From The Desk Of The DEPUTIES And The PRINCIPAL

Reading and Writing Goals

Over the last few weeks the teachers have been working with the children in their class to develop reading and writing goals. Each child’s goal focusses on what their
next step is so they have a clear focus for learning.

Student Council

The Student Council has elected to support Bandana Day and Shave for a Cure as their two fundraising charities. They will also support their World Vision child and Chaplaincy. They plan to also support a local charity through a Toy Drive later in the year.

Stay tuned for more information.

Traffic around the School

Roadworks on Gordon Road have been causing some traffic chaos around the school. Please be patient. Car pool if possible, let your child walk with friends, encourage older students to ride their bikes or try to time drop-off and pick-up at less busy times.

Hopefully, the roadwork will soon be completed and things will be soon back to normal.

Collector Cards, Bey Blades and Bottle Tossing

Collector Cards and Bey Blades: These have started re-appearing at school. Please be mindful that students bring these to school at their own risk. We will operate a three strikes policy again. If we receive three reports of them being stolen or fought over, they will no longer be welcome at school.

Bottle Tossing: The bottle tossing craze appears widespread. However, some older students are attempting to toss bottles on to high ledges/roof of covered areas. This could be a dangerous practice if they were to hit others, as they contain water. We have informed students that tossing a bottle one metre to see if it will land on its base is fine, but three reported incidents of students tossing them further than that will result in that activity being banned.

We thank you for your support on these matters.

Before School Procedures
If students arrive prior to 8:30 am, they are to sit in the Year 1/2 Covered Area. This area is supervised from 8:15. Parents are most welcome to join us and sit with their child.

Please do not take students up around classrooms where teachers are preparing for the day or to playgrounds.

When the bell rings at 8:30, students may go to classrooms or to other areas to meet their friends. There are no running games or ball games before school.

Thank-you for your assistance.

Kilometre Club

Students have reported that some students returning from Kilometre Club are using aerosol deodorant. Aerosols are not permitted at school, so please send a roll-on with your child.

Buddy Program

On Tuesday, our new students and their buddies had the opportunity to get together and have lunch. It was the perfect time to touch base with our new students to see how they have settled in. Some students have found a new, “best mate” while others have found our school to be, “really big, but everyone has been so nice.” We will continue to hold these events to ensure that our students know they are supported. It can be tough starting at a new school. If your child is new and has been experiencing some problems settling in, please let your teacher know.
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ADMIN NEWS

2018 Enrolments

Out of catchment enrolments for 2018 open at 8.00am, Monday 6th March 2017. Families are asked to line up outside the administration building where numbered wait list forms will be handed out at 8.00am.

In catchment enrolments open at 8.00am on Wednesday 8th March 2017. Enrolment packs can be collected from the office from this date. These forms need to be completed and handed in along with a copy of your child’s birth certificate and proof of residency for new families. (ie: electricity / phone bill). Enrolment packs will not be accepted without all forms being completed and supplied.

Note: A sibling is only considered “in catchment” for enrolment purposes when there is another sibling enrolled and attending in the same year.

Early Departure and Late Arrival Procedures

If your child arrives at school after 8.50 they need to come via the office to collect a late slip. Alternatively if you need to collect your child early, you need to come to the office to sign them out and
the admin ladies will call their classroom and have them sent down.

Please do not go straight to the classroom before signing them out.

LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS

Before School Motor Program

We are again running our before school motor program with our two wonderful teacher aides, Cindy & Karen. This program endeavours to support students in all areas of development including Gross Motor skills, Fine Motor skills, Visual Planning & Perception, Motor Planning & organisational skills.

The Gross Motor (PMP) component runs every Tuesday & Thursday from 8.25am in the Prep playground.

The Fine Motor (Finger Gym) component runs every Wednesday & Friday from 8.30am in the Learning Support room (I block). Students in Years 1-3 all welcome.

Reading Sparks

This program is set to start next week, Monday 20th February & is aimed at students in Years 1 & 3 for Semester 1.

Reading Sparks is another before school program that enhances and extends a student's current reading and comprehension skills. Students are identified by their class teacher & meet set criteria to participate in this program. Letters will be sent home for these students today.

