



23 February 2017

## From the Principal

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to our student leaders who were presented to our school community on Monday's parade:

School Captains: Alijah, Bastien, Ellie and Laura

Cultural Captains: Sophia, Evie, Grace C and Remi

Herbert House Captains: Chloe and Petar

Bowen House Captains: Mia and Reuben M

Media Crew: William, Lucia, George, Grace K, Huon, James K and Lachie

Student Council: Tatum, Katlin, Molly, Nirushi, Lucy, Anahita, Sienna, Charli and Sarah

Music Captains: Summer and Minnie

Band Captains: Hugo and Jenny

I look forward to working with these students in their new roles for 2017.

Our School Captains have been awarded the opportunity to attend the Eastern Alliance Cluster Primary Leadership Program, held over three days.

It is an opportunity to gather leaders from primary schools to participate in a rich, authentic Young Leaders Program facilitated through a partnership between Whites Hill State College, and Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre.

The program is designed for newly elected leaders to provide them with insights, experiences and confined building activities to excel in leading our school through 2017 and beyond.

Throughout this program, our School Captains will design a project to commit to for the year.

### P&C

Over the past fortnight, we have held both the AGM and February meeting for the P&C. I would like to welcome: our Executive Team for 2017:

Rae Plush as our new P&C President

Dave Copeman and Rowan Misso as our continuing Vice Presidents

Ralda Ruberry and Shellie Ward as co-Secretaries and

Stuart Fyfe as Treasurer.

### **Curriculum Update**

Over the coming weeks, all of our classroom teachers will be collaborating with our English Planning Cluster (East Brisbane SS, Mt Gravatt SS and Lota SS), to engage with the Australian Curriculum, Achievement Standards and aligning our assessment with our curriculum. These sessions are facilitated by our school's curriculum leaders, and I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the work that goes into preparing for these.

### **2017 Principal's Conference 1-3 March**

Next week, all Queensland State School Principals are required to attend the 2017 Principal's Conference. While this is a great opportunity to network, particularly for Principals working in isolated or regional communities, the theme for this year's conference is Every student, every school: lighting the path for innovation, equity and impact. The focus will be on how we lead the way together, into a future of sustained continuous improvement, equitable opportunities and innovation.

Our conference program includes a number of both national and international speakers including: Professor Douglas Fisher, Professor of Educational Leadership, San Diego State University; Corporal Mark Donaldson, Australian Army and Victoria Cross recipient; Professor John Hattie, Professor of Education and Director, Melbourne Education Research Institute, University of Melbourne and Dr Adam Fraser, Author of the Third Space.

### **Farewell**

This week, unfortunately, we say farewell to one of our teachers on 1 AB, Mrs Ree Birgan. Mrs Birgan needs to undertake treatment for a medical condition, and it will be unlikely that she will return in the capacity of a classroom teacher in 2017. We wish Mrs Birgan well as she undergoes her treatment and recovery.

We welcome Ms Louise Miles as Mrs Birgan's replacement.

### **Absences**

I have mentioned in previous newsletters about our mandatory requirements regarding 'same day notification'. These new requirements are for the school to contact parents on the same day to identify the reason for their child's absence, if the school has not already been notified.

Thank you to parents who have made an effort to contact us in these circumstances. It can take many hours in the Office to follow up if we haven't received a notification.

We have recently moved to a text messaging system to notify parents. Please ensure your contact numbers are up to date, otherwise these messages will bounce back. Parents are able to respond to these text messages once they have been received.

The Department provides a list of reasonable excuses for student absences in alignment with their Every Day Counts policy. These include:

Illness, Natural Disaster, Holiday, Sorry Business, Sport – both representative and non-representative.

If your child will be absent for 11 or more days, you are able to apply for an exemption for this period. An application for Exemption is available from the Office. If your application is for Holidays, an itinerary is required for approval to be granted.

Nicole Goodwin  
Principal

## Office News

### Finance

A credit has been raised to clear old invoices. Updated statement will come home next week.

When sending money to the office please make sure you send in the correct amount as we do not always have change.

### Parking at drop off and pick up Zone

Please do not park in the parking zone as it holds up the cars behind you. This is Council property and they do come around and book.

### Early arrivals to school

Please note that child/ren should not come to school before 8.30am. If you have to drop your child/ren to school they must not arrive before 8.00am or they will need to be enrolled at Before School Care.

