FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Positive Behaviour for Learning
I am continually amazed and thrilled with the development of our school as a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. In each and every classroom I see students ready to learn and trying hard to be the best learner they can be. I am proud that all our students know the rules and work so hard to earn Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. On the last day of school we will have this term’s Rewards Day. We have some exciting things planned for our Bronze, Silver and Gold students. We have the enormous incentive of an Inflatable Water slide for Silver and Gold students. On the hot days like today, this will be fabulous fun.

This year we have had several Year 6 students (Lachlan, Blake, Calian, Thomas and Jared) creating some of the PBL class lessons with the help of their class teacher and PBL Team Leader, Clare Plecas and teacher aide, Cate Hill. They have been creating real life movies to help teach the other children the rules. We have really enjoyed their movie making segments.

The PBL Team work hard to analyse our data and modify plans to ensure we are developing every student’s ability to behave positively and appropriately in the school setting. Our teachers and teacher aides will also be training in implementing a ‘Bounce Back’ program which builds resilience, confidence and social skills in our Pupil Free Days thanks to the grant we received through the Amanda Flynn Foundation to support student wellbeing.

Thank you for the support you, as parents, provide our Positive Behaviour for Learning processes as our behaviour data and Schoolwide Opinion Survey data clearly shows we are on the right track.

Uniforms
The P & C have taken over the sale of uniforms and they can now be purchased from our School Office. We have order forms that have already been sent out to families as both a hard copy and email. Orders will be filled and payment can be made by cash or internet transfer. At this stage we are unable to provide over the counter EFTPOS for the P & C Account. The P & C will also open for Uniform Sales and collection on Thursday 8th December from 8:30 – 9:30 am from the school tuckshop. Uniforms will also be available from the school office from the 16th January, 2017.

Volunteers Afternoon Tea
All our wonderful volunteers are invited to join us for a Thank You afternoon Tea on Thursday 24 November at 1:30pm in the staffroom. Without your wonderful support, in classrooms, the tuckshop, P & C, Homework club, Chaplaincy, Parent group, Mentoring and providing Breakfast, our school could not be the wonderful place it is. Thank you.
Classes for 2017
We are currently compiling our class lists for next year. Students will visit their new teacher and classroom in the last week of school. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new students to our wonderful school. It is rewarding to constantly hear stories from prospective parents that they have chosen our school after researching what we have to offer and the improvements we are achieving in student performance.

School Watch (131788)
Last weekend we had some graffiti in the school. This is very disturbing as we take enormous pride in our school environment and keeping our school clean and tidy. We would greatly appreciate our local families keeping an eye on the school and calling the police immediately if they notice any trespassers—particularly high school aged teenagers. Unfortunately there are some teenagers who don’t hold the same values we do about keeping our school and our students safe.

Lots of great events coming up – Carols Night, Yr 6 Graduation, School Disco, Band and Choir Performances for Nandeebie Blue Care, Swimming lessons, Swimming Carnival and Rewards Day.
We look forward to enjoying these wonderful occasions with our families.

Jackie Fiedler
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
31 October – 4 November 2016

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7 November – 11 November 2016
Ryan, Isabella, Lily, Jysiah, Jasper, Aloise, Savannah, Meah, Shayla, Sofiea, Barambah, Jaxon, Micaiah, Isaac, Malekai, Aidan, Mahaylia, Bailey, Kiara, Lachlan

Curriculum Corner
How to Read Nonfiction Text: By: Reading Rockets

Many kids love to read about science and nature as well as real people, places, and events. Nonfiction books present information in engaging and interesting ways. Find out how you can help your child learn to navigate all the parts of a nonfiction book—from the table of contents to the diagrams, captions, glossary, and index.

Kids love to read about real people, places, and events. Nonfiction books present real information in engaging and interesting ways. However, most kids read a lot more fiction than nonfiction, so spend some extra time helping your reader learn how to navigate a nonfiction book.

Talk about nonfiction
Begin by explaining that the book you’re about to share is nonfiction. That means that the book will give us information that is true. The book will be organized around a specific topic or idea, and we may learn new facts through reading. Some kids even enjoy sorting their home libraries into fiction and nonfiction books. This simple categorization task helps your child understand the difference between fiction and nonfiction.

