Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to our school for 2017. We have had a great start back with many new families joining us as well as our 95 Prep students who started their learning journey with us.

We also welcome the following new teachers Mr Grant (6 Olive) Mrs Ryan (5/6 STIDL), Mrs Matthews (5 Turquoise), Mr Powell (Japanese) Mrs Haddock (3 Navy). We also welcome back from family leave Mrs Deb Tippett and Mrs Ashleigh Weatherby (2 Lemon).

SMS - Same Day Absence Alerts

On Wednesday we launched our new SMS Alert system. This is now a requirement in all schools. It is primarily a safety strategy to let parents know their child has not been present for the roll call. It is secondly an accountability strategy to make sure that students are at school every day and their absence explained. It is crucial that you have the correct mobile numbers on the system at school. If you didn’t receive the test SMS alert on Wednesday this week, then you need to check your contact details on our system.

School Parking and School Crossing

By now many of you would realise there has been some changes to the parking and drop off zones as well as the supervised school crossing. These changes have come about to improve the flow of traffic and pick up area before and after school. The left hand side of the pick up area closest to the school is now totally designated as a 2min zone. This means you can’t leave your vehicle. If you are collecting older students in Year 2 or older, a simple solution is to delay picking them up by 5 to 10mins. The drive through area clears very quickly and often nearly vacant by 2:45pm. We have supervision at the front of the school in the afternoon and students are required to wait in the covered area.

Before and After School Routines

Prep students and Prep1 Green and Purple students are to be dropped off and collected from their classroom each day. Students should not be arriving at school before 8:00am in the morning. If you need to have students at school early for work purposes then please enrol them in before school care with YMCA.

As much as they look exciting, our school playgrounds are not designed for toddlers and younger children under 5. Please make sure that the little ones are not climbing on or playing on the equipment.

Before and after school the playgrounds are out of bounds as there is no staff supervision. Students enrolled at YMCA are allowed to use the facilities as they are supervised by a staff member.

Parent Information Evenings—

Week 3

A date claimers for all parents about Parent information evenings. There are some awesome surprises coming your way in regards to these nights. Your children’s teachers will be sending home information next week.

Have a great week!

Kind Regards
Kelly Jeppesen
Principal

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Parent Information Evening Date And Claimers

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SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS WEDNESDAY

Win a family Adventure Holiday at Tokyo Disneyland

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan.

The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they’ll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea. This prize includes:

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Return economy airfares from the winner’s nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland & Tokyo DisneySea
- AUS1,000 spending money.

To enter, students have to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.
Would you like to play BASKETBALL?

See Dakabin Dragons Facebook page or Northside Wizards Basketball website for more information and registration links. Programs and competitions for Prep to Year 6

Beginners- Aussie Hoops Programs at Dakabin State High School

GIRLS – Northside Girls Basketball League Trials Friday 27th January 2017 6.00 - 7.15pm at Boondall
Please register online prior to attending ngblregistrar@northsidewizards.net.au

BOYS – All enquiries contact Dakabin Dragons- dragonsregistrar@northsidewizards.net.au

NO SMOKING NEAR SCHOOLS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES. It is against the law to smoke in the pick up area at the front of the school. It is ALSO against the law to be smoking in vehicles with children.

Before School Routines

Meet at the chairs near the Tuckshop if arriving before 8:00am

Yr 1 to Yr6 will go to the hall with the duty officer after 8:00am.
Prep and P/1 students are taken to the classroom to their teacher.

Students can bring colouring, reading book, small car, trading cards or the like to keep them amused.

PLAYERS AND TEAMS WANTED

Strathpine Scorpions Netball Club

Sign On Day
SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2017
8AM – 12PM @ THE PARNA CLUBHOUSE
OR REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

At Scorpions Netball Club we offer a family friendly and an affordable option for your child to play netball. For our low price, we offer free team photos, entry to local Pine Rivers Netball carnival and also break up party! There are no weekly outlays.

PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE FOR 2 WEEKS ONLY!
JABS UP FRONT - REMAINDER PAID BY 26TH FEB.
(TOTAL $80)

CLUB CONTACTS
SECRETARY: Melissa 0416 160 029
secretary@strathpinescorpions.com or check us out on FACEBOOK.

TRAINING & GAME DAY LOCATION
Pine Rivers Netball Association, Les Hughes Complex, 119 Francis Road (Corner Baker Street), Lawnton.