

## Term 1 Week 8

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### Term 1

Fri 16 March	National Day
Tues 20 March	5 <sup>th</sup> Swimming Lesson (11:00 – 12:00)
Wed 21 March	Book Club due
Fri 23 March	Zone Cricket/Softball/Kanga Carnival
Fri 23 March	Barn Dance
Thurs 29 March	Last Day of Term 1

### Term 2

Tues 17 April	Term 2 commences
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### P & C

Tues 10 April	P & C Meeting
Fri 23 March	Barn Dance
Sun 25 March	'Ride the Range' fundraiser

### To Be Returned ASAP

Year 5/6 Camp Expression of Interest Forms – asap  
Contribution towards the bus to Withcott (children in sporting teams) - \$3  
Zone Carnival Permission - \$3

## HEALTH NEWS

One of our Year 4 students has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough. Attached is a note with some suggestions regarding the spread of this illness.

## GROUNDS NEWS

Mrs Kym Hopper was the successful applicant for the position of casual groundsperson. Mrs Hopper has been acting groundsperson for the last 4 weeks and has transformed our grounds in this short period of time.

As you would be aware, during the last vacation period work was done on the drainage in the pathway at the end of B Block (Year 1 and 2 classrooms). The drainage is working well. With the recent downpours of rain, there have been no 'puddles' lying on the concrete.

As part of the works, some of the pavers in the pergola area outside B Block needed to be removed as pipes were placed underground. They were replaced when the job was completed. With the settling of the soil, the pavers have moved causing a significant tripping hazard. I have been in contact with Building and Asset Services (responsible for some of the maintenance of the school) and they will get the pavers aligned correctly. In the meantime, I have cordoned off this area. Hopefully the pavers will be rectified quickly. I apologize to the parents and children who use this area, but I don't want any serious tripping injuries occurring.

## SWIMMING

Our last swimming lesson (Lesson 5) will be held on Tuesday 20 March (Week 9). Change of time – 11:00 – 12:00. We will leave school at 10:30 and return around 12:30.

## YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP

### CONFERENCE

Recently the Year 6 students attended a Leadership Conference at the Convention Centre in Brisbane. Speakers included John Coutis, Jack Heath, Harrison Craig and Holly Ferling.

**I thought John Coutis was the most inspiring person because he talked a lot about himself and didn't care about what other people thought of him. (Chiara)**

I liked John Coutis's saying "Don't tell me what I can't do. Just what I can do." (Hayley)

I like how Jack Heath think stories are GROSS – Goal, Reason, Obstacle, Strategy, Start. (James)

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 5/6
90%	97.2%	97.5%	93%	98.9%	90%	93%

Congratulations Year 4! A great effort%



### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**Prep** – Amity for always trying her best and having a positive attitude to school.

**Year 1** – Noah for coming to school each morning with a positive attitude.

**Year 2** – Abby for trying her best in tutoring.

**Year 3** – Isaac for making good choices in class and in the playground.

**Year 4** – Kurt for immediately following classroom instructions and for using his time wisely.

**Year 5** – Isaac for his enthusiastic approach to the English writing task.

**Year 5/6** – James for getting six double 100s in a row (100% for both number facts and spelling for 6 weeks).

**Music** – Lacey for improving at keeping a steady beat in Music.

**PE** – Maharlea for trying her best and participating in all dances.

### STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

I would like to congratulate the Student Council for their great work. At the moment, they are organizing a teachers vs students game. Some of the suggestions are running races, relay races, dodgeball or t-ball. 'Gang Up' is a very popular morning tea and lunchtime game. Unfortunately, at times, there are disagreements about the rules of the game. I am very impressed that this problem was taken to the Student Council meeting

and they are working on the rules and how best to play the game in a happy and friendly manner. Thankyou Mrs Prialx and Mrs Brocherie!

### FREE VISION SCREENING FOR ALL STUDENTS

The Vision Screening Team were very impressed with the number of students being screened and their behaviour. Thankyou to the families for participating in this program.

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Expectation: Be a Learner

Focus: Work Towards Goals

**What do we want?**

- Everyone focusing on their school work
- Everyone working towards a goal

**Expected school routine: What does this behaviour look like?**

### SPORT

Last week Helidon clashed with Withcott in Friday afternoon sport. The teams played very well considering it was our first outing for the season and we had only one practice session.

In Kanga, Helidon struggled on the grass wicket with the ball moving all over the place. The score in the end was 75 runs to 31. Lachlan Dodt was voted the best player.

Cricket still has another innings to go. We batted first and have set a target of 80 runs for Withcott to chase down. The two Jacksons, Green-Smith and Stewart, were our highest run scorers. We will have to bowl and field really well on Friday if we are going to win.

The Softball Team went down fighting hard against a more experienced team. Jorja pitched well and Jesse got a home run. The team fought right down to the wire, but eventually lost 14 runs to 9. Jesse Zupp was the Player of the Match, and did really well considering he just had the plaster removed from his arm.

The T-Ball Team played very well. Withcott were down a player so Kody graciously agreed to join the Withcott team for the game. This proved to be a wise move as Withcott were the better team at the end of the day and won 31 runs to 20. Helidon had some good hitters and some very fast runners and it was close at times. James Wiseman was Player of the Match.

This Friday we will be travelling to Withcott. The cost of the bus will be \$3 per student. All the best to the Helidon teams. Teams have also been selected for the Zone Carnival coming up soon. Selected students have taken notes home which need to be returned.

### EARLY YEARS GROUP

Next week we'll start our Easter Theme. In art and craft the children will make an Easter Bunny using a cardboard tube, pipe cleaners, pieces of felt and small and large pompoms. During group time, the children

will learn some new songs and hear stories where Easter is the central focus. They'll also enjoy plenty of outdoor activities with their playmates.



### BARN DANCE

Each class will be making scarecrows to decorate the area for the Barn Dance. If you have any old hats, jeans, shirts etc we would appreciate it if you would donate them to the school.



### BOOKCLUB

Orders due 21 March.

### NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION (AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE)

We are joining the nationwide movement and standing united against bullying with schools across Australia this Friday 16 March. Attached to the newsletter is a 'keycard' for parents with phone numbers, apps and information.

The children also received a 'keycard' and wristband.

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