

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kaya / Welcome everyone to the 2024 school year. To all of our returning families, it is great to see you back after the break. We have a number of new families to our school community and we welcome all of you and trust that your time with us is a positive one.

I welcome our new staff for the 2024 school year:

- Mr Casey Vandersluys—Physical Education
- Miss Renee Coniglio—Pre-Primary Room 9
- Mrs Stacey Parnham—Year 1 Room 10
- Miss Annie Gibbs—Year 1 Room 8
- Mrs Anna –Jae Jones—Year 2/3 Room 3
- Mrs Jo McCluskey—Year 4/5 Room 14
- Mrs Claire Rademakers—Year 5 Room 15

I also welcome back all of our continuing staff members as we start the new school year.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We will be holding the 2024 Faction Swimming Carnival this term. Children Stage 7 and above are eligible to enter the individual events. If your child participated in VacSwim lessons and achieved Stage 7, please provide a copy of their certificate to the school through the front office in the next week.

Further details of the swimming carnival will be released to all families of year levels involved very soon.

NAPLAN 2024

A reminder to parents of students in Years 3 and 5 that NAPLAN 2024 takes place later this term. Students will

be participating between 13 to 22 March. Parent information will be sent out very soon to parents from these year levels.

KISS AND DROP HOWICK STREET

You may have noticed that the Town of Victoria Park has finally marked our new kiss and drop zone on Howick Street at the front of the school. Please note during the designated times this is a no parking zone. Drivers must stay in the vehicle with the engine running and not stop in the zone for extended periods of time to allow the traffic to flow more freely.

PARKING

A reminder also that parking is at a premium around the school. There is parking over near Mineral Resources Park and you can cross at our crosswalk on Howick Street. This only involves a short walk, but could avoid you parking illegally. Please make sure to observe all signage and road markings when parking around the school.

P&C MEETING

A reminder that our first P&C meeting for 2024, which will also involve the AGM, will be held on Monday 12 February at 7:30pm in the school library. All are welcome to attend. The P&C is a great way to get involved in the school and doesn't require lots of time.

Have a wonderful fortnight everyone!

Rick Walters

UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES

Thur 8 Feb	Year 6 Bike Safety	Fri 16 Feb	Newsletter Room 19
Mon 12 Feb	P & C Meeting	Tue 20 Feb	Senior Assembly Room 20
Tue 13 Feb	Senior Assembly—Room 19	Wed 21 Feb	Year 6 Red Cross Incursion
Thur 15 Feb	Year 6 Bike Safety	Thur 22 Feb	Year 6 Bike Safety

OTHER SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Payment of 2024 Fees and Charges:

Thank you to those parents who have made payment of Fees and Charges via Campion stationery orders. The office is now ready to receive 2024 payments.

The board approved contributions for 2024 are:

Voluntary Contribution \$60

P&C Contribution \$30

Statements will be sent home soon and will include the school BSB & account details for direct deposit. Payment can also be made by EFTPOS or cash in the school office.

Please do not pay contributions if you have already made payment through Campion.

When making direct deposits, it is essential that the **student's surname and first initial** are included in the comment. Where possible please also **list the items you are paying**.

Update your contact information:

Student update forms will be sent home in the next few weeks. Please check the information carefully and make any necessary changes, or alternatively, tick the box indicating no changes are needed.

It is imperative contact details are kept up to date as this information is used should the school need to call you in an emergency situation or if your child is unwell. The school requires at least three to four emergency contacts.

Gate Closure Times:

Children who arrive at school prior to 8.40 am are expected to sit on the benches or verandah outside their classroom until classroom doors open. There is limited supervision available prior to this time. Students are not permitted to play on equipment or run around the quadrangle. Please do not drop children at school before 8:15am.

All students who arrive after 8:50am are required to be signed in and need to collect a late pass from the office.

The school gates are locked from 8.50am – 2:45pm. During these times, parents are asked to enter the school via the front office. All visitors are required to sign in as a visitor using the iPad. When collecting your child early, please sign your child out and give the class teacher the sign out pass.

End of the school day:

All Pre-primary to Year 6 students are to be collected at 3pm, Kindy students are collected at 3:10pm. Pre-primary to Year 6 students who are not collected at 3pm will be taken to the office and parents will be called.

TheirCare and Cuddles offer before and after school care for parents who cannot make the 3pm collection.

Code Camp 2024:

Code Camp will be running after school classes this year at Lathlain Primary School on Thursdays.

There has been an extension of the Early Bird Offer - Save \$15. Please include this Discount Code **AS-EB-14EXT**.



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