STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all parents who contact the school regarding your child’s absences. Please only give permission for your child to stay at home if they are genuinely ill. Children are required at school on sports days and when their class is on an excursion or camp. If it is at all possible make appointments for the doctor or dentist outside of school hours. When children are away they miss learning with the class and will have extra class work to catch up on when they return. Remember, every day counts. If you are planning an extended holiday, permission must be sought in writing from the Principal. As from the 1st March 2014, new laws mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Please note only a parent or guardian over the age of 18 can ring to inform the school of an absence.

PARKING!!!!!

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MEDICATION

On occasions it is necessary for students to take medication during school hours. When this occurs parents are required to complete a Medication permission form which is available at the office.

Medication should be in a container clearly marked with the name of the medication, the student’s name and dosage.

Please note that this also applies to any pain relief medication such as paracetamol.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Week commencing 1st February:

Room 1: Nixon
Room 2: Keisha
Room 3: Kaiden
Room 4: Havanna
Room 5: Dallas
Room 6: Sienna

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!!

February Birthdays:

3rd Finn RM4
5th Zoe RM6
6th Monique RM5
17th Tallulah RM1
19th Dylan RM5
26th Tilly RM3

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CONTACTING TEACHERS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Families are always welcome to contact staff regarding issues concerning their child. The best way to do this is to phone the Office to arrange a mutually convenient time on 03 5977 4324.

Yabbie - Positive Behaviours Program @ Tyabb Rail

Starting school can be anxious time for some children, whatever their age. Here are some simple strategies adapted from the OnPsych newsletter to help parents when dealing with anxiety.

- Use a positive goodbye. This means for parents to drop off, give them a quick kiss, and leave. Any extra “hanging on” causes increased stress for both the parent and the child.
- Talk about positive things on the walk/drive to school that might happen in the day. After school, parents should ask how their child’s day has been and focus on the positive things that have happened. Remind them that nothing bad has happened to them or yourself, as quite often separation anxiety can be caused by a fear that something is going to happen.
- Get to school a bit earlier and see if you can organise for a teacher they trust to walk in with them.

If you would like any more information regarding childhood anxiety, please see Mrs Bluff (student wellbeing coordinator) or your classroom teacher.

February Dates to remember:

No Foundation Students— 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
Bike Ed—18th and 25th
Twilight Picnic—25th

Breakfast Club

Starts this Friday 5th February for all students!

Serving starts at 8.30am with last serving at 8.50am every Friday!

Don’t forget to download the Tiqbiz app to receive reminders and important dates!
Each year, the students and families from our school community participate in the Western Port Festival Parade.

This year the theme for the festival is to commemorate the Battle of Hastings.

The parade will be on Saturday, February 20th 2016 – with the marshalling area, in Arthur Street, Hastings. The area is clearly sign posted and Mrs Mayes will be there to meet you! Students will need to arrive at the marshalling area by 11.45 am with the parade beginning at 12.15 p.m. The duration of the parade is approximately 45 minutes.

To capture the mood of the theme, students are encouraged to dress as Vikings!!!!

This is a great way for our school to participate within our community, and I encourage all families to join in the spirit of the parade and then stay on and enjoy the festival. We hope to see you there!

Welcome to our new Foundation students!! As you can see by the photos, our new students have settled in well. They have been quite busy already making patterns with different colours and shapes, practising counting, learning about writing sentences and balancing apples on their heads! The focus for the week is making new friends and caring for each other.

Welcome back to the 2016 year!

The staff have spent the past 3 months diligently planning the curriculum to meet the individual needs of all students. Our school is specialising in Mathematics, Science, Creative Thinking and Intercultural understanding. Our outstanding value added results in NAPLAN within the area of literacy will still be a priority, as will our strong focus on student wellbeing and connectedness to our community.

Last year, we were delighted to become designated as a ‘Bridge’ school with SDN 7 Sintang School in West Kalimantan, Indonesia. Over the past six months Bu Macnab travelled to Indonesia twice; on a study tour in September 2015 with Mr Wettenhall and in January with Mr Rossi to visit our Bridge sister school in West Kalimantan. This visit has allowed for dialogue between the teachers of both schools to establish common curriculum goals.

Next week, we have 2 teachers from South Korea visiting with us for 10 days; Their students have been anxiously waiting for us to return from the Christmas break so that they could also resume their skypeing sessions with the senior classes! We have just received a request to Skype for the Chinese New Year with Huo Wa Xiang Primary School in Nanjing, China. We are truly part of the global community here!

The success of the P&C fundraising for air-conditioning units has meant that over the break, all learning centres now have cooling available, with the addition of the installation of our new synthetic court beginning this week!

In light of recent events, I would like to reassure families that our school has a very comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which is rehearsed several times per year. Should the need ever arise, the students will be evacuated to the Central Park oval and parents will be contacted either via Tiqiqi or telephone. I look forward to chatting with all family members at our Twilight Picnic on February 25th. This will be an ideal opportunity for families to view the classroom displays and meet your child’s friends and their families!

Carole Mayes ~ Principal