If you have any Learning Support queries, please don't hesitate to contact our Learning Support Teacher, Loretta Anderson by email lande58@eq.edu.au

SIBLING PHOTOS

We apologise for the postponement of sibling photos from last week and have organised them to take place next Tuesday, February 21, from 7:30 am.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Senior Choir, Senior and Junior Band and Senior Strings

Performance Shirts now need to be ordered.

If you are in Senior Choir, Senior and Junior Band and Senior Strings, you will need a Performance Shirt. We have a short time slot to order to allow us to have the shirts by mid Term 2.

Please note we do not keep stock on hand.-

Attached is the Order Form and all orders are needed by 10 March 2017.
SPORT NEWS

North West District

Congratulations to Novak B and Sophie P who were recently selected in the North West District Basketball team. Also, well done to Cooper W, Georgia M and Arde F who qualified for the North West District Swimming Team. We would like to wish all our athletes competing at regional trials the best of luck in qualifying for the Metropolitan North Regional Team.

Any boy or girl turning 11 or 12 years of age this year who would like to trial for the North West District Hockey Team, please see Mr Rogers for all relevant paperwork and information. Players MUST be of above average ability to attend these trials.

Any boy or girl turning 12 Years of age this year who would like to trial for the North West District Soccer Team, please see Mr Rogers for all relevant paperwork and information. Players MUST be of above average ability to attend these trials.

Kilometre Club

Kilometre Club commenced recently and is run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8am on the oval. All children from Prep to Year 6 (plus parents) are invited to come along and have some fun and prepare for our school cross country later this term. There is no cost involved for this activity. Children are asked to bring a water bottle, old clothes, a towel and wear comfortable shoes. Hope to see you all there!

STUDENT WELFARE

School Refusal

Occasionally, parents are faced with the problem of a child refusing to come to school. Here is a link to an article from Anxiety House:-


TUCKSHOP

Menu Item of the week
Have your children tried the Fish and Gems yet? They are available on Wednesday as the new meal deal option for $6.50, which includes a fresh fruit cup and a yummy banana bread slice made with love in the Tuckshop! Fish and Gems can also be purchased separately on Wednesdays for $4.00. What a great mid-week treat!

Does your child have a birthday soon?

The Tuckshop can provide birthday icy poles for the whole class as a special treat for the birthday kid! Orders can be made through the Tuckshop either in person, by phone 3872 1835 or by email tuckshop@prss.com.au. Remember, you must coordinate with your child’s teacher to ensure the icy poles are picked up on the right day!

Items to collect from the Tuckshop

There are some Tuckshop items that do not get packed in your child’s lunch bag when you make an order through Flexischools – these include things like ice blocks, sorbets, milk shakes and slushies. When ordering through Flexischools a reminder will pop up to “Please Collect from the Tuckshop”. Please make sure your child knows they will need to come and get these items from the Tuckshop when the second bell rings. A note is also on the bag label to remind your child. If your child does not collect the item, unfortunately it is forfeited.

Tucky Facts and Figures

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Last week there were 435 orders placed in Flexischools for Tuckshop. This included:

- 245 chicken fingers!
- 57 toasties
- 53 sushi
- 38 hot dogs

What is your favourite item on the menu? Have you got some feedback for us?

Tucky Angels Roster

Massive thank you to the two beautiful Angels who came to our rescue on Monday and Thursday this week! It is so wonderful to have people offer their time when they can – even if it is a ‘one-off’ occasion!
Wishing everyone a wonderful week!

_The Tucky Team_ (Cathy, Glenn, Tanya & Jeanette)

**P & C NEWS**

**News from the P & C**

A very warm welcome to the new year to all parents and members of the Patricks Road State School community!

Patricks Road State School has a strong tradition as a Caring and Sharing school community with a reputation for its commitment, passion and involvement in the education and wellbeing of our children.

Our friendly and enthusiastic Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) members consists of parents (and other relatives) of children attending the school, school staff and local citizens. We are also very fortunate to have a large number of dedicated parents who volunteer their time and effort to support the P&C and the school.

All staff and parents of children attending this school and local citizens are entitled and encouraged to be members of the P&C, with memberships renewed annually at the AGM.

**P & C Annual General Meeting AGM**

The P&C AGM will be held on **Monday 20 March 2017**, at 7pm in the Staff Room. This is the only time during the year when you can become a P&C member without being present at a meeting. Simply complete and return the attached membership application form to the Uniform shop / P&C office or School Office before 20 March 2017. We’d also love to see you at the meeting.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**