



Newsletter - 29 March 2017

From the Principal

Last week Harry asked me where I had been (the day prior). I told him that I was at a special meeting learning how to be a better teacher. He laughed and said "You're a teacher you don't need to learn!" My response to him was that it doesn't matter how old we are or how much we think we know about something, we can always learn more! Staff Professional learning is an integral part of our school improvement plan and as such we have made it a priority this year to engage and share as much research based 'best practice' as we can. John Hattie is a world renown researcher in education. His research interests include performance indicators, models of measurement and evaluation of teaching and learning. John Hattie became known to a wider public with his two books *Visible Learning* and *Visible Learning for Teachers*. Throughout 2016 and into this year our teaching staff have been working through his books and have begun to adopt a lot of his teaching strategies and research to help support our pedagogy. Two weeks ago Mr Thomas, Ms Kerklaan and I attended a symposium in Sydney when we were able to immerse ourselves in his most current data and hear him talk in person about how to best support our practice. It was an inspirational conference and the three of us are very excited to bring our knowledge and start implementing what we've learned.

Also, last weekend, Mrs Webster, Mr Thomas and Ms Kerklaan attended a professional learning session in Melbourne run by Deb Sukarna and David Hornsby – two leading educators and authors in the area of reading and comprehension. They have brought home some excellent new strategies for improving our whole school approach to reading and I would like to personally thank all staff for giving up their weekends for the direct benefit of our students.

This week we got the first round of data back from our PIPS testing (Performance Indicators in Primary Schools). This test is an assessment of literacy and numeracy and can assist with assessing progress of students and it is repeated at the end of the year. We use this data to inform our planning and then to monitor our progress throughout the year. I am very proud to say that all our Prep students are either at or above their age appropriate benchmarks and we look forward to tracing their progress throughout the year.

This afternoon, along with Scots childcare, we will be holding our official opening of Outside School Hours Care at Collinsvale Primary School. To secure this for our school, Rhonda and the School Association have worked tirelessly for the past three years to have this service. Not only will this benefit students and families at Collinsvale Primary School for after school care, they also offer school vacation care to the whole community - for any primary school age children. If you have any questions or would like to enquire about outside school hours care please call the school office for more information.

Kel Innis
Principal

COLLINSVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION - Easter Raffle

Please return raffle books (*either sold or unsold*) to the school office no later than **Friday 7th April 2017**. The raffle will drawn at our end of term assembly on **Wednesday 12th April 2017**. It's not too late to make your donation if you have not had time to do so! A big thank you to the families that have already returned books and money.





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VACATION CARE

Thursday 13th April 2017

\$20 per child for the day
(includes a trip to the movies!)

NO bond payment required

**Limited spaces so make your
booking today - contact**

**Scots Early Learning Centre 6234 2018
or the school office 6239 0176**

(Enrolment forms available from the school office)

**This service is for all school age children up to 12 years old -
not just those attending Collinsvale Primary School!**

Week 1					
Thursday 13 th April	14 th -17 th April	Tuesday 18 th April	Wednesday 19 th April	Thursday 20 th April	Friday 21 st April
<p>Excursion to Village Cinemas</p> <p>We are going to the cinemas at Glenorchy We will advise which movie we will be watching</p> <p><i>Please provide your child/children with healthy choice foods for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</i></p>	<p>Easter break - closed</p>	<p>Autumn craft!</p> <p>Bring your best ideas about Autumn and make some arts and craft.</p> <p><i>Please provide your child/children with healthy choice foods for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</i></p>	<p>Our kitchen rules</p> <p>Put on a chef hat and let's see what wonderful yummy foods we can make for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</p> <p><i>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea supplied</i></p>	<p>Bikes and Scooters!</p> <p>Bring your wheels and helmet along for a fun day on our bikes and scooters.</p> <p><i>Please provide your child/children with healthy choice foods for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</i></p>	<p>Excursion to Crocs Play Centre</p> <p>Come and join in the fun at Crocs.</p> <p><i>Please provide your child/children with healthy choice foods for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</i></p>

Week 2				
Monday 24 th April	Tuesday 25 th April	Wednesday 26 th April	Thursday 27 th April	Friday 28 th April
<p>Messy Monday!</p> <p>Slime, Playdough, finger painting, Goop and shaving cream.</p> <p>Please remember to wear old clothes</p> <p><i>Please provide your child/children with healthy choice food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</i></p>	<p>Excursion to the Botanical Gardens for a picnic lunch.</p> <p><i>Please provide your child/children with healthy choice food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</i></p>	<p>BBQ lunch at school and a visit from the Collinsvale Fire Brigade.</p> <p><i>Please provide morning and afternoon tea healthy food choice in your child/children's lunch box. Lunch will be provided.</i></p>	<p>Camping day</p> <p>Lets build our own tents, make soup and damper, set up a camp fire.</p> <p><i>Please provide your child/children with healthy choice food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</i></p>	<p>Movie & Pyjama day</p> <p>You are welcome to bring a G rated movie to share, wear your pyjamas and we will make popcorn. It's a chill out day!</p> <p><i>Please provide your child/children with healthy choice food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.</i></p>

Note to families: Please ensure that your child/children bring a **drink bottle, sun hat** and spare change of clothes (including a warm jacket) to Vacation Care each day. We also ask that the children wear t-shirts or dresses with short sleeves so their shoulders are covered for sun safety. We also ask that the children wear sport shoes or filled in shoes as slip on ones are not appropriate for most of our activities.

CALENDAR

Term 1 2017

Wednesday 8th February 2017 to
Friday 14th April 2017

29th March 2017

Sporting Schools Hockey final
session at Collinsvale PS 3 to 4pm

Friday 31st March & Friday 7th April 2017

Sporting Schools Athletics sessions

Wednesday 5th April 2017

Vacation Care Program bookings
due to the school office or Scots

Friday 7th April 2017

Return Easter Raffle books to the
school office please

Wednesday 12th April 2017

Assembly 2:00pm in the GPR
CBA Student Banking Coordinator
Annette Roberts attending

Thursday 13th April 2017

Moderation Day-Student Free Day
Vacation Care Program available

Friday 14th April 2017

Good Friday - Public Holiday

Term 2 2017

Monday 1st May 2017 to
Friday 7th July 2017

Thursday 4th May & Wednesday 5th May

Growing Up Program

Wednesday 24th May

National Simultaneous Storytime
"The Cow Tripped Over the Moon"



Reminder!

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL LEVIES

This is a friendly reminder that as previously advertised the payment of school levies is to be finalised no later than the end of Term 1 - **Friday 14th April**.

If you are unable to meet this commitment would you please contact School Business Manager, Rhonda Turner, 6239 0176 as soon as possible to discuss your payment options.



2:00pm - Wednesday 12th April 2017

All parents, carers, family, friends and community members are most welcome to attend. Our special guest will be CBA Student Banking coordinator, Annette Roberts who will present banking rewards to eligible students.



**Thank
you!**

Thanks to our wonderful, hard-working parent, grandparent and community volunteers our new home readers have been covered and are ready for student use!