

Prairievale Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back to 2017!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017. It is great to be back with lots happening here at PPS. All of our students have now returned to school and yesterday we had 59 new Kindergarten students start at school. We were amazed at how quickly they settled into their new classes. We are looking forward to watching them learn and grow over the coming year.



Next P&C meeting
Wednesday 8th February at 2pm

Fortunately, we haven't had to make many changes to classes this year. Thank you to all the staff, parents and students for making it such an easy start to the year.

2017 Classes

The classes will be:

KB	Mrs Borg & Mrs Karavellas	KC	Ms Cassar
KM	Ms Michetti	1A	Ms Alderson
1P	Ms Penman	1L	Mrs Lal
1/2D	Mrs Duarte	2G	Mrs Gideon
2SE	Mrs Sosa and Mrs Eris	3/4B	Ms Bowen
3/4I	Ms Ismail	3/4O	Ms Ou
3/4Q	Ms Quang	4/5T	Mrs Terelinck
5/6J	Mrs Jones	5/6S	Mrs Sweeney
5/6N	Mr Norton	5/6GR	Ms Ghannoum & Mrs Naim
K-6P	Miss Pham (& Mrs Strbac)	K-6S	Ms Capps (& Mrs Cash)
K-6H	Mrs Habel (& Mrs Zenner)		

Gates and Safety

Our front gate is operated electronically. This is to ensure the safety of all students. It will be open until 9:20am of a morning and reopen at 2:30pm in the afternoon.

Please be aware that staff car parks are out of bounds for all students.

Please do not encourage students to walk through these areas.

Parents are also asked NOT to park in staff car park, even on wet days.

2017 School Leaders

Congratulations to our newly appointed School Leaders. We are looking forward to a great year ahead.



(Savanna-Rose – absent)

Their first leadership report is included later in this newsletter.

2017 Swimming carnival

This year we have decided to make a change to our school swimming carnival. Instead of all students in Years 3-6 attending, this year we will only be taking students who are able to swim 50m independently. This decision has been made for a variety of reasons but we believe that it will be in the best interest of all students. A note will go home shortly with more information.

Front Office

Thank you for your patience during our office refurbishment. We were originally meant to have moved in for the start of the new year but unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, this timeline has been extended. We are now looking at moving in by the end of February. Although it has taken a little longer than expected, we are looking forward to being in the brand new office very soon.

Student Management Policy

Our award system will be continuing in 2017 and any awards that students received last year can continue to be used to achieve bronze, silver and gold awards.

	What	How
Merit Awards	For behaviour, effort, improvement etc	Can be awarded at any time by any staff member at their discretion. Includes 2 Assembly Awards each fortnight
Bronze Award	5 x Merit Awards	Presented at Friday Assemblies
Silver Award	3 x Bronze Awards	Presented at Friday Assemblies
Gold Award	3 x Silver	Awarded during Week 10 of each term. Any students receiving a Gold Award during a calendar year will attend the Gold Activity at the end of Term 4.

Assemblies will begin in Week 4. They are held on Friday at 2:15pm in the hall.

School Contribution

This is a friendly reminder that your school contribution is now due. \$30 per child or \$60 per family to be paid at the front office. This money is used to purchase added resources to support your child's learning.

Have a great couple of weeks,

Nikki Perrin
Principal

Leadership Report

Hi, we're Sophie and Chloe (the School Captain and Vice -Captain), In every newsletter there will be a leadership report – trying to keep you up to date with what's happening around our school. This month we've chosen to talk about care and compassion and how valuable time can be.

Every stage has a different focus in the area of *Well Being* this year and stage 3 are focusing on care and compassion at the moment. Caring for people can be shown in many different ways – either physically (comforting or hugging), verbally (reassuring someone), or emotionally. Compassion is when you have sympathy for someone and try to help them out. Being compassionate this year and all the years to come will make you a better person overall. This year is 2017 and we will try and make it the best it can be showing care and compassion to everyone in our school.

It's a new year and as we all know time is valuable and precious. This year let's all try our best in class to make every moment count. Time is the most amazing thing and very valuable as we have been learning in our class. In our time here at Prairievale we have expanded our knowledge and hope that you can too.

And as a wise student (Chloe) likes to say...

To understand the value of a day, ask a tribe working for family and catching fish,

To understand the value of an hour, ask a worker paid hourly because money doesn't come with a swish,

To understand the value of a minute, ask a person paying for minutes on the phone with a friend,

To understand the value of a second, ask a surgeon saving someone before their life is at an end,

Time is important wherever you go so,

Reach your goals this year no matter how slow.

Until next time, Sophie and Chloe

Water

Children need 1-1.5 litres of fluid per day. Although some of this can come from the food they eat, most of it should come from drinking water. It's important to drink even more water on hot days and during exercise when water is lost as sweat.



Regular tap water is: safe to drink, contains fluoride to help protect teeth from decay, available in most public places best of all is FREE!

So pack a water bottle every day for school.

Driving & parking safely near schools

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days. Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate. Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind. Never double park as it puts children at risk.



A reminder to all parents

Please update any changes to contact details including phone numbers and addresses to ensure that all correspondence from the School is received.

All **student absences** need to also be noted within 7 days of each day of absence.

PPS Calendar

February

Wednesday 8	P & C Meeting
Wednesday 15	Banking Starts
Friday 17	PSSA Starts
Thursday 23	Aboriginal Culture Club BBQ
Tuesday 28	Swimming Carnival

March

Monday 6	Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 8	P&C AGM Meeting
Tuesday 28	School Photos

April

Wednesday 5	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 7	End of Term 1