

### NSW Education Reforms

All schools in NSW are currently implementing the following educational reforms. There is a significant amount of work involved in the implementation of these mandates led by our school executive with our school team.

At our school our work has focused on the reforms which are directly impacting on our school. These include:



### Great Teaching Inspired Learning

The blueprint provides a set of 16 reforms across the whole career cycle of a teacher. It looks at reforms to initial teaching training and induction for beginning teachers, through to how to best recognise and value experienced teachers and support potential school leaders.

### Local Schools, Local Decisions

Local Schools, Local Decisions is an education reform that gives NSW public schools more authority to make local decisions about how best to meet the needs of their students.

### Resource Allocation Model

The Resource Allocation Model (RAM) has been developed to ensure a fair, efficient and transparent allocation of the education budget for

every school. The model, introduced in phases, recognises that students and school communities are not all the same – they have different needs and require different levels of support.

### Every Student, Every School

Every Student, Every School is an initiative providing better learning and support for the 90,000 students with a disability, learning difficulties or behaviour support needs in our public schools through a strong focus on professional learning and support for teachers and support staff. Every Student, Every School is structured around a Learning and Support Framework for all NSW public schools. Establishing this framework in every school will provide an important foundation for the delivery of educational services in our schools into the future.

### School Excellence Framework

The School Excellence Framework sets a new benchmark for educational excellence in three areas: how children learn, how teachers teach, and how schools are led. It will help schools engage their communities in identifying strategic directions, decide on improvement measures and assess their progress.

### Further Information

Information regarding educational reforms can be found on the Department's website, discussion at a P&C meeting or contacting the front office. <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms>



### HARMONY DAY

On Friday it was great to see so many students and staff in Orange to support Harmony Day. This activity was supported within classrooms to recognise Harmony Day. The message of Harmony Day is celebrating 15 years of participating.

We recognise Harmony Day so that we can promote the following messages and values:

- To say "no" to racism
- To remember we live in a democratic society and we should be free from racism and discrimination
- To appreciate the rich, diverse cultures and backgrounds of all Australians and the benefits this diversity has brought to our nation
- To promote community harmony everywhere – in our schools, our sports teams, our parks, our shopping centres and suburbs
- To remember we are all equal and all important.

### **Disco – Wednesday 25 March**

Get your dancing shoes on!

**Kindergarten – Year 2 – 5:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Year 3 – Year 6 – 6:15 – 7:15.**

Your child can purchase a grab bag of Disco Delights for \$5.00 this includes, entry, popcorn, glow sticks, lollies and a drink.

For those not purchasing a grab bag entry is \$2.00. There will be additional glow sticks, haribo bears and cordial for sale on the night. Get your dancing shoes on and show us your moves. There will be prizes up for grabs on the night!

### **Election Day**

The school will be used as a polling booth on Saturday 28 March. Our P&C are operating a BBQ. This is a fabulous opportunity to raise money for our school.

Many hands make light work! Come and help out for an hour at the BBQ before or after you cast your vote on Saturday 28 March.....every hour helps raise \$\$ for our students!

You can leave your information at the front office or call on 6297 2020 and we'll pass on your details to our P&C President Stephanie Payne.

**Term 1 finishes on Thursday 2 April.**  
**Students return for Term 2 on Tuesday 21 April**

### **P&C Meeting**

The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Learning Centre, **Tuesday 31 March**. The meeting will commence at 7:00pm and everyone is welcome to come along and participate. I hope to see you there.

### **Daylight savings ends on Sunday 5 April**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at 3:00am on Sunday 5 April.

### **School holiday camps**

NSW Sport and Recreation's action-packed kids' holiday camps are run by experienced and well-qualified instructors. Young people learn social living skills, experience challenging activities, develop self-esteem and make new friends. They also have great fun and won't have a moment to spare! Find out more at

[www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/index.asp)

### **Practise to be a journalist**

This website could definitely make practising writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist.

<http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snipet.asp>

### **Safetytown website – A road safety education program**

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit

<https://www.safetytown.com.au>

### **Back by popular demand**

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx>

### **Make Online Payments**

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting **\$ Make a payment**. Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other - this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. **There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number. These are not used at our school, please leave blank.**

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

### Year 2 Dental Talk

Year 2 will receive a free talk/presentation on dental care on Wednesday 29th April by Liz Codina from the Dental School Program. She will go to the classrooms for her presentation.

### Voluntary Contributions 2015

At the Annual General P&C meeting held in March it was decided that the school Voluntary Contributions would remain the same. The contributions are \$40 per child or \$60 per family. Payments can be made at the front office or via our website on the Make A Payment button.

