

# Fernleigh Public School

## Newsletter

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**Friday 10th February**

**Week 3 Term 1**

**P&C Meeting – Friday 17th February - 2pm in the School Library** Our Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) is a school based organisation with membership open to parents, teachers and interested citizens. The P&C Committee works with the school to support the education of our children. The P&C is not just a fundraising committee. It is also:

- A forum to bring parents, citizens and teaching staff together.
- It gives parents an opportunity to keep up to date with all school activities and to have a say on any issues that concern them or their children at our school.
- It is an opportunity to contribute to the school's resources through various fundraising projects and be involved in deciding how the money raised is spent.
- All of the events require the volunteer services of our parents and teachers and do not come together without a lot of hard work and effort. While we understand that it is not always possible for parents to volunteer their time, the more parental support we have, the better our school becomes and the more successful our events will be.
- You are most welcome to come along and see how our school's P&C operates, even if your child hasn't started school. Our meetings are open to everyone and new faces are always welcome.

**Staffing Update-** Staffing for 2017 has now been finalised. Mrs McClymont will be the K-2 teacher Monday to Friday. Mrs Cassie Callahan will be here every Thursday as our Learning and Support Teacher. She will also teach both classes Music and Physical Education. Mrs Callahan will also teach the 3-6 class every Friday while I have my principal release time. Miss Sarah Vaughan will assist Mrs Lewis in the office every Monday.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS–** I encourage all parents to take the time to come along to our class information sessions. During this meeting, teachers and students will be informing the parents about the units of work being studied, classroom routines, home learning expectations and ways parents can help at school.

K-2—Monday 13th February at 2.45pm

3-6— Tuesday 14th February at 3pm

**Swimming Carnival–** Our annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday the 13th February at the Ballina Pool. Please be at the pool no later than 9am

### What's Coming Up!

**Monday -** K-2 Parent information session 2.45pm

-3-6 Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday -** Cooking lunch \$4

-3-6 Parent Information session 3pm

**Wednesday –** Mrs Reid @ Principal Meeting. Mr Peachy teaching 3-6

**Thursday—**School Photographic Workshop

**Friday -** P&C Meeting and AGM 2pm

### Reminders

#### ⇒ Return Notes

- \* **3-6 Photographic Workshop**
- \* **Permission to Print**
- \* **Swimming carnival**
- \* **Preschool Reading**

#### ⇒ Pay School Fees

- \* **1 child \$60**
- \* **2 children \$100**

### Library News

**Library will start on Monday the 20th**

**Together We Grow**

# TOGETHER WE GROW

**Attendance & absences-** Attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day, including sports days unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administration staff at our school.

Late arrivals and early departures must be signed in by a parent in the Late Arrivals/Early Departure Register in the school foyer outside the 3-6 classroom. Please remember to complete an absentee note for every full day's absence that your child has from school. We are required to keep these notes for verification by the Home School Liaison Officer when they do their regular roll and attendance checks throughout the year. Notes can be put in the green box located with the arrivals/early departure register in the foyer.

## A fun way to finish the day!



**Pre-School Reading-** the students have been given the opportunity to make weekly visits to the Tintenbar Bright Horizons Childcare Centre to read to the children.

It provides our students with the opportunity to read to a different audience for enjoyment. It also contributes to student's overall confidence and the feeling of being able to assist others in their learning.

Visits will be held every Wednesday, and will be of approximately 1 hour duration. It is envisaged that ALL students will take part in this program with four different students each week. Students will travel by car with a teacher to and from the venue leaving at approximately 10am and returning to school by 11am.

**Cooking– This Tuesday the students will be making their own lunch. They will be making bacon and egg pies with a twist and a salad. If your child would like to eat this for lunch please send in \$4 by Tuesday Morning. Please let us know if your child has any food restrictions eg. vegetarian, gluten free .**



**Head lice —** Everyone is asked to carry out a thorough head lice check on their children. It is important that we are all positive and proactive in monitoring and treating this annoying pest.

**Respect Integrity Responsibility**

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This term k-6 will be learning about insects and animals that live in our school playground. This week the students had fun exploring and trying to guess using their sense of touch what their classmates found and put into the mystery bag.

Music was loud and fun this week.



## Bell Times

9.30am - Class  
11.30 am- 12.15pm - Break 1  
1.45pm - 2.15 Break 2  
3.30pm - Home

## Quote of the Week

*"I thought I couldn't but I tried and I could do it!"*  
By Elizabeth

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## What's Coming Up!

<b>February Week 4</b>	13 Year 3-6 Small Schools Swimming Carnival  <b>K-2 class information session 2.45pm</b>	14 Cooking \$4 3-6 class information session 3pm	15 Mrs Reid at Principal Meeting	16 Student Photography Workshop	17 P&C AGM 2pm in the school library
<b>February Week 5</b>	20 Library	21	22	23 Basketball	24
<b>February Week 6</b>	Library			Basketball	
<b>February Week 7</b>	Library			Basketball	

### How to get the school stream app on your mobile device?



1. From your mobile device go to The **App Store (iPhone/iPad)** or **Google Play (Android)**, search for **School Stream** and download the app to your phone
2. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search **THEN** select your school
3. If you are prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK

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