what they publish.

Passwords:

Though you need to be teaching your children about password safety, and encouraging them not to share passwords with their friends, you also need to let them know that you can and will have access to their equipment and that you need to have access to their password, even if you don't memorise it. This will help them if they lock themselves out of their equipment by forgetting their password, and also means that you can go in and oversee their online behaviours, with their permission. Teaching them how to create a strong password is a good idea – starting with mixing numbers and letters with very young children. Take time to explain your reasons for needing to know their password, and why they shouldn't share it with anyone else.

Messaging and group chat:

This can be a tricky area to police, as by its very nature, it is hidden from public view. Make sure that you check in with your child regularly about their group chats, who is taking part in them, and make sure that they are only talking to people that they know in real life. Ask them to show you some of the conversations so that you can get a feel for what's going on in the chats. Keeping an open dialogue will help to maintain the trust between you and your children, and will ensure that your child will feel that they can come and talk to you if something is worrying them online.

Gaming:

Lots of children enjoy gaming on their video consoles and on the internet. Open and closed groups can easily be set up by children, and you need to know what is going on in their online play, in the same way as you do in their face-to-face relationships. Sit with them whilst they are engaged in their games, and ask them about what is happening. Who are they talking to? What are they playing together? Build up an interest in their game playing, and again, you will open that dialogue to engage with your child if they feel things are worrying them.

The most important thing you can do, is talk to your child. Engage in their interests and find out what they are up to. Talk the talk, and they will feel confident to talk to you if things are troubling them online.

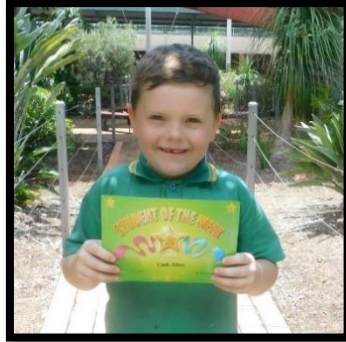


Students of the Week

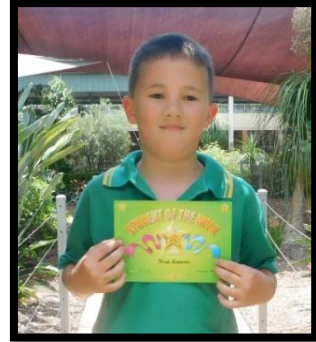
Klancee Collie – KM



Cash Allen – 1R



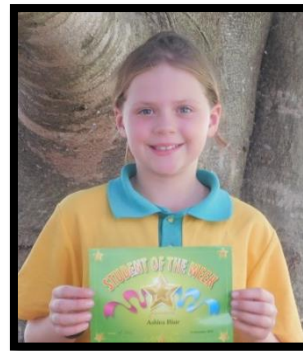
Noah Kamoto – 2A



Olivia Jones – 4/5K



Ashlea Blair 3/4T



Canteen Roster

Wednesday 21 November	Garry Palin, Debra Watts
Thursday 22 November	Debra Watts, Campbell Kenneally, Kel Foster
Friday 23 November	Deanna Fernance, Deb Barlow, Shane Masters
Monday 26 November	Julie-Ann Wiles, Melissa Johnston, Deb Barlow
Tuesday 27 November	Debra Watts, Sue Tobin, Debbie Tobin