School Newsletter

For Term 1 Week 7 Starting 6 March 2016

Dates to Remember

March
10th - Selective High School Test
16th - Assembly - Class K/1H
2.30pm school hall
19th - Earth Hour
21st - Louise Park Author Visit
21st - Harmony Day
22nd - P&C Meeting 7pm Staffroom
24th - Easter Hat Parade
25th - Good Friday (No School)
28th - Easter Monday (No School)
29th - School Returns
30th - Assembly - KMP 2.30pm school hall

SRC Meetings are most Monday’s at 12:50pm in library.

Notes Sent Home

All - Parent Teacher interview booking
This week expect this semester’s activity fee statement and the Y7 EOI for Y 6 students.

Office Reminders

• All money should be contained in an envelope with a note for what the money is for
• Late arrivals or early departures must be logged at the office through filling out an orange slip

Mission Accomplished

On Friday the school held its school clean up day. For half an hour on Friday all the students stopped after recess and arranged themselves into their house teams. It was the job of our student leaders to practise some of what they learnt at the National Leaders Day and master the little things such as ensuring that our school is one that is clean and free of the litter.

They did a great job and managed with the help of their house teams to fill 3 bin bags full of rubbish. A great effort for only 30 minutes of work.

After the clean up we talked to the students about how important it is to ensure that we continue to ensure that our environment is kept clean and that litter in the right places is very important.

Leadership

On Monday ten students from years 5 and 6 that belong to the Student Representative Council and all the house captains caught the train from St Peters Train Station and travelled to Olympic Park and the AllPhones Arena. There they listened to a number of inspiring speakers and panellists who talked to them about their personal insights as leaders and what the day’s conference, ‘Mastering the Little’ meant to them. Everyone had a great time and behaved brilliantly - well done guys - we hoped you learned lots.

Smith Family - Kellogg’s Launch

On Tuesday before school a number of students from 2/3P arrived early at school to be taken to the Grounds Alexandria as special guests at the launch of the Kellogg’s - Smith Family book donation for the student2student program. This important program supports disadvantaged learners. Kelloggs are helping this program by donating lots of books and then promising to donate more books in return for tokens from Kelloggs packets. Children's entertainers were at hand and in the short period there, children had a great time.

High School Expression of Interest Forms

It is the time of year again when parents of year 6 students start to make up their minds which high school they want their children will to attend in 2017. On Thursday the selective high school test will be held for those wanting entry to selective high schools. Good luck to all of those students who are sitting the exam.

Tomorrow all year 6 parents will receive an Expression of Interest form for moving into year 7. This form will include the name of each students local high school. It provides the opportunity to apply for up to 3 non local schools. These out of area application must be accompanied by a reason for the application.

P&C News

Introducing your P&C for 2016: Office bearers: Kate Hafey (President), Chris Catanzariti (Vice President), Julie Gordon (Secretary), Kym Berry (Treasurer). Additional executive members: Kate Chessell, Patricia Rowling, Ngaire Worboys. I was very pleased to see so many faces at our recent P&C meetings, all keen to help support and improve our school.

Call for sub-committee members: please let me know ASAP if you are able to join any of the following: Canteen, Fundraising, Grants, Grow the school, and Westconnex.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss anything P&C: 0421 33 7170, katestrang@hotmail.com, stpeterspandc@gmail.com, or in person. Thankyou, Kate Hafey (Sean's mum).
### This Week in Language Arts

**K/1H**  
We will continue working with narratives in writing. K/1H will be working with our secret sentences and looking at common sight words in these. In guided reading we will be working in groups on a variety of activities on a rotational basis.

### This Week in Mathematics

**K/1H**  
We are learning about 2D shapes. We will be discussing their properties and thinking about where 2D shapes can be found in the environment. You could support this by looking for different shapes around you home environment.

### Other KLAs

**KMP**  
Exercises for use with iPads during our Literacy Session and Maths groups.

### Reminders

Please remember to check your child's home reading folder. Lots of notes intended for families to read are returning each day inside the home reading folder. If you have not done so already, please send in some headphones for use with iPads.

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### This Week in Science

**K/1H**  
We will be discussing their proper- ties low D & F# this week. The repertoire introduced this week was "The March of the Kitchen Utensils" as our ensemble becomes more secure with their parts. We have been listening carefully to ascending ("up"/ high) and descending ("down"/low) pitches when singing and playing ascending and descending pitches on the xylophone.

### Other KLAs

**K/1H**  
We have reinforced the note "b" and introduced it into a song with both vocal and recorder parts. All students are working well as an ensemble as we carefully listen to each other and coordinate starting and stopping exactly on the right beat and following the conductors direction.

### Reminders

Recorder rehearsal continues with “The March of the Kitchen Utensils” as our ensemble becomes more secure with their parts. We have introduced the notes low D & F# this week.

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### This Week in Mandarin (same as last week due to Miss Yang’s Absence)

**K/1H**  
Learning to say “How are you” and “I’m good” as well as singing the Nihao song.

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### Reminders

**K/1H**  
Learning to say “How are you” and “I’m good” as well as singing the Nihao song, and learn how to introduce yourself as being Australian.
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