FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION

Recently we inducted our 2017 Student Leaders. These students were notably excited to achieve the honour to lead the school student body in their various capacities. Both Ms Norton and Mrs McGuire will work with our student leaders to foster their leadership capabilities. Ms Norton works with the student council. Stay tuned for their first event.

As I visit classrooms each day I am very proud of our students. I see them working hard to do their best to learn and develop. I encourage parents to ask your children what they are learning at school and celebrate their successes. In the younger grades, reading and practising sight words each night really helps your child succeed with learning to read. In the upper years discussing with your child what they are reading to ensure they are understanding the text is really helpful.

Parents are always welcome to make a time with teachers to discuss your child’s progress. It is always best to make an appointment as teachers have commitments to meetings and professional development outside teaching hours as well. Naturally teachers are not available when classes commence for the day and we appreciate parents understanding and respecting that.
Our upper school students have been exploring programming the newest addition to our technology resources – Ozobots. Students have to design coloured codes to manipulate the direction and movement of the robots. It is rewarding to see students so engaged in their learning and having fun solving the challenges.

**NEW STAFF**

We are very pleased to welcome Sue Dahl to her role as Acting Deputy at our school until Easter. Many of you will know Sue as she normally works as our Behaviour Key Teacher and also operates MYCP. Sue will be a wonderful fulltime asset to our school.

We also welcome Maree Small to our front office on Wednesday mornings where she will assist with finance and phones. Maree will be covering Carolyn Gordon when she takes 2 weeks leave at the end of the term.

**HATS**

We have a number of students forgetting to bring their hats to school at the moment. We have a ‘no hat, no play’ rule so that students can be protected from the Queensland sun.

We ask that parents assist their children to check that they have their hat in their bag each day. Please ensure it is clearly named.

**BRAIN BREAK**

We encourage the children to have a piece of fresh fruit and a drink of water to keep their brains fuelled to keep working hard and thinking every day. We appreciate parents sending the fruit cut up to save time eating it and also to help little people with wiggly teeth manage. Students are encouraged to always have a drink bottle.

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**Student of the Week**

**Week 4 Term 1 2017**

Caden, Sidney, Dekotah, Ruby, Sonya, Emma, Chloe, Te Aowhiua, Riley, Shaylea, Tyla, Kristian, Cooper, Thomas, Tahira, Bailey, Aiyana

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**Developing number sense**

Number sense is, simply put, the ability to use and understand numbers. It’s more than being able to write numbers, count, or recite math facts — it’s the deeper understanding of what numbers mean and how to think through math problems.

To help your child continue to develop number sense, look for ways that he/she can apply math concepts in daily life. At clean-up time, ask him/her to estimate the number of toy cars and then count them as he/she puts them away. When you’re playing board games, have him/her tally the score in his head. Card games are also a fun way to work with numbers.

He/she should also understand the relationships between groups of objects. If he/she collects baseball cards, for instance, ask him to make comparisons. Does he have more pitchers than catchers, or is the number equal? The more often he uses numbers and math terms, the better his number sense will be.

😊 Teacher: “What are 12 and 14?”

Student: “Numbers.”

**Curriculum Excursions**

Excursions are a vital part of our curriculum and teachers carefully select opportunities to enhance our student’s learning and give a practical application to class work. Several classes have excursions planned for Term 2 and you should have received a Date Claimer about these. We will be sending further information soon and will require some payment prior to the Easter vacation. Stay tuned!

Wendy Wakefield HOC

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The AGM for P & C will be held Tuesday 7 March. All positions will become vacant and we welcome new and old parents to come along and participate.

Please join and support our wonderful school and suggest new ideas we can do this year. All money raised by the P & C and Parent Group go towards resources for the students and school.

Jackie Fiedler Principal
CHAPPY NEWS

Attention Grade 5 and 6 students! Loop Easter Camp is fast approaching. If anyone would like to join me on this fun holiday camp let me know and check out the following link: www.sucamps.org.au/loop-easter-2017

Chappy Carol

Our Tuckshop is open on Thursdays and Fridays each week. A new menu was sent home by email and a hard copy last week. Thank you for supporting our Tuckshop and buying from our healthy food menu. Look on the Tuckshop Facebook page to see any new specials or changes. Volunteers are needed to help in the Tuckshop. If you are available for an hour or so, please see Angela.

PARENT GROUP

Parent group meeting Monday 27th at 8.45am in the Learning Hub. I am in need of some volunteers to help with the upcoming fundraiser. We are also currently preparing for our Mothers’ Day Stall and would greatly appreciate any donations. All the profit from this stall goes to our students resources. Also don’t forget to join our Facebook page ‘Vienna Woods Parents Group’ to help keep you up to date with all things happening in the school. See you all around the school.

Katherine Simmonds

STUDENTS SCHOOL BANKING – Fridays

School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit). www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or contact the Office Staff.

We will be holding our bi-annual fete on Saturday 2nd September. Rides have been booked and we are now in process of raising sponsorships for this event. If anyone knows of any businesses that we could approach to become a sponsor or donate goods and services for this please let me us know. Between us we have a wide network that we can tap into to help make our fete the best it can be. Contact Carol on 0421 252 268, Kat on 0433 659 131 or Vicky on 0401 516 239.
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