Look at the parts
Most good nonfiction books will have helpful features that are not a part of most fiction books. These parts include a table of contents, an index, a glossary, photographs and charts with captions, and a list of sources. Share the purpose of the features with your reader.

Table of Contents
Located at the front of a book, the table of contents displays a list of the big ideas within the book and where to find them.

Index
An index is an alphabetical list of almost everything covered within the book, with page numbers. Readers can use the index to look up specific terms or concepts and go right to the specific information they’re looking for.

Glossary
Located at the back of the book, a glossary contains key words that are related to the topic and their definitions. These definitions provide more information about new vocabulary words.

Captions
Captions are usually right under photographs, figures, maps, and charts. Captions give a quick summary of what information is presented in the graphic.

Photos/Charts
A lot of information can be found by “reading” the charts and photos found within nonfiction text. Readers will first need to figure out what information is presented. Then they’ll need to discover how to navigate the information. Some charts use clear labels, others require more careful examination. Help your reader learn more about the different ways information can be displayed.

Indigiscapes Excursion
On Wednesday November 3rd, Year 3 and 4 students visited Indigiscapes as part of their geography unit. They were able to experience the local landscape as it was before white settlement. The students saw a towering tallowwood tree that is estimated to be over 400 years old, and thought about how litter can flow into storm water drains and then into our local waterways, harming our local wildlife. These budding environmentalists have vowed to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle rubbish to help sustain our beautiful landscape into the future.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Please note tuckshop WILL NOT BE OPEN to purchase or order food on the last week of school.
V FACTOR PERFORMANCES  
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, PRIOR TO PARADE @ 1.30PM

PARENT GROUP  
WE NEED YOUR HELP
Thank you for all the wonderful donations towards the Christmas Hampers and Stall. Please keep the donations coming. The more donations we get the more prizes we can offer.

Parent group will be looking for helpers with book packing on the 28th, 29th and 30th of November and also for the stall on Tuesday 6th of December. If you can help please let the office staff know. Your time is appreciated, even if it is just for an hour.

Keep an eye on the Parent Group Facebook page for announcements.

Thank you  Katherine Simmonds

ATTENTION: PARENTS/GUARDIANS
If your child is not returning back to Vienna Woods next year, it is imperative that you advise the office so we can update our records for 2017. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

BUZZ into PREP
A reminder about our Pre-Prep sessions. Only 2 Thursdays left. 17 and 24 November.
9am - 10am
We are taking enrolments for Prep 2017 now. Please visit our friendly office staff for an enrolment pack or to make an interview.

UNIFORMS 2017
Uniform order forms for 2017 can be collected from the school office. Please note that the school office is now the sole provider of our uniforms from Prep – Year 6. These can be purchased with cash or via internet banking on the dates found on the order forms.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE  
Friday 18th November

P & C NEWS
P & C have vacancies for the following positions in 2017. President, Vice President and Secretary. The 1st Nov P&C Meeting was our last meeting and new members will need to be elected for 2017. If you know anyone or you are interested, please let the school office know.

Kim Herman - President

CHAPPY NEWS
Parent Disco Café
While our beautiful children are dancing the night away you can come and relax in the staff room.

Dinner $5
Cake $2
Coffee/Tea/Soft Drink $2

Café in the staff room
Menu will be advised

School Events Calendar
18 Nov  Book Club orders due
18 Nov  V Factor Performances
22 Nov  Religious Instruction Concert and Instrumental Music Information Afternoon
23 Nov – 2 Dec  Swimming Lessons begin
24 Nov  School Disco & Volunteers Afternoon Tea
25 Nov  Nandeebie Performance
29 Nov  Carols Night
5 Dec  Swimming Carnival @ Capalaba College Pool
6 Dec  Christmas Stall
7 Dec  Year 6 Graduation
8 Dec  Year 6 Plantation Day
9 Dec  Term 4 Ends

Events Calendar
8 Dec  8.30am-9.30am – Uniform Purchasing from tuckshop
16 Jan  School Office Open to purchase uniforms – 8.30am to 3.00pm.