### District Swimming Success

On the 9th February, a small contingent of proud swimmers travelled to the Hibiscus Sports

## School Information

### Hours

First Bell: 8:45am

Dismissed: 3:00pm

Pick-up zone unsupervised  
from 3:15pm

### Contact

Student Absences: 3010 8360

Administration: 3010 8333

Facsimile: 3010 8300

### Email

[admin@duttonparkss.eq.edu.a](mailto:admin@duttonparkss.eq.edu.a)

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### Web

[duttonparkss.eq.edu.au](http://duttonparkss.eq.edu.au)

### Parents & Citizens Association

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

All parents and caregivers invited to attend. Please email: [pandcsecretary@duttonparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcsecretary@duttonparkss.eq.edu.au)

Complex to represent DPSS at the 2017 Mt Gravatt District Swimming Trials. The swimmers (Indigo, Scarlett, Ellie, Lucy, Charlotte and Jenny) put in a tremendous effort on the day, supporting each other in a positive manner and achieving outstanding results against some very strong competitors. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments. Thanks to the parents who attended the carnival and cheered our swimmers along. Your support is always well appreciated!

Special congratulations to Scarlett and Ellie who have qualified for every event that they competed in. They will progress to the Met. East Swimming Trials to be held at the Brisbane Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 28th February. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing about their experience as part of the District Swimming Team.



### School Banking

**Get involved in the School Banking program.**

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School

### Before & After School Care

Morning: 6:30am - 9:00am  
Afternoon: 3:00pm - 6:00pm  
Telephone: 3844 4474  
Email: [adp@ymca.org.au](mailto:adp@ymca.org.au)  
Web: [www.ymca.org.au](http://www.ymca.org.au)

### Date Claimers

**23/2, 2/3, 9/3 m -**

Swimming

continues on Thursday's for Yr's1-3's

**8/3 - I Can Program begins**

**20/2 - Parent/Teacher interviews began this week & continue wk 6**

**24/2 - Brisbane Roar Program 3J & 3/4P**

(continues on Friday's)

**27/2 - Brisbane Roar Program for 4D (continues on Monday's)**

**27/2 - 123 Magic Program beings**

### Yeronga State High School

"Quality Pathways to Success"

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Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

Cyber Handball  
Colour Change Markers  
3D Chalk Set  
Tablet Case  
Smiley Emoji Keyring  
Volt Handball  
Pencil + Tech Case  
Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser. Our school receives 5% on every deposit made through the school (maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

### **Getting involved in School Banking is easy!**

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

#### **1. Online**

Visit

**[commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)** and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

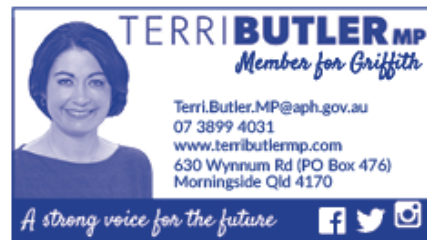
#### **2. In branch**

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

### **School Banking day is Monday**




The following students are eligible to claim a reward/s: Samantha, Carys, Angus x2, Nicholas, Hanna x3, Ava, Scarlett, Indigo, Lucinda x3, Larissa

#### **ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**



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**Local & Labor**

x3, Ethan x2, Oscar, Pauline x2,  
Aarya x2, Anastasia, Kostas x2,  
David, Angel x5, Ivan x3, Eliza,  
Aquila x3, Mohammed, Jake, Finn x5,  
Mia, Mac x5, Archie

### **Cross Country Training**

Our School Cross Country Carnival  
will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 2017.

All students are invited to attend  
training sessions which will be held on  
the school oval each Monday,  
Thursday and Friday morning before  
school. Training will commence on  
Thursday 23 February. Whilst this  
training is not mandatory, it is highly  
recommended as it will assist  
students with their preparation in the  
lead up to the Cross Country Race.

Students may attend as many  
sessions as they choose.

Details are as follows:

#### **Training Days & Dates:**

Monday- 27/2, 6/03, 13/03, 20/03  
Thursday –23/02, 2/03, 9/03, 16/03  
Friday – 24/02, 3/03, 10/03, 17/03

#### **Time:**

8:00am – 8:30am

#### **Staff:**

A DPSS teacher will run the sessions.  
House Captains will assist.

#### **What to Bring/wear:**

- Joggers

- Hat
- Drink bottle
- A piece of fruit for when they have finished running

**Incentive:**

Students who complete a training session will receive one point towards their House Cross Country Points Tally.



**Community News**

**Yeronga State High School Enrolment Information Session**  
**The next Y-Tour will be held on Tuesday, 7 March from 9:00-10:30am**  
**Come along to tour the school, chat with senior administration staff and students, have questions answered.**  
**Morning Tea provided**