**Congratulations** to: Lauren, Temyka, Riley and Harriet who were the highest fundraisers at our recent Roll-a-Thon. \$3,500 dollars was raised and will be used for the relocation and refurbishment of the infants sand pit area. A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Roll-a-Thon.

Have a great week  
Vicki Muscat  
Principal



### Friday 27 March 2015

The Senior Cross Country will be starting at approximately 9.30am at Freebody Oval. All Primary students and those Year 2 students, that turn 8 this year, will participate.

Remember to bring any medication if needed, especially asthma medication, a water bottle and a rug/tarp to sit on is an option as the ground may be damp.

The Junior Cross Country will be starting at 12.30pm in the middle playground. Parents are invited to attend and assist as Course Marshalls if they are able to. It is essential that all students wear suitable footwear and their sun safe hats.

<b>25.03.15</b>	School Disco
<b>26.03.15</b>	UNI of NSW Competition due
<b>27.03.15</b>	School Cross Country
<b>31.03.15</b>	Rainbow Crazy Hair Mufti Day
<b>02.04.15</b>	Easter Hat Parade -10am
<b>02.04.15</b>	Last day of school for Term 1
<b>21.04.15</b>	Students start back for Term 2

**Congratulations** **Thomas 3/4B and Olivia 3U**  
who have finished their Premiers Reading Challenge. Well Done!

### UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS FOR 2015 (Years 2-6 only)

**Entry forms and money need to be returned before 26 March if you wish to participate in the competitions.**



**The Year 3 & 4 AFL Gala Day set down for tomorrow has now been postponed until later in the year.**



Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their Good Effort Afternoon Tea with Mrs Muscat tomorrow Wednesday.

Hayley	K/6B
Charlotte	1N
Ruby	1T
Ethan	2B
Nickayla	2B
Jake	2B
Connor	2B
Joel	2B
Will	2D
Gabriel	2D
Blake	2D
Chellsea	2D
Bobby i	2P
Maddison	2P
Beau	2P
Amelia	2P
Joshua	2P
Amber	2P
Tali	3T
Lucy	3T
Riley	3T
Levi	3U
Katelin	3U
Brock	4/5W



*Easter Hat  
Parade  
Thursday 2  
April 2015*



### Photos from the Value Pin Assembly held last Friday 20 March.

The students in 3/4B have been studying traditional Aboriginal housing as part of their unit in History. Mr Scott Russell built an Aboriginal hut in the top playground, the students were very excited to see how these huts were built. Mr Russell explained how he had gathered branches and grasses to build the hut. He used a special grass which he soaked in water to tie the branches together. The students were amazed at how strong and sturdy the hut was. They had many interesting questions for Mr Russell. They also enjoyed having their photo taken in the hut!

## Mr Lumley & our Winning Boy's Cricket team

KM enjoyed seeing Alexis Jones' brand new twin sisters Ivy and Zoe last week for news. KM have been learning about basic needs of living things and how we grow and change during Science this term, so it was a very well timed visit. Thank you and congratulations to the Jones Family!



For only \$60, Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more! Order either Membership type before 1st May 2015 and you'll receive over \$200 worth of Early Bird Offers which you can use straight away! Payments can be made online at: [www.entbook.com.au/2404x3](http://www.entbook.com.au/2404x3) For every book or digital membership purchased a percentage comes back to the school.



# V I S I T I N G

**QWPS**

Let's work  
together to  
ensure all  
our  
community  
is safe



## SIGNING IN PROCEDURES

Due to changes in Workers' Health Safety legislation the school is responsible for briefing all visitors, volunteers and contractors that come on site in relation to the schools WHS procedure.

As a result all visitors, including parents are required to:

- ✓ Enter the school by the front gate only.
- ✓ Make contact with office staff to let them know of your arrival and the purpose of your visit.
- ✓ Complete the sign in/sign out register.
- ✓ Read the schools Safety Briefing brochure.
- ✓ Wear a visitor's badge.
- ✓ Only visit the area you have indicated on the sign in form.
- ✓ Sign out and notify office staff of your departure.

## ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

### **SIGNING STUDENT'S OUT:**

- Advise office staff and complete form.
- Student will be contacted and meet you at the office.

### **MORNING AND AFTERNOON :**

- Parents are to wait at assembly areas – **PRIMARY QUAD/INFANTS COLA, AND NOT GO TO CLASSROOMS.**

### **DROPPING OFF A STUDENT'S BELONGINGS/LUNCH:**

- Office staff will ensure the items are given to the child.