**Calendar of Events**

**FEBRUARY**

- **Friday 20th Feb**
  - Assembly item J1 & J2

- **Wednesday 25th Feb 9.00am**
  - Parent Life Ed session FREE

- **Weds 25th—Friday 27th Feb**
  - Prep/Junior Life Ed Incursion

- **Friday 27th Feb**
  - Assembly item - M18

**MARCH**

- **Friday 6th March**
  - Assembly item - J8 & J9

- **Tuesday 10th March**
  - Parent/Teacher/Student Communication Meetings
    - 3.50-7.30pm
  - Friday March 13th
  - Ride2School Day
  - Wednesday 25th March
  - School Photo Day

**Parent/Teacher/Student Communication Meetings**

**Tuesday 10th March**

**Book your time in NOW!**

Parent, Student & Teacher Communication Meetings will be held on the evening of **Tuesday 10th March** between 3.50pm and 7.30pm. These meetings early in the year allow teachers to report to parents on how their child has settled into the year and their Student Learning Goals for the first half year. It also allows parents to inform their child’s teacher of any special needs, strengths, concerns and interests. Students are asked to attend communication meetings with their parents. It is important for them to be involved in conversations about their learning goals and expectations of them at school.

On this night, Matt, our ICT Coordinator and other staff will be available in the library throughout the evening to assist you with logging on to our communication system Sentral, if you haven’t already created your account. This is an important aspect of communication between home and school on which you can send and receive messages with teachers, notify us of student absences and reasons and view your child’s learning progress. All families have an individual code required to access their Portal. These codes were sent home last year with instructions on how to create your Portal access. Prep families received theirs early in the term and new families can collect theirs on the night. If you have misplaced yours, I strongly urge you, along with all parents who are new to the school or who have not yet logged on to Sentral, to spend a few minutes in the library on this night after your Communication Meeting time learning how to use this very simple system.

Absences: It is a legal responsibility for schools to keep track of student absences. Please remember to send a note prior to the absence (if planned) or upon the student’s return. This will minimise the need for us to follow up with families.

School Start Time: A reminder that school officially starts at 9.00am and students are expected to be in class at this time ready for the attendance roll to be taken. After the roll has been taken, students who arrive late are expected to sign in at the office so they are legally accounted for. Likewise, if a student needs to leave early they are required to be signed out at the office and a slip presented to the classroom teacher before they will be released. Please ensure you arrive on time.

**School Council Elections**

At the time of printing the newsletter, four nominations had been received for the two vacant parent positions and one for the DET position on School Council. Any further nominations must be received by 4pm today.

Thank you to the four ladies who have nominated or been nominated for the parent vacancies. This now means a ballot is to be held for these positions.

Voting forms for the ballot can be collected from the school office, every vote counts.

Your choice of candidates are:

- Kahli Richardson—mother of Kaelin J3
- Sue Mueller—mother of Nathan S11 and Anthony S12

Nomination forms are on display at the school office for your perusal. Any further nominations received by 4pm will also be placed at the office on display. Please collect a ballot form to assist with voting and place it in the locked silver box.

Parents of our school community only can vote, not students.

Congratulations to Katrina Holland who was the unopposed nominated DET representative.

Please remember, that although one parent will miss out on being voted on to School Council, they are most welcome to attend our meetings at anytime, as all parents are.

Meeting dates are advertised in the school newsletter and are held twice per term at 4pm, generally on a Monday or Wednesday afternoon. Please notify the office if you would like to attend for afternoon tea catering purposes.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18th March at 4pm in the school staffroom.
Senior Visual Art with Kelly
This term the Seniors are focusing on painting. They will look at creating a range of artworks in different styles including abstract art, aboriginal art and pointillism while experimenting with the use of water colour, acrylic paint and dye. They will experiment with using a range of tools to create artworks with paint including brushes, rollers, palette knives, drippers and even toothbrushes and forks. We will be studying the works of some masters including Monet, Van Gogh, Kandinski and Munch.

Middle Visual Art with Kelly
This term the Middles will create artworks using a range of different mediums including acrylic paint, water colour paint, oil pastel and foil. They will look at the artworks of the masters Picasso and Van Gogh and will create their own works based on the work of these artists. The emphasis for the term will be on learning new techniques and skills.

Physical Education with Bill
Prep students are focusing on words and movement, learning about up, down, sideways, forwards, backwards, around and through. They are learning how to warm up and stretch for each lesson. During our stretching we are focusing on counting both forwards and backwards. Balance is one of the major gross motor skills and the prep students will be practicing their balance using wobble boards and the balance beam during lessons along with the climbing frame to help improve upper body strength. The students are learning to work cooperatively in small groups while participating in ball skills that continue to develop their fundamental motor skills.

Junior students have been focusing on throwing and catching using the under arm technique. They have focused on doing this skill with both their right and left hand. I am pleased to see many of the students being able to now throw accurately with both hands and catch using either hand now. Another skill the students have been learning is how to run and move at a certain pace. We have incorporated the fundamental motor skills of jumping, skipping, hopping, running and moving laterally to moving and being able to change pace. In the latter half of the term the students will be learning about soccer with the focus being able to use both feet to kick and how to dribble the ball and change the pace of their movement.

Middle students are completing a comprehensive Bike Education unit. Students learn the basic road laws and how to ride safely. They focus on left and right hand turns, how to scan for traffic, avoiding and coping with obstacles and bike fitness. The students will be using iPads to record themselves completing their skills for their digital portfolios. For many students it is their first time on a bike. At the beginning of the term there were 24 middle students who could not ride. I am pleased to report that there are only three now who are still not confident but they are making excellent progress. The school continues to see bike education as an integral part of the students’ physical learning and this is evidenced by the purchase of another 10 new geared bikes. Later in the term students will participate in modified soccer and learn how to kick correctly with both the left or right foot and how to dribble the ball both forwards and backwards. They will work in small groups and have the opportunity to develop some activities that they feel enhance skill development.

Senior students are building on their learning from middle bike education and now focus on learning and being able to illustrate a right and left hand turn with traffic, how to use a roundabout, emergency braking and steering and how to ride in a peloton. The students have to produce a short video of a road rule while on a bike as part of their assessment which will be uploaded to their digital portfolios. Later in the term the seniors will be learning about European handball and how to work as a team to improve both personal and team performance.

SCA – Specialist Curriculum Activities
In 2015 students from grade 1 to year 6 will be involved in SCA – Specialist Curriculum Activities. Each term there will be a different whole school theme with term 1 being “Social Skills”. Students rotate through a variety of activities as a grade throughout the term.
Some of the activities they will participate in are: understanding acceptance through multicultural music, cooperation and developing turn taking, accepting winning or losing and team work through games, pride in Coral Park, team building, giving successful feedback and making friendship flowers.
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For further information and to enrol, please collect a flyer from the school office. Places are limited. This is a FREE course. Participants attend a 4 hour training session each fortnight. (NO training during school holidays). Day and evening classes are available.

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All bookings, cancellations and account changes can be done through the Parent Portal located on the Camp Australia website. Once enrolled be ready to get involved in FUN, QUALITY and ENGAGING experiences in a SAFE and HAPPY ENVIRONMENT.

If you have any queries please call Jess, the Kids Club Coordinator on 9799 6182 or drop in for a visit and see the programs in action.