



WELCOME

Welcome to week 4 of term 1. Thank you to everyone for the great disco on Friday night. The parent/teacher meetings went well. Don't forget to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you need to.

Over the next few weeks our pre-primary, year 1 and year 2 students are being assessed by Mrs Watkins and Mrs Logue for the On-Entry assessment. This is in the literacy and numeracy learning areas.

I need to remind families that in the morning the students need to stay in the undercover area until released by the teacher on duty. This is at 8:40am. The classrooms are not open until 8:40. Please do not sit outside the classrooms before that time.

Swimming lessons for the year 3 to 6 students conclude this week. We have certainly had much cooler weather for these lessons this year.

MOVING FORWARD - AIMING HIGH

Our school has 5 ERG committees working to improve our school. This term the goals are:

1. The Teaching and Learning Committee is led by Coby Francis. This committee is looking at continuing the Dianna Rigg program in the school. There is a professional learning workshop coming up shortly. The committee has also finalised the Assessment process for the school.
 2. The Learning Environment committee is led by Mrs Martine Logue. This committee is focussed on the EAL/D whole school plan and developing our reporting to Parents policy. This committee also works with the Positive Behaviour Support team.
 3. The Relationships committee is led by Mr Andrew Brunt. This committee is focussed on communication and ensuring this works well in the school. They are also working with the Vision Statement we drafted in 2016.
 4. The Resources committee is led by Mrs Fran Armstrong. This committee is focussed on the Budget as well as ICT in the school.
 5. The Leadership committee is led by Ms Lisa Gibson and looks at the leadership within the school. This includes senior teachers and leaders in the staff. The focus for this term is to develop the framework of understanding for classroom observations.
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COMING EVENTS

This week

- ❖ **Monday 20 February**
Swimming for Yr 3-6 continues
 - ❖ **Friday 24 February**
Student Council Assembly
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School Council

Last week the School Council met and discussed a number of matters for the school. We reviewed and accepted the Finance budget for the year. We ratified the Homework Policy which will give parents guidance on how much and what homework students may be asked to complete. Sample designs for the year 6 Leavers shirts were considered and a decision will be made soon. The Leavers shirt design once chosen will remain the same each year, but customised according to the class list of names. The results from the Parent Survey were reviewed. The responses showed that parents were generally happier with the organisation of the school and the conduct of its staff, in comparison to results from 2 years ago. More information will be available in the Schools Annual Report presented later this term. The School Council is also communicating with our local members of parliament to discuss funding for a new library.

VIRTUE OF THE FORTNIGHT - Courtesy

You are practising Courtesy when you...

- Show others that you value and respect them
- Remember to treat elders, parents, teachers and children politely
- Think about how your actions affect others
- Eat speak and move graciously
- Make requests instead of demands
- Greet people with a smile

Virtue Certificates

Recipients of this fortnights virtue certificates are;

Pre Primary	Daniel Martinez
Pre Primary / Year 1	Colin Kwok & Irem Erturk
Year 1/2	Amalia Balhom & Harrison Bolvary
Year 2/3	Jamie Cornock & Junyang Lin
Year 3/4	Nicholas Sale & Romaana Pandor
Year 4/5	Karar Al-Jeyashee
Year 6	Fadia Al Soeady

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Merit Award at this Friday's assembly.

Pre Primary	Iliana Kouvatso & Mikaela Ticharava
Pre Primary / Year 1	Ella Young & Stefan Pachovski
Year 1/2	Leon Harris & Sophie Frost
Year 2/3	Louis Kwok & Lucy Borshoff
Year 3/4	Ayla Woolridge & Sarah Van Siang Cer
Year 4/5	Angela Le & Lance Nieves
Year 6	Heath Thompson & Madison Wheelock
Phys. Ed.	Alison Le, Jai Pearce, Justyna Kochan-Mazurek, Kevin Lena & Yusef Al Soeady

FACTION CAPTAINS

The Faction Captains for 2017 have been elected. Congratulations to the following students for being selected.

Nardoo - Nazrie Balhom & Tangaroa Tito
Mercury - James Colgan & Jayde McCuish
Stirling - Alexia Evangelista & Beau McGrath



WELCOME BACK DISCO



P&C NEWS

Canteen

Our first canteen day of the year is a pizza day this Friday 24 February. Please have your order forms in by Wednesday at 3pm. Our canteen manager Ania will be looking for volunteers to help in the canteen throughout the year. Please introduce yourself to Ania or contact your classroom rep if you can offer some of your time.

Election Sausage Sizzle

The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle here at NMPS during the election on Saturday 11 March. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day. Please see your classroom rep if you are able to help.

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 March at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Robin Gage
P&C President

IN THE COMMUNITY

Girls AFL Football

Do you know someone interested in playing girls Aussie Rules Football? Coolbinia Bombers Junior Football Club offers a female football pathway:

Bomberettes - Pre Primary to Year 3 which is a girls only Auskick program.

Junior Girls - Year 4 to 6 which play 4 quarter games with modified rules on Friday nights 6pm at Noranda Lightning Park.

Youth Girls - Yr 7 to 9 which play 4 quarter games on Friday nights at 7pm at Noranda Lightning Park.

For more information please contact bomberettes@bombersjfc.asn.au or to register online visit www.bombersjfc.asn.au or call 0404 840 541.

