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# Christies Beach Primary School



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Dear Students, Staff, Parents and Caregivers,

As parents are aware, here at Christies Beach Primary School, we believe that all of our students should behave in an 'emotionally and socially competent manner' to enable them to participate in all learning, fulfil their potential and strive for excellence.

This is in fact our school vision. Recently, teachers have been exploring how we respond to inappropriate behaviours and have decided on a way forward including

- Clearly defining what constitutes a suspension.
- Listing those behaviours which will result in a Rethink.
- Identifying those minor but still inappropriate behaviours that will result in a behaviour note being sent home (Each class is identifying what they believe these are).
- Utilising SMS to notify parents of any of the above behaviours at the conclusion of each school day.
- Allowing parents to respond using SMS or hard copy if they wish.
- Introducing community service at lunchtime for all students who receive a Rethink or a Behaviour note.
- Maintain records of all such behaviours on our data management programme known as Daymap.
- Reintroduce our Gold Token Rewards where classes are rewarded over time for identified goals.
- Reintroduce our Values Raffle at each assembly where these students identified as demonstrating our school values of good manners, friendliness, courage, resilience, persistence and empathy will receive a small prize.

In our next newsletter I will include further details particularly clear statements about what constitutes suspension, take home, Rethink and our newly introduced Behaviour Note.

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

**MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Ian Filer  
Principal

## CALENDAR

Week	Date	
4	24/2	Welcome Gathering for Reception Students
5	27/2	STUDENT FREE DAY
	28/2	Shrove Tuesday

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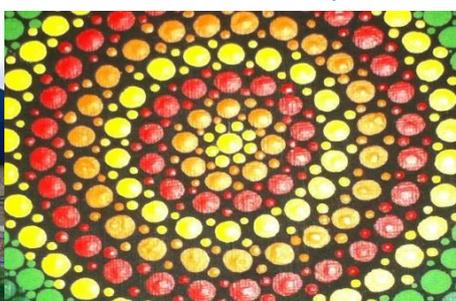
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## WELCOME CHRIS

We welcome Chris Matthews, who has been appointed to take on Darren's groundsman role, while Darren recovers from recent surgery on his hand. It is likely that Chris will continue in the role until the conclusion of week 4.

Darren is slowly recovering and has dropped in a few times at school. We wish him a speedy recovery and in the meantime we warmly welcome Chris.

## BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

Further to this newsletters editorial, our behaviour data so far for the first two and a half weeks of this year, have been reasonably positive.

Rethinks	13
Take Homes	3
Suspensions	3

It should be noted that some students who are new to our school and new to our Play Is The Way philosophy take some time to adjust to our expectations – but we are certainly improving.

## SCHOOL TIMES

Our first school bell goes at 8.30am which is a signal to say that our school grounds are officially open for the day. Students should not be at school prior to 8.30am as there is no supervision in the school yard.

Last year we have changed our morning yard duty roster to include a supervised area on the oval where students can play ball games – football, soccer etc. Students are welcome to go to the oval to play before school. Students can play ball games (netball, basketball or 4 square) on the allocated asphalt areas between the two primary blocks – but not football or soccer – go to the oval for these !

Our second bell is at 8.50am when classrooms are open and students can begin their day. The 8.50 – 9.00am slot is a very important 'business' or 'management' time when routines are conducted and information given to students. Lessons officially begin at 9.00am and throughout the day we have 6 fifty minute lessons (three 100 minute blocks) until our dismissal at 3.15pm.

## ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Our Acquaintance Night will be on **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OF FEBRUARY from 4.30 – 6.00pm**. All parents are encouraged to attend, as this is a terrific opportunity

to meet your child's teacher and other specialist teachers in our school. It is also a great opportunity to meet members of the leadership team including Sonja Britton (Assistant Principal/School Counsellor), Beck Truran (Deputy Principal), Ian Filer (Principal) and Skai Perkins (Assistant Principal/School Counsellor).

All visitors on the night will receive a handout about how their child's class operates and we will be offering a free sausage sizzle from 5.30pm. Cool drinks will be available for sale with profits helping support fundraising for our year 7 camp.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

It has been necessary to change our AGM from Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February to **Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March** – one week later.

I am aware that some parents may feel daunted attending such a meeting, but it is a fantastic opportunity for interested parents to become involved in decision making at our school. Currently, Governing Council meets twice a term, at 6.30pm on a Tuesday night. This meeting time is negotiable, depending on the availability of parents. Parents who are on Governing Council are also asked to be a member of one sub committee. These sub committees also meet twice a term and report back to our Governing Council meetings.

Currently we have six sub committees :

- Finance
- Out of School Hours Care
- Sports
- Canteen
- Family Ties
- Grounds

If you have an interest in the workings of your child/children's school, you are very welcome to join us at our Annual General Meeting on **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**.

## ASSEMBLIES

Almost all assemblies for 2017, will be held in odd weeks of each term on Monday afternoons immediately following lunch – starting at approximately 1.40. Assemblies will be hosted throughout the year by all classes and generally last for approximately 30 minutes. We are really striving to try to have a 'Showcase of Learning' approach at these assemblies. All parents and members of our community are very welcome.

## STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

The annual student information update forms were sent home recently. Please complete and return to school. A form will need to be completed for each child.

The lucky winner of the uniform is Matilda Haythorpe. Congratulations !

## SMS PHONE NUMBER

The mobile phone number to report a student absence via SMS is

**0408 352 583**

## WIRREANDA SECONDARY SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT 2017

THURSDAY 23 MARCH 4PM – 7PM

For more information please contact Sue Bogumil at the school on 8329 7200



## ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

*WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY  
4.30 - 6.00 P.M.*

VISIT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS AND  
OTHER SPECIALIST AREAS

JOIN US FOR A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
FROM 5.30PM  
DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

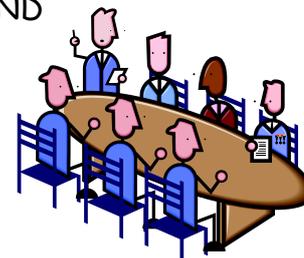
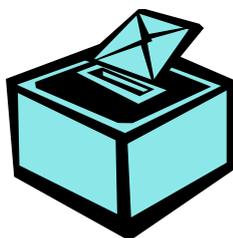
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*WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH  
6.30PM STAFFROOM*

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME

HEAR ABOUT HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016  
AND OUR PLANS FOR 2017 AND BEYOND



2017 GOVERNING COUNCIL ELECTIONS  
WILL BE HELD  
PLEASE JOIN US

## Room 3

At CBPS the first two weeks of the year are spent focussing on social skills. In Room 3 we have been talking about the Emotional Thermometer, which is a tool to help us to recognise our feelings. If we were feeling really angry, like at a number 5, we would know we need help from an adult.

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Our class then coloured in some pictures that showed children feeling different emotions.



We talked about the different emotions and tried to think of a time when we felt like this.



Then we talked about which feelings would represent each number on the Emotional Thermometer. When we agreed on the positions we made a display on the pin up board outside of Room 3.

