Dear Parents

End of term 1 reports and feedback

It has been another busy and productive term. This week Interim Reports and K-2 feedback via “On-entry Assessment Program Summary for Parent: Literacy and Numeracy” have been sent to parents. For the first time Year 1-6 parents will have received feedback on overall literacy and numeracy progress as well as feedback on the five keys that underpin successful learning. Research over many years tells us that considered feedback can have a powerful and positive impact on learning. Of course for the impact to be maximised, the feedback must be understood, discussed and acted upon in a context of collaborative effort by the parents, teachers and students.

You Can Do It (YCDI)

As a whole school we have commenced the very successful and evidenced based program, YCDI. The program aims to develop and support the important social and emotional capabilities that underpin successful learning. YCDI is deliberate in restructuring negative ‘Habits of the Mind’. The relationship of the 5 Blockers to negative outcomes of young people is represented in the Barrier Model. Please refer to website below for further details.


Beliefs are best transmitted to children if reflected in the lives of their parents.

We can cause children to react against our own or any other belief by the way we talk about it and how we behave.

For more tips, please visit the dedicated section in our website: thefatheringproject.org/

Mathletics Silver Certificates 14 March

Micah Kwanjai and Lanah

Virtues Awards 14 March

Discuss your beliefs with your children, whatever they are. Be aware that a father’s personal beliefs can have positive or negative effects on fathering, and recognize the impact this can have on your children.

• Give children the opportunity to learn and think about belief issues by themselves.
LA 8 Assembly Highlights 7 April

Well done to LA 8 and Dr Birkelbach on their brilliant assembly themed space exploration musical. Performances from Jade the “Queen of the Aliens” and Tom as the astronaut “Major Tom” were thoughtful and accomplished. Perhaps theatre careers beckon! We can all say we saw them first here at Weld Square.

Honour Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

LA1 K/PP: Sena
LA2 K/PP: Tianara
LA3 Year 1: Milliona and Sara
LA5 Year 2: Mikayla and Andy
LA8 Year 3: Whole Class
LA11 Year 4/5: Drashti, Micah and Lanah
LA10 Year 5/6: Elena and Emily
LOTE: Lily Howell
H & PE: Anika and Jonathon

On behalf of our staff, I wish all our hard working students and parents a well-earned break. Have fun, keep active, healthy and enjoy your family time together. I would encourage all those who are able to attend an ANZAC service and reflect on the history and the meaning of why the 25 April 2016 is such a significant public holiday.

Glen Cookson
Principal
Hi everyone,

I don’t know how many parents enter the library, and if they do whether they know there is a resource section particularly for them. Two new books have been added that you might like to know about. The first is more applicable to parents of young children. You will have heard about the program being run throughout the school called “You Can Do It” which is all about resilience. The second book helps parents to support their children to be compassionate and resilient. Read the blurbs below, and visit the library!

**Becoming the Parent you Want to be** by Laura Davis and Janis Keyser is “Informative, inspiring and enlightening... provides parents with the building blocks they need to discover their own parenting philosophy and develop effective parenting strategies. Through in-depth information, practical suggestions and many lively first-person stories, the authors address the many dilemmas and joys that the parents of young children encounter and demonstrate a range of solutions to the major issues that arise in the raising of babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Full of warmth, clarity, humour and respect, … (it) gives parents permission to be human: to question, to learn, to make mistakes, to struggle and to grow, and, most of all, to have fun with their children.

**Parenting from the Inside Out** by Daniel J Siegel and Mary Hartzell. How many parents have found themselves thinking: I can’t believe I just said to my child the very thing my parents used to say to me! Am I just destined to repeat the mistakes of my parents? In this book the authors explore the extent to which our childhood experiences shape the way that we parent. Drawing on stunning new findings in neurobiology and attachment research, they explain how interpersonal relationships directly affect the development of the brain, and offer parents a step-by-step approach to forming a deeper understanding of their own life stories that will help them raise compassionate and resilient children.

I hope you have enjoyed the Easter holidays with your families, and I wish you all a great holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed next term.

Blessings from the Chaplain

_Sandy Clifton_
Hi Everyone

Term 1 is completed and we packed a lot in despite two long weekends. We hope to see you all at the Bush Dance on Friday night. The canteen will be open from 5.00pm. Donations of food to sell are required. The Numbats Bush Band will the fire up at 6.00pm so bring your dancing boots and we will fire up the dance floor with fun and enthusiasm.

**Uniform Shop:** All backorders have been filled by the uniform shop. If you have not received a uniform item please contact Dana on our email: weldsquareprimary@gmail.com.

**Busy Bee:** We are organising a busy bee on Sunday 24 April (before school starts). This is to help prepare the school after the break with removing honkey nuts and leaf rubbish to keep the school safe and inviting for next term. Come along with your shovel, rake, blower, wheelbarrow etc.

**Dates to Remember:**

- Bush Dance Family Night: Friday 8 April from 5.00pm
- P&C Meeting: Tuesday 3 May
- Mother’s Day Stall: Friday 13 May
- Lunch Order: Wednesday 18 May.

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**APRIL BUSH DANCE 2016**

**VOLUNTEER & DONATION**

When: 8 APRIL @ 5 P.M onwards  
Where: Weld Square Assembly Area  
HOW: Volunteer Tim -Sausage  
Cooker/Canteen helper  
Food to Sell at Canteen

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**WELD SQUARE BUSY BEE**

Parents / Carers of Students  
TERM 2  
Help Clean Up OUR SCHOOL

- BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS  
- MULCHING / RAKE / SPADE  
- PRUNING / TRIM BRANCHES  
- GARDENING / TIDY UP

Sunday, April 24, 2016  
9:00 – 12:00  
Please email / leave your interest by 22nd April to June Song at weldsquareprimary@gmail.com  
or call Michelle Hughes on 0402 779 118

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Friday 8 April: Interschool Soccer and T-ball at Ashfield Reserve  
- LAST DAY OF TERM 1

**STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016**

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An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. When life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it is going to launch you into something great. So just focus and keep aiming.