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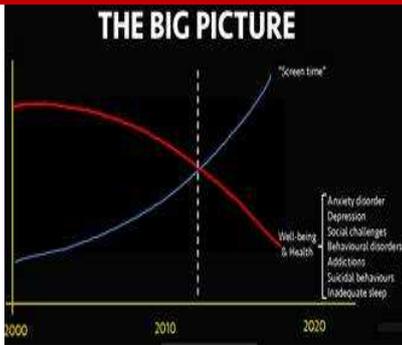
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Message from the Principal

This Friday, classes 2/3C and 3/4T will attend an excursion at Fort Lytton National Park with the Moreton Environmental Education Centre. I'm looking forward to joining these classes on the day.

The quotes for air-conditioning blocks C, E & F are close to being finalised. I will present the evaluation at the P&C meeting next week, following the AGM.

The outgoing P&C executive has indicated that they will vacate their roles at the AGM (13/03/2019), presenting an opportunity for you to be involved in the leadership and direction of the P&C in 2019. The positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. I am happy to discuss any of these roles with you, if you are interested (please see role descriptions on page 3). I thank our outgoing executive for their hard work and dedication of the past two years. Thank you Sally, Sybille, Matthew, Fiona and Nicole you have achieved a great deal.

A school family is looking to re-home 3 chickens. Please contact the office if you are interested asap.

We have found a few watches left behind from swimming. A student has also lost a silver Adina girl's watch. Please check with the office if you have lost or found a watch.

Finally, I enjoyed the State Principals' Conference last week, themed "thinking Schools - better world." The state of education in Queensland is currently really positive and healthy. Finnish Educator and Academic, Pasi Sahlberg, spoke of the most important trends in education (well-being, imagination and saving the planet) and had some interesting preliminary research on the impacts of increased screen-time on young people-see graph. He also spoke of the importance of sleep and the impact it has on learning. According to Sahlberg, schools should ditch spelling bees and read-a-thons for sleeping competitions! Click here for further information <https://pasisahlberg.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Brisbane-Talk-2019.pdf>

Have a great week.

Simon Vaseo - Principal

Supporting Your Beginning Reader

Information Session: Friday 15 March 2019 (9 – 9:30am)

Our Prep teachers, Helen Bright and Zoe Wragg, will be presenting a parent



information session on **Supporting Your Beginning Reader**.

This session is for our new Prep parents as well as any interested parents from Years 1 and 2. It will be held in the school library on Friday 15 March from 9 – 9:30am.

The session will ...

- Provide a brief insight into the reading process.
- Give you some practical tips on how to support your child at home.
- Provide you with a forum to have any questions answered.



From the Garden

Well, here we are in Autumn finally. The heat of Summer will now slowly give way and before we know it we will be back in the garden for lessons.

You may have seen our wild, green garden beds lately, many thanks to Mr Doug for keeping the water up to them. We have planted a warm season, green manure crop of Cow Pea and Buckwheat to enhance the fertility of the new soil and to keep away weeds. Soon we shall whipper snip these plants and leave them to sit for a month before planting into the beds early next term.

As we have had an extended dry Summer, some of our young native plants are starting to die. I'd like to start up a watering and weeding group on Monday afternoons. If you are keen, please meet me at my room (under the office) at 3pm. We will only work until 3.30pm, so a nice way to kick off the week. Many thanks.

Andrew Bryant – Environmental Education teacher



P&C AGM confirmed for Wednesday 13 March – 6pm

Please put the revised AGM date in your diary.

Even if you can't come, make sure you download [a membership application form now](#) and you'll be made a member at the AGM. Membership is FREE, but you need to be a member to vote. You can [email](#) us the completed form, or leave a copy in the P&C pigeonhole in the school office.

Remember, the AGM is the ONLY time all year that you can sign up to the P&C without having to attend a meeting first.

Our local member, Deputy Premier Jackie Trad, is coming along to the P&C meeting next week to catch up with the school community. She will stay for half an hour at the beginning of the meeting to discuss any issues affecting the school community. If parents have a specific query it would be great if they could email the details to Jackie's office at South.Brisbane@parliament.qld.gov.au by this Friday (8 March).



Are you motivated, energetic and organised? Love to help build community and help create a great place for your children to learn?

The current P&C executive is not recontesting their positions this year, so it's time for other parents to step up and take over the helm.

Over the last two years we've worked hard to create systems to streamline a handover, setting up an online record-keeping system, introducing Qkr! to help make the P&C more accountable, and implementing initiatives to encourage wider involvement from the school community and to better support volunteers.

The events calendar is set, we have two established employees (tuck shop and uniform shop convenor), and we have created an information-rich website as well as event and communication templates.

It's time for a new team to come on board to build on that foundation. The current executive team is happy to do a full handover and mentoring if desired.

So, if you are enthusiastic about helping to give your child the best school environment possible then please nominate for one of the executive positions, which include:

President — chief motivator and team leader. You need to be a good communicator who can inspire your team to create a vision for the P&C and support the community to achieve its goals. You chair meetings, represent the P&C in official duties, work with the school to decide P&C priorities, write weekly newsletter updates, coordinate fundraising (including reaching out to community for donations), and help at motivate people to work as a team.

Vice President — supports the President and steps in to chair meetings etc when the President is unavailable. Maintain and update the P&C website and help with P&C communications such as newsletter updates.

Treasurer — our money manager. You need a good grasp of facts and figures and a willingness to dot the i's and cross the t's as per the P&C accounting manual. An enthusiasm to research and implement better banking products or ways to streamline financial processes is highly desirable. Prepare financial reports for P&C meetings.

Vice Treasurer — run the back end of Qkr!, help with money management at events, and step in when the Treasurer is unavailable.

Secretary — manage P&C official correspondence. Be a good communicator who can liaise with stakeholders in formal communications. Prepare correspondence report for meetings, prepare meeting agendas and follow up on meeting action items.

Minutes (Vice) Secretary — Take minutes at meetings, prepare and circulate draft minutes. Assist the Secretary as required.

[Read in detail about the positions](#) on the P&C website; fill out a [nomination form](#); or [talk to the current executive](#) to find out more.

Sally Dillon – P&C President



GET IN QUICK! Lego Batman movie 15 March, from 5pm

Tickets to the P&C Batman movie are selling fast...Go to Qkr! and be part of the fun, watching the Lego Batman Movie in the school hall. Dig out your Batman or Superhero costumes — kids and parents — as there will be great prizes for best dressed.

We've put volunteer signup sheets around the school — please add your name to help in some way (with your mobile number) or email jodie_holloway@yahoo.com. Thank you to the parents who have already put up their hand to help; for any event we need parent volunteers to help make it a success! **Note this is a family event so parental attendance and supervision of your children is required.**

Check out Qkr! for the menu options to pre-order before noon on 13 March, and on the night bring your cash for snacks in the Candy Bar or drinks at the parents bar.

Jodie Holloway, Movie Night Organiser



We cleaned up!! Clean Up Australia Day

Thanks to everyone who helped on Sunday for Clean up Australia Day — 25 people came to the Creek Keepers bushcare site and worked hard picking up litter along Norman Creek. Some even collected rubbish in their canoe on the creek! We had a fun time sorting through all the rubbish we collected into types of materials.

Some of the strangest things we found were:

- a City Cycle bike (still working!)
- a large gym ball
- a pair of very high platform shoes
- a hub cap from a 1968 Mazda
- a dog toy

The type of rubbish we found the most of were cigarette butts — we collected 1162 of them — disgusting!

