Principal’s Report

Safe Driving Practices

We have had a few reports recently of unsafe driving practices near our school, and of students behaving unsafely on the road.

To keep our students safe in and around the school can you please keep in mind the following rules and regulations:

- Schools are 40 zones from 8 am – 9:30 am and from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm. We now have the flashing lights at the front of the school to help remind everyone of this.
- Students should cross the road at the pedestrian crossing, with students under 9 holding the hand of an adult or older, responsible sibling.
- No student under 9 should be called to run across the road unattended.
- Parents are not to drive on school grounds. There is only one parent with permission from me to drive past the “No Vehicles Past this Point” sign; and one parent with permission to deliver goods to the canteen.

Teachers have addressed Road Safety in class and have also discussed leaving school grounds safely as a part of our PBL program. Can you please reinforce these messages at home. It would be a tragedy if one of our students was hit by a vehicle on their way to or from school.

Pride in our School

An important signal that we have pride in our school is the wearing of the school uniform. Our uniform is practical and affordable, and when worn by the whole school, looks terrific. Unfortunately, there have been a few students of late who have been wearing an assortment of non-uniform items. When this is done by our senior students, in particular, it sets a poor example for the rest of the school to follow. Can you please reinforce with your child that we all expect them to look their best and to wear the full school uniform. Thank you for your support.

Speers Point Park Excursion

The school and the P & C are collaborating to reward ALL of our students for their ongoing high standard of behaviour this year. We have had no suspensions and minimal incidents of aggressive behaviour. It has been fantastic to see the ongoing success of PBL in giving the students the skills to make good choices with their behaviour.

The reward is an excursion to Speers Point Park on Tuesday, 25 November. We are looking forward to a day of excitement and smiling faces. We will be ensuring that the students are in organised groups and that they will have times to explore the various sections of the park. To make the day a success we need parental support with supervision. A note has gone home today about the excursion. If you could please indicate on that if you are able to assist then that would be greatly appreciated.

There will be five teachers and two teacher’s aides in attendance.

Students will be able to bring a ‘party’ lunch. We have been assigned a grass area outside of the park, where we will all sit and enjoy a picnic together. Students may bring their scooters on the excursion.

There is no cost for the excursion.

Kinder Orientation

The second of our orientation sessions for new Kinders was held today. Their parents were treated to performances by the band, class 4/5/6 with their Rock’n’Roll dance, class 3/4 with a play about Red Riding Hood, and songs by K/1/2. The final session will be held in a fortnight’s time.

P & C Meeting

Mrs Hook and I attended the P & C meeting on Tuesday evening. The P & C approved the cost of one of the buses for the Spear’s Point excursion, $500 towards the Computer Lab in the Library and $50 towards the Citizenship book prizes for presentation night.

The Carols night was discussed. Carols will be held on Tuesday, December 16 with gates opening at 6.00 pm. Flyers are being organised and should arrive in your letterbox in the next couple of weeks. There will be a raffle and we are looking for donations towards Christmas hampers to be used as prizes. If you could please donate non-perishable items that would be suitable for a
hamper then that would be greatly appreciated. All donations to be left at the office.

There will also be a cake stall, face painting, a coffee van, dinner from the canteen and, of course, a visit from Santa. All friends and family are welcome.

The P & C are working on the structure for Band Fees and payments, with the changes coming in to effect next year. The process will be a lot more streamlined and easy to manage. The details will be finalised at the next P & C meeting in the first week of December. All band parents are welcome to attend.

**Bushfire Safety**

Our school is on the register for schools that could be affected by bushfire. An information sheet and a letter was sent home with your child today. We have practised our fire evacuation procedures. In case of a fire we would put a notice onto Facebook and on to our School Stream App.

**Karin Hird**  
**Principal**

**Class News**

**Kindergarten**

Thank you to Shontelle and her family, who have shared some tadpoles with our class. Students have been excitedly watching them change from tadpoles into froglets. We can’t wait to see them when they are frogs too! Last week, we started experimenting with making music using African instruments, including djembe (drums) and caxixi (pronounced kaa-SHE-she). Students have followed rhythms and they have also enjoyed making their own rhythms up for the class to follow. We will continue to explore these instruments over the next few weeks.

**Ms Hook**

1/2

The Stars of the week in 1/2 this week are James and Koby! Awesome spelling Allyah, Dylan, Lyla, Torhi, Alby, Daniel, Ben, Grace, Annie, Alyssa and Maggie for getting 100% in your test last week.

Thank you to all the students and parents who could join us at the ‘Nords Wharf Wig Out’ last Sunday. The students sang beautifully and a great time was had by all. The organisers were very appreciative that we had come and performed.

Over the past few weeks we have been completing assessments in Reading and Maths. We have been very pleased with the improvements the students have made this year. Well done 1/2!

Next Monday will be the final day for swimming.

**Mrs Halligan and Mr Derbyshire**

3/4

Many students are coming to school without pencils. Could you please check that your child has the equipment they need for lessons.

The Kindergarten children visited our school today and our Year 4 students, acting as their buddies, made them feel very welcome. Many of our students performed in the band and some performed a play for the visiting parents and children.

In class we are working on the classification of animals and revising local and state governments.

**Mr Westcott**

4/5/6

We have been completing some more assessments this week. This has included a Self-evaluation, Spelling test and Maths tests. The improvement in spelling across the class has been excellent. Several students have improved by over 12 months in spelling age since their last assessment in June and most have exceeded the expected 6 months of growth.

We have been practising writing sentences with interesting beginnings. I have been impressed by their effort in using interesting vocabulary and their general knowledge. Some examples include:  
*Beside my house, a small butterfly came out of its cocoon.* Kaitlyn, Year 4.  
*Under the Eiffel Tower, a man was selling beautiful croissants with ham and cheese.* Sophie, Year 4.  
*Through the window I peered, looking and listening to our annoying neighbours.* Todd, Year 5.  
*Under the rock, a small lizard was hiding.* Lachlan, Year 5.  
*Under the ground, there are many living insects and...*
arachnids. Joel, Year 5.
Under the bed, an evil clown laid down, waiting. Hunter, Year 6.
Under the old oak tree, a girl in a beautiful turquoise dress was swinging from an old tyre held up by an old rotting rope that could break at any second. Alyssa, Year 6.
Over the bridge and into the gritty city, many important businesswomen and businessmen headed for the conference. Beatle, Year 6

We have started work on Drug Education and Child Protection. In Drug Education we have been talking about medicines and are now moving on to smoking. In Child Protection we will be talking about relationships, including concepts of trust, respect and care.

Mrs Hird

Happy Birthday To:

Sam 14 November
Kyan 16 November

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be open even weeks in the morning from 9.00—9.15 am and odd weeks in the afternoon from 2.30—3.00 pm

There are rugby and long sleeved polo shirts on sale for $5.00—Must be sold!! Old stock.

School caps are in!!

Thanks Tracey

Canteen Roster:

Friday 14 Nov  Sidone Lambert
Monday 17 Nov  Aleisha Melder
Wed 19 Nov  Julia Schofield

Our School Values Positive Behaviour Learning: Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be a Learner
ABSENCE NOTE

Student Surname: __________________________________________

First Name: ____________________________________________

Class: __________________

Date/s of Absence: ________________________________________

Reason for Absence: ______________________________________

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Parent / Guardian Signature: ______________________________

Date: ______________________________________