



"Peek and Find"

Railway Estate State School Newsletter



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Great state. Great opportunity.



Principal's comments...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Tuesday night we had a really positive P&C AGM, where we were presented with the best ever annual reports. The executive committee did an outstanding job of putting the P&C in the best position it has ever been. On behalf of the school community I'd like to thank our P&C President, Lachlan Welsh for his management and leadership of the P&C during 2018. We are very grateful that Lachlan has agreed to continue this role for 2019. Of course, it takes a team approach to successfully run a P&C and so I'd also like to thank Veronica Barratt for her vice presidency role in 2018 and for accepting this position again in 2019. Thanks also to Thelma Banako for doing an outstanding job as secretary and also accepting this position in 2019. We are still in need of a P&C treasurer, so if you have any skills in MYOB, we would really love to hear from you. What we also need are more parents to attend our meetings. They are very productive and well run meetings, usually only running for an hour. There are no politics – no negativity – no pressure. Just positive people wanting to make a difference for all your children. Look out for your next opportunity! Heads up – The meetings have changed to Mondays to try and work in with parents' other commitments. It would be so fantastic to see a great group of supporters there!

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D Broadfoot

Principal

14th March, 2019

Bullying. No Way!

'Take a Stand Together' on Friday 15th March

Our school is taking part in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday 15th March. On this day Australian schools will stand united in their communities to celebrate the eighth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

We encourage students to behave responsibly and safely every day, but on this day we will be putting the spotlight on our anti-bullying strategies by organising a range of activities, both in and out of the class.

The 'Bullying. No way!' website has information for parents and students of all ages about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence.

<http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

Is it bullying?

As parents, we should be rightfully worried about bullying. It is a problem and cause for concern but may not be as widespread as many think because the term "bullying" is often used as an umbrella to describe all kinds of mean behaviour—from a rude comment to a conflict between two people to a one-time physical altercation.

Bullying is [defined](#) as follows:

*The **repeated actions** or threats of action directed toward a person by one or more people who have or are perceived to have **more power or status** than their target in order to **cause fear, distress or harm**. Bullying can be physical, verbal, psychological or any combination of these three.*

Here's a definition to use for younger age children:

When a person or a group behaves in ways—on purpose and over and over—that make someone feel hurt, afraid or embarrassed.

It is important to distinguish bullying from other unkind, mean and harmful behaviour. Calling someone a name or pushing someone once, being rude or having an argument with someone is not bullying. Of course, these behaviours should be addressed but may have different consequences and interventions, which is why the distinction is critical. To be defined as bullying, all three components must be present: (1) repeated actions or threats, (2) a power imbalance and (3) intention to cause harm.

Please help us to ensure that a 'bullying culture' does not manifest itself within our great school, due to labelling all harmful behaviour as bullying. We don't accept any inappropriate behaviour towards others and we will deal with any incident accordingly.

HARMONY DAY

wear something orange

Next Thursday we will be celebrating Harmony Day at Railway Estate SS. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all

Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

We will celebrate this day by creating a school 'Positivity Pathway' with chalk art and also a **FREE DRESS DAY (no cost)** and we are encouraging the children to wear something orange, as this is the official colour of Harmony Day. Children can also wear appropriate clothes that are specific to their family's culture or heritage.



School Disco Expectations

We are looking forward to a great Tropical Disco on Friday 15th March (6:00 – 8:30). So that all students can have a safe and fun night, the usual expectations will be in place:

Expectations:

- All students are to be picked up by an adult. No students are to be walking home by themselves.
- Students are not permitted to be outside the designated areas, including under D block unless they are buying or eating food at the Railway Café
- Students are not permitted to bring soft drink/energy drinks/chewing gum to the school for this event.
- Have a great time and allow others to have a great time too.

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

The Interschool Swimming Carnival is being held this Monday at Kokoda Memorial Pool. All students attending have been provided with information. We would like to wish all of these students the very best of luck!

Your role in your child's learning

We would ask that all parents and caregivers attend the upcoming parent-teacher interviews (Week 9 and/or 10). Teachers will be sending home interview booking forms shortly. If the times that have been offered do not suit parents' busy schedules, all teachers are committed to making another time to see you. Please ensure that you commit to this critical communication about your child's education.

2019 BESS Athletics Carnival

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH ON THE SCHOOL OVAL

It's almost that time of the year where we can see school spirit, determination and sportsmanship. Come and join us!

Lunch time activities

The library has become an activities hub at first break each day. Encourage your student to join us at the Hub for *Music Mondays, Go Noodle Tuesdays, Craft Wednesdays, games on Thursdays and Fun Fridays*. Also available is the comfy seating on the deck to sit and relax. See our Facebook page for pictures of these fun activities.

Citizen of the Week

<i>Week ending 1st March</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Week ending 8th March</i>
Kiehzarn	PREPMM	Quinn
Gabriel	1W	Tyler
Alexis	2P	Destiny
Chayse	2J	Ella
Tulah	3M	Charlotte
Daisy	3/4E	Claudia
Ricky	4/5L	Harrison
Kody	5/6F	Max
Sienna	5/6M	

HOY 2019
23rd March
UNDER D BLOCK

Date claimer:

School banking	18 th March
	25 th March
School disco	15 th March
Bullying No Way! Day	15 th March
TSS Inter-school	
Swimming Carnival	18 th March
Harmony Day	21 st March
Athletics Carnival	28 th March



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