



## From the Principal's Desk

The Student Councillors and Faction Captains introduced an updated assembly format for the first assembly last week to accommodate for the increase in student numbers. Pre Primary and Kindergarten assemblies will commence in term 2.

We welcome a new Caversham staff member, Ms Milka Harrison, Special Needs Education Assistant.

Census of student numbers was finalised last Friday at 420. Census is the day that dictates funding for the school year.

## Friday Icy Poles for \$1 - Pre Primary to Yr 6

Would your child like an icy treat on Fridays?

Well, the Year 6's will be selling icypoles for a dollar each Friday lunch time for the rest of the term. All money raised will go towards our Year 6 camp so please give a dollar to your child and help get us there.

Thank you for your support.

Yr 6 Students

## Parents as Partners

As we start the new school year it is timely to remind all of school expectations for parents. Please take the time to read the 'Parents as Partners' pamphlet attached with this newsletter (and also available from the Connect Library tab) so that proper processes are adhered to.

Reminders:

- Parents/Adults are required to sign in at the front office (other than drop off or pick up) if entering the school grounds. Parents must sign the Late Arrival book or Early Departure book if they are taking a student home early or arriving with a student to school after 8.50am (Kindy and Pre Primary classes have an in-class sign in/out book). This is so the school knows who is on site in the event of an incident.
- Parents/Guardians must not approach a child (that is not their own) to reprimand without parental permission whilst on school grounds.
- Confidentiality is a priority to protect our children and as adults we are modelling that learning is lifelong.

## On-Entry Assessment Program (Pre-Primary)

Testing of children in Pre Primary will be conducted between Weeks 4-6. Parents received information on the assessment last week. The On-Entry assessment program provides teachers with information about the understandings that a child brings to school and assists teachers in developing informed and intentional teaching programs.

## Student Update Forms

Over the coming weeks, each student will bring home an envelope containing a Student Update Form. Please make any changes as required and return the form to the office or classroom teacher by the return date noted on your child's form. If there are no changes necessary please tick the 'No Corrections Necessary' box in the top right hand corner of the letter and return it.

## OSHClub Before-and-After School Care

OSHClub continue to provide before-and-after school care for our families on site at Caversham. Visit [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) for more details or visit the OSHClub staff for more information.

## Important Reminder - Food Allergies and Anaphylaxis

A reminder to families that we have several children with **allergies to eggs and nuts**. This calls for us as a community to work together to ensure that these students are kept safe.

We ask that school lunches avoid nut products such as peanut butter and nutella and egg or egg sandwiches. If students bring these foods to school they will be required to sit apart from the children with allergies. I have always found that children are very helpful in ensuring their peers are kept safe.

## Honour Certificates



Congratulations to our first Honour Certificate recipients for 2018.

## Reminder - Labour Day Public Holiday

A reminder that Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March is a public holiday and no staff or students attend school on the day.

## Warm Weather Reminders

Warm weather is still here, which means it is still hats and sunscreen time. Please ensure students have a water bottle to keep hydrated throughout their busy school days. A personal sunscreen in their school bag is also recommended.

It is also important to remember that this time of year snakes are still active in the local area. Sensible closed in shoes are the most suitable footwear for school. If students see a snake they are to stay well clear and notify a duty teacher immediately. Please reinforce with your child what they should do if they encounter a snake as this is an important message for them to follow both at school and when they are at home or with friends at the park.