



AVERSHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Growing Together"*

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## From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to our Student Councillors for the smooth running of the first assembly for the school year. Thank you to Mrs Jeayes for arranging the surprise visit to the school by the Scorchers in Week 2.

The School Plan guides the direction of a school over a three year period. Though the plan does not detail everything that a school does, it formalises the priorities of the school's improvement focus based on context and analysis of student achievement data.

As a school we are currently at the renewal stage of our three year School Plan. It is the work of the School Board (formerly the School Council) to monitor the School Plan throughout the three year period. The new School Plan will be finalised with the Board by the end of term ready for publication in Term 2.

You may have heard terminology such as Visible Learning, STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) and coding. Future newsletters and parent sessions will assist parents with understanding the current 'what and how' of teaching and learning which will prepare our children for their future roles in society.

As we move forward as a school community with the status of an Independent Public School we embrace our motto: Educate Excite Excel as we work together to provide a quality public education for the children in our care.

Thank you to all parents who attended the classroom meetings yesterday and today. It is important that you provide parental support to the classroom teacher.

I hope that new parents are able to attend the Welcome Morning Tea hosted by the Parents & Citizens Association on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in the school library.

## 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 to this newsletter 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 classes and Rooms 9 and 10 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

Testing of children in Pre Primary will be conducted between Weeks 4-6. Parents received information on the assessment last Friday. 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.

## 2017 Health Care Form Return

Thank you to those families that have completed and returned their child's form. Parents that have not yet returned the form are reminded to please return the completed Health Care Form 2017 for each of their children attending the school to their child's classroom teacher.

# PARKING / 4WD Drive-Through Pick Up Yrs 1-6

We have included again the Schools parking policy for parents that provides guidance for the smooth and safe drop off and collection of children. We have also included a flyer with important information from the City of Swan regarding **parking restrictions**. We are currently working with the City of Swan to improve parking signage.

Whilst we understand the frustration of "parking" please understand school staff share the same frustration. Parents must show patience and courtesy towards each other at these times of the day. (It is disappointing when school staff are required to caution parents behaving badly) As a parent body you have your Parents & Citizens Association which you can join and work together to provide options for yourselves e.g: walk to school initiatives or parent parking monitors.

## Updat-ed App



Parents - Receive reminders about closing dates for special events (eg. Sushi Orders), link directly to newsletters, report an absence and save events that are important to you, straight to your calendar.

**Getting connected is easy** - download the app, search for Caversham Primary School from the dropdown list. Complete a request to join the app, which will be verified by the school and then the app will be ready for you to enjoy.

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## P&C Welcome Morning Tea for New Families

Oops... We got the date wrong. Please see the correction below for the date for the Welcome Morning Tea.

The P&C would like to invite new families to a Welcome Morning Tea on Friday the **24<sup>th</sup> of February** from **9am to 10am** in the Library. There will be coffee and tea and light cakes. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Michelle or the front office.

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# SUPA Club



Scripture Union Primary Age Club begins for 2017 on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

SUPA club:

- Is free and held at **lunch time** on Thursdays at the Integrated Learning Centre.
- Includes games, Bible stories, drama, singing and is a lot of fun.
- Is open to all primary students.
- Is run by **Scripture Union**, a non-denominational Christian organization committed to youth ministry worldwide.
- Is supervised by the attendance of Mrs Coralie Holmes, the school chaplain.
- Is voluntary and students must have a parent/guardian's permission by returning the signed slip below to the school.



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### SUPA CLUB PERMISSION SLIP 2017

I \_\_\_\_\_ parent / guardian give my

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of parent/ guardian

permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend SUPA Club on

\_\_\_\_\_ Name of Child

Thursdays at lunch time at Caversham Primary School.

Parent Signature - \_\_\_\_\_

***(Please return this slip to Mrs Holmes or the front office ASAP as numbers are limited.)***