

# Newsletter

**Week 4 Term 1 Issue 2 28 February 2019**

## *From the Principal's Desk*

Dear parents and care givers

**Week 4 already, what a wonderful start to the year.**

School Council: The school council plays an important part in the school improvement. This year there are three parent positions open. If you would like to serve on the school council and be a part of the school's improvement journey please collect a nomination form from the front office.

Fogarty Foundation surveys: If you have not already finished the Fogarty Foundation Survey, we would be most grateful if you would find the time to do so. It is very important for us to receive your feedback so that we can judge how well we are doing against the goals we have set ourselves.

Time changes: From **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** our start and finish times will change. School will begin at 8.50 am each day and on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday it will finish at 3.00 pm. Thursday finish will remain at 2.30 pm

Swimming lessons: Lessons will be in weeks 5 and 6 this term for our year 3 to 6 group. The small number of year 2 students who are in Ms Johnson's class will also be attending.

Be kind to unkind people, they need it most.

## REMINDERS

**Student Free Day  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Public Holiday  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

**Mon – Fri  
8.10am-8.30am  
Near Room 3**

## **FACTION FRIDAYS**

**Early Close  
Thursdays 2.30pm**

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## Honour Certificates

Room A	Carley Parker
Room A	Malikai Bolton
Room B	Cienna Young
Room B	Kaizen McConnell
Room 1	Harry Harper
Room 1	Jorjia McLellan
Room 3	Tristan Barr
Room 3	Kirbi Inwood
Room 4	Kayde George
Room 4	Zoe Laird
Room 5	Jack Read
Room 5	Liam Ryall
Room 6	Charlotte Christmass
Room 6	Dusty Peacock
Room 6	Leila Fernihough
Room 7	Jayden Fernihough
Room 7	Toby Edwards
Room 10	Arwin Jayakumar
Room 10	Khloie Angwin
Room 11	Rigby Paynter
Room 11	Sarah James
Room 12	Akshi Jayakumar
Room 12	Gypsy Hitches
Italian	Room 6
Music	Room 10
Science	Room 11
Phys Ed	Room 10
Tidy Bag Bear	Room 12

**Congratulations** to all our Honour Certificate recipients during our first assembly for 2019.

Congratulations also to Mrs Johnson and Room 7 for a fabulous assembly item.

Well done!

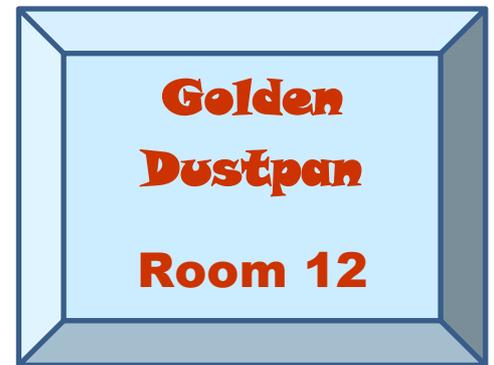
## Faction Points

**Red 2939**

**Blue 959**

**Green 2885**

**Gold 1875**



**Buongiorno**



## Science News

### Salty Science Studies

Our senior students have been kept busy in science lately investigating the various climatic conditions faced by those working in the agricultural industry. Students have primarily focused on the problem of salinity as they conducted their first experiment.

Half of the students were asked to plant a seed in salty water and the other half in plain tap water to compare the effects of salt on a plant's growth. After the first week it was evident that those exposed to the salty water struggled and those in plain water were much more successful, sprouting quickly.

The most successful bean grew to a height of 180mm, well done Hayden in Room 3. Students also discovered that the amount of water that a seed was received heavily impacted its growth. Great work rooms one and three!



## Nominations for School Council.

Nominations are now open for School Council and there are three positions to be filled. If you are interested please feel free to drop in at the School office or send us an email.

