



PRINCIPAL NEWS

Reading Improvement Journey thus far...

Our reading improvement journey is truly underway for 2019. Teachers have been engaged in daily structures for explicit teaching of reading. From 9 – 10:30 daily, we have a consistent approach to literacy instruction from Reception through to Year 7. Staff have been working with your child, explicitly teaching Daily 5 structures to develop stamina and independence. We have employed two Reading Support Teachers to assist with guided reading and conferencing as well as Years 3-7 reading intervention.

We have been fortunate to secure Sue McCandlish as our resident Speech Pathologist for two days a week. Sue is predominantly working in the early years, specifically with the two Reception classes, supporting the development of teacher understanding and application of oral language, phonological awareness and phonic knowledge. Sue brings a wealth of knowledge as well as four undergraduate speech pathologist students every week.

Moving into Term 2, all staff will continue working in Professional Learning Communities to unpack all elements of the Big 6 for Reading (Oral Language, Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension). To complement this, Danielle Green will be coaching all mainstream classroom teachers for the next 15 weeks on a specific reading goal to improve teacher practice. Staff meetings will be utilised to engage all staff in continuing our reading improvement journey through topics such as: shared reading, guided reading and setting authentic individual reading goals. Leaders have and will continue to regularly observe teachers during daily literacy instruction time and provide relevant feedback to improve their teaching of reading. Research shows that regular observation and feedback accelerates good teaching practice.

Term 1 Events

Reverse Interviews	Choir excursion: Surrey Downs	Governing Council
Monster Truck	6/7 Aquatics: West Lakes	B9 Zoo Picnic
Berry Street Training	Pupil Free Day	R-5 Swimming lessons
Autism Training	Anti-bullying Day	Books in Homes
RAA Street Smart	Special Lunches	Police Band visit
White Ribbon Accreditation	AGM	5/6/7 Woodhouse Camp

REMINDERS

**END OF TERM 1
FRIDAY 12TH APRIL
EARLY DISMISSAL
2PM**

**TERM 2
COMMENCES
MONDAY 29TH
APRIL**

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th May
Special Lunch

Wednesday 8th May
Choir Assessment

Thursday 9th May
Yr 5 Road Safety
Excursion

**Monday 13th -
Friday 17th May**
NAPLAN Yrs 3/5/7

BIRTHDAYS

Stamatis Subah
James H Casey
Justin W Ripley
Juyel Estelle
Dylan Cooper
James S John S
Shaun Soko
Cassidy Beverley
Kevin Secrett
Mikah Osman
Toriana Ollie
Patrick



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C19 NEWS

C19 and D2 Woodhouse Camp

Have you ever wanted to spend three days in the beautiful Adelaide Hills? Students in C19 and D2 did! We participated in Challenge Hill, Orienteering (not successfully), Hiking, Disc Golf, Cooking, Tube Slides and the Labyrinth Maze. Our nights were spent playing Spotlight and seeing how long we could stay awake for!

Our last day was spent feeding animals at Cleland Wildlife Park.

The camp gave students and teachers the opportunity to continue to build relationships and work as teams to achieve set goals.

