



31 January Week 1 Term 1 2018

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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(Welcome everyone)

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting year. I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing holiday and you're all ready for the year ahead. It has been wonderful to see our returning students, happy and eager to be back at school, and welcome the new students who have become part of our school. We have a busy and action packed term ahead and the best way to stay up to date with what's happening in our school is to connect with us on social media, through our Facebook page and class Instagram accounts, as well as reading the weekly newsletter.

STAFF CHANGES

As you would all be aware we were very sad to say goodbye to Mr and Mrs Ward as they enter the next phase of their lives, retirement, and we know that they are going to be having a fabulous time travelling the world. Unfortunately, we have also had to say goodbye to some wonderful teachers who have taken up opportunities at other schools. These teachers include; Miss Burn and Miss Hannan. Mr Kotlash will be in Canada on exchange for the year. Ms Rhodes and Miss Sandstrom are on leave.

This means that we have a lot of new faces around the school.

Miss Emma Butler has been appointed to our school as a targeted graduate and will be the class teacher for Year 1½ Gurgadj. Miss Gabrielle Donnelly will be on the Year 2/3 class, Maaran. Mrs Kate Hauwert and Mr Tim Jasparezza will be the teachers on our two year 6 classes. Allison Jones will be teaching the K-2 support class. While Mrs Lidia Tagliabracchi, who is from Canada, will be teaching the 3-5 support class. If you see an unfamiliar face please say hello and introduce yourself. I have already told our new staff how wonderful and friendly our community is.

LEISURE SPORT CHOICES

If your child is in any class 3-6, they will be asked to make a choice of which leisure sport they would like to participate in this term. Some of our sports require students to leave the school and they will have to ensure they return the required permission note with the money by next Tuesday or they will not be able to join their chosen sport. Please ensure that if your child has chosen a particular sport that they have the equipment required to participate before you give them permission. All water sports go ahead even in the rain and students are expected to show up with their equipment every Friday that leisure sports runs. If leisure sports has to be cancelled for any reason, we notify parents via Facebook, Instagram and Skoolbag.

SCHOOL CAMPS

This term we will be running our school camp in Week 5, for students in Year 3-6. Notes will be sent home as soon as possible to ensure parents have adequate time to return them with the money. We are anticipating that the cost of the camp will be similar to last year which was \$75.

FRONT OFFICE

Please be aware at this time of the year it is extremely busy in the front office and the ladies are working very hard to get lots of different jobs done. We appreciate your patience when you are waiting and we do apologise if your wait is a little longer than usual.

Belinda Doyle (Relieving Principal)

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Just go out there and do what you've got to do. It is better to have a little ability and use it well than to have much ability and make poor use of it.

Class Instagrams 2018



Dear Parents.

Due to the success of using Instagram as an effective way to communicate between the classroom and home throughout 2017, we have decided to continue their use in 2018. 2017 class photos will be available for parents to save but the **2017 class accounts will be cleared at the end of Week 2** to start our 2018 accounts.

The Instagram App is free from the Google Play Store or the App Store. Teachers will regularly post pictures on their class Instagram so please follow our school and your child's new class.

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@spps_mirigaan	@spps_gunarug	@spps_maaran
@spps_banggaada	@spps_bilima	@spps_mariya
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@spps_gari	@spps_muriyira	@spps_library
@spps_bangawu	@spps_walimburra	@spps_sanctuarypointpublicschool
@spps_burnaaga	@spps_gurimbaga	@spp_djanagubadj

Please note: Instagram users need to be **13yrs old** so students **are not allowed** to start accounts to follow the school or their class. This a tool for teachers to communicate with **parents only**.

Please contact Mr Chapple at school if you have any questions.