Principal’s Message

School medals
An important part of our PBL (positive behaviour for learning) program is our school award system. Children are awarded PBs, blue, silver and gold awards working towards a school medal. Each award is significant for the children and we look forward to presenting the blue, silver and gold awards at our regular Friday assemblies in front of our school community.

The staff have been reviewing the significance of school medals – the highest honour - and we would like to raise the value of the medal for the children, families and staff. To do this we are proposing the following changes.

- Once a student earns 2 gold awards, they will write a short statement about how they have earned the award and make a time to chat with the principal about their achievement. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to reflect on the significance of the award and their accumulated achievements.
- Medals will be presented at the special awards assembly each term (advertised on the calendar)

P&C invitation
Parents are warmly invited to join us on Monday 14 March for our P&C meeting. Please enter the school through the Sorlie Place car park gates.

Grandparents’ morning
Every year we invite our grandparents/grandfriends to visit the children in their classrooms and share morning tea with us. I would like to prepare a digital photo display for the grandparents to enjoy over morning tea so I am requesting parents to send in a photo of a shared moment between grandparents and their grandchildren. Please email photos to gail.margaret.smith@det.nsw.edu.au.

SEE – Special Ethics Education
We are in need of parents who can assist our ethics program at school and fill in as ethics teachers on a casual basis. Please contact me if you are interested in completing the ethics training or chat to Naomi Gaskell, our SEE co-ordinator.

SERVE (Student Engagement Reflecting Values & Etiquette)
“All that people needed to do was live in harmony with nature and respect the law of the land” Nadia Wheatley
This year we are embarking on a new program for student leadership. The program has been designed to fill a need for ongoing student leadership development replacing the class captain and SRC roles.
The program will run over 3 terms and will cover components of leadership appropriate to primary school children. The five core aspects of the program are: the value of others, moral
reasoning, respect for elders, rising to the standard and appropriate behaviour. The role will be one where the children learn to serve their school community, step outside themselves to view things from others’ perspectives, support the school and model respect.
The children will be able to put their skills into practice at school assemblies, grandparents’ morning, parent breakfast mornings, greeting visitors and other school functions.
The program will be run by Mrs Liz Davies and Mr Matt McCarron on a Thursday at recess for any children who are interested in building their leadership capacity through serving the school. Mrs Davies and Mr McCarron will be speaking to all the children after assembly on Friday 11 March, explaining the program and inviting interested children to participate.

**Remember…**

- **Friday 4 March**  
  Centenary birthday assembly 2pm (no awards)  
  Catch-up at Carrie’s 3.10pm
- **Thursday 10 March**  
  Year 4 excursion
- **Monday 14 March**  
  P&C meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm
- **Thursday 24 March**  
  Easter Hat Parade K-2 at 2.15pm
- **Friday 25 March**  
  Good Friday (no school)
- **Monday 28 March**  
  Easter Monday (no school)
- **Thursday 31 March**  
  Year 3 excursion
- **Friday 1 April**  
  Special awards Assembly (medals, certificates, sport ribbons)
- **Thursday 7 April**  
  Grandparents’ morning and donate-a-book
- **Friday 8 April**  
  Last day of Term 1

**Gail Smith**
Principal

**Respectful Responsible Learner**

The focus for this term is:

| Weeks 1 and 2 | I will have a go |
| Weeks 3 and 4 | I am here to learn |
| Weeks 5 and 6 | I will co-operate with others |
| Weeks 7 and 8 | I will bounce back |
| Weeks 9 and 10 | I will make good choices |

**Assembly Award Winners**

**Term 1 Weeks 4 and 5**

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**Administration News**

Please be aware of children in the lower car park and at kiss and drop. Double parking is not safe as our little people cannot be seen running between cars. It’s not worth the risk!

**Gail Smith**
The term and year are racing along and it's time to advise on two favourite programmes in the LRC.

**Premier's Reading Challenge 2016**
The PRC officially starts on 7 March. I will ensure the school is registerd and, once that is done, all older students can start entering their books on their online reading logs. These are accessed via the children's DEC Portal where there is a clear link to the PRC site and each child's individual log. We will give each class a refresher on how to enter books this week.

For younger children, it is probably easier if parents enter the books for them. There is a wealth of support available about the Challenge and how to access children's online reading records at [https://prcsupport.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/6000079754-parents-and-students](https://prcsupport.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/6000079754-parents-and-students)

Please don't hesitate to come in to the LRC and seek me out if you need assistance and all classroom teachers can help as well.

**Grandparents' Day Donate-a-Book**
This is an early advice to keep the date free on Thursday 7 April for Grandparents' Day as this brings a lovely day in the LRC. This is an opportunity for children to spend time with their grandparents/grandfriend.

All our new books are on display and, for a modest donation of $5 for most paperbacks or $10 for hardbacks or super thick paperbacks, your grandchild has a donation sticker placed in the book and is also the first person in the school to borrow and read that particular book.

It is a lovely way of recognising a child's passage through the school and all funds raised go straight back into buying more resources for our gorgeous library.

Looking forward to seeing you on 7 April.

Claire Peters
Teacher Librarian

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**P & C News**

**Canteen**
ffpsandccanteen@gmail.com

Reminders….

Don't forget that this Friday 4 March is our first Catch-up @ Carrie's for the year...join us for a cup of tea and a cake after the Centenary birthday assembly.
Please note that sushi can only be ordered online through School 24…no lunch bag orders please!

The Committee is still looking for a Roster Co-ordinator and a Treasurer. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the school community and get to know other parents.

If you are interested, please contact Charlotte Nash at ffpspandccanteen@gmail.com

If you would like to join the Committee, our next meeting will be held on Monday 21 March at 7.30pm in the P & C room (opposite the Uniform shop)

**Band**
ffpspandcband@gmail.com

For those Band members who haven’t yet handed in their Band Camp notes, it would be appreciated if you could fill them in and leave them for me in my tray in the Band room – now on top of the pigeonholes. We need to sort rosters ASAP and the forms are due back by Monday 7 March

Parents – we need your support on this weekend, so if you can spare some time to supervise, we would appreciate it too! Parents are reminded they need to complete a Working with Children form and 100 point check. Please call into the office to fill in the form.

Also, fees are due by this Sunday (6 March ). If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Band “Jam In” day for the Training band will be held on Sunday, 13 March – all Training band members are expected to attend this accelerated learning day. Please return your permission notes to me, if you haven’t already done so.

Our current band numbers are now at 71 members.

Sally Tate
Band Convenor
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