

Challa Gardens Pre-School-Year 7

School Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Term Dates—Term 1 2018 29/1/2018-13/4/2018

WEEK 6: 5/3-9/3

WEEK 7: 12/3-16/3

Mon: Adelaide Cup Holiday Fri: National Day Against Bullying and Violence

WEEK 8: 19/3-23/3

Tues: Governing Council Wed: Harmony Day Assembly

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Welcome to our second newsletter for 2018. It's hard to believe that we are in our 5th week with many exciting developments happening across the school. Classes have established their class routines and procedures and the students have settled into their learning.

PLEASE NOTE

School hours are between 8:50am and 3:00pm each day. Learning programs begin at 9:00am If your child arrives at school after 9.00am or you need to pick your child up early for any reason you will need to go to the front office to collect a green slip.

DRESS CODE

Our school colours are Navy and Gold. The dress code for girls is a navy chequered school dress or navy skirt which can be worn with leggings or shorts, or shorts and t-shirt for both boys and girls.

We are a 'Sun Safe' school so hats must be worn at recess and lunch.

AGM MEETING

AGM meeting has been scheduled for March the 6th at 6.00.

OPEN NIGHT

It was wonderful to meet some of our families on Open night. We had approximately 80 families that attended. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about the learning that is happening for your child.

NAPLAN

Information has been sent home to all our year 3. 5 and 7 students who will be sitting the NAPLAN test in May. This year is the first time students will be sitting the NAPLAN online.

END OF DAY

Just a reminder to parents and caregivers to wait outside buildings until the end of the day when the bell rings. Learning is occurring in classrooms and outside learning spaces (corridors and wet areas) until the end of the day. Please wait outside the buildings until the bell rings rather than in the corridors, as often students are being easily distracted by younger children and adults talking. Thank you for your cooperation.

ASSEMBLIES

The next school assembly will be in week 8 the 22nd March at 9.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

WELL BEING/ ENGAGEMENT CO ORDINATOR

One of the most important things we can do with our children is spend time listening to them. Too often in the busy times in households it's hard to find the time to just sit with our children. This connection is an important protective strategy for children and families. It lets children know there is someone there for them. Children know they can share stories with their family as well as discuss any of their worries. Try to make the time each day. Too often the pressure to be 'on' social media gets in the way of conversations. If you are worried about any online social media such as Facebook, Snapchat or Instagram please check out the Government Website Office of e-safety Commission at www.esafety.gov.au "Young& esafe". Talking in person helps keep all of us safe.

Gav Dawson

THE SMITH FAMILY

Family offers scholarships, The Smith programs and support throughout the primary, secondary and tertiary education years.

Scholarships are awarded to students that have demonstrated their commitment to education. Eligibility: Attend a partner school in Reception to Year 8, Have a current Pension Concession or Health Care Card, and a minimum 90% school attendance.

As The Smith Family has openings for a number of scholarship vacancies at the moment, families who meet the eligibility criteria, are encouraged to speak to Anna Bakker or Sonya Ritchie.

Do you like to sing and dance and in Year 6/7, then the Festival of Music Performance Troupe is for you. Auditions from Monday February 13 to Wednesday March 29 at Enfield Primary on Tuesdays or Hamilton Secondary College on Wednesdays.





BRILLIANT BUDDIES

Ms. Mel's class and Mrs. Cutajar's class have joined forces this year to become BRILLIANT BUDDIES! We have been getting to know each other through insightful and fun friendship building activities. Our first task was to meet, greet and discover buddies with similar interests and abilities.

Here is what some of the students had to say about each other's discussions:

- "We like playing soccer outside on the oval and with all kinds of toys."
- Tung, Daniel & Phinehas
- "We all enjoy baking delicious cupcakes and we love the part when we eat them!"
- Angie, Ekaterini & Trang
- "All of us love spaghetti because it's delicious, long and it's saucy with some cheese on top." Sovarsnee, Dua & Salma
- "Anika and Sahej like to go bike riding every day after school while Nhi likes snoozing in bed!"
- "Bella likes playing JUST DANCE at home while Shane, Sedrat and Seth like to play outside sports like soccer and basketball."
- "Cloe likes animals, Maddi has great dance moves and Siarrah loves netball."

Our next task was to create some colourful friendship bracelets for each other, dress up and strike a 'happy pose' for the camera...'SAY BUDDY!"