## Swimming Lessons.

A reminder that swimming lessons will commence on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Rooms: 1, 3, 6, 7, 11, & 12 are involved. You will need to remember to bring bathers, towels, sun screen and swimming goggles (if required).

Cost: \$45 for two weeks (9 days) or \$5.00 per day. Pool season ticket holders only pay a bus fare of \$18.00 (9days).



TERM 1		
Week 3	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	P&C meeting 7pm Staffroom
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Assembly Room 7 start 9.00am
Week 4	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	School Development Day
Week 5	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March –Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Interm Swimming Rooms 1,3,6, 7,11 & 12
Week 6	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March –Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Interm Swimming Rooms 1,3,6, 7, 11 & 12
Week 7	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming trials
	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Trials
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Assembly 2 Room 4
Week 8	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Meeting 3.15pm
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	NPS Swimming Carnival
Week 9	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Interschool Swimming Carnival
Week 9	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Assembly 3 Room 11

## "Carnevale" in Northam

"Carnevale" is one of the most popular festivals celebrated in Italy. Its history goes back for more than a thousand years and it is a massive public celebration. Everyone gets a public holiday on the last day of "Carnevale", which in some cities, like Venice, can last for about three or four weeks. People, adults and children alike dress up and wear masks. There are crackers and fireworks, costumes and masks, plays and jokes, street parades of animated floats, lots of food and even more fun! For us, we actually have the same day, but we just don't celebrate in such grand fashion.

"Martedì Grasso" (literally "Fat Tuesday"), the last day of "Carnevale" is what we would call "Pancake Tuesday". It was traditionally invented so they could use up all the rich foods which were "banned" during Lent, which starts on "Ceneri" (Ash Wednesday). These days, it is more just an excuse to party. This year "Martedì Grasso" falls on Tuesday, March 5, so next week.

All the classes have been designing and making their own masks this year. The Year 6's have done full face masks and the younger grades have made an eye mask each. There are certainly many talented and creative artists in our school and soon you will be able to enjoy a display of some of the masks in the Front Office. If your child's mask is not there, please feel free to pop down and see it in our classroom, where we hope to display all the others. Below are a couple of photos as a taster for the display.

Something to remember: "A Carnevale, ogni scherzo vale!" (At "Carnival", every joke is OK!), but note that it actually rhymes in Italian.

### Music Helpers needed please.

In the Music Room, we would love to have a class set of soft tapping batons that we can use to play "passing the beat" games. For these we need lots of newspapers and some willing parents who wouldn't mind either coming in to roll, tape securely and cover with contact, or possibly to take them home to do. It is not a difficult job, but just needs a few willing adult helpers, as they need to be rolled extremely firmly. If you have newspapers that are going to recycling, could we please beg that you recycle them to the Music Room? And if you could see your way clear to helping make the batons – we need about 64, so we could really do with a few helpers – we would love to hear from you.



Parents, a reminder that there is a bus lane in front of the school marked by the yellow lines on the road and the yellow poles. Please do not park in front of the yellow poles either before school or after school. We have several buses that pull up during these times. If the buses cannot get into the bus lane the congestion causes a dangerous traffic hazard.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Northam Lions Markets @ Bernard Park**

**Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month.**

The Northam Lions Markets will be on this Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March @ Bernard Park.

8am – 1pm. Handmade items, plants, bric-a-brac, coffee, sausage sizzle and train ride for kids. Something for everyone.

### **SWANS NETBALL 2019**

**Are looking for players!**

**Girls and Boys who want to play netball and are born in years:**

**2009 (turning 10 in 2019)**

**2010 (turning 9 in 2019)**

**2011 (turning 8 in 2019)**

**2012 (turning 7 in 2019)**

**Games are on Saturdays, training at NPS on Tuesdays and Fridays after school at 3.30 to 4.30.**

**Cost - last year registration fee was \$100 per player. \$1 admission fee to the Rec Centre on Saturdays per person.**

**Contact Fiona Dinka on 0419969608 or outside room 5 at school pick up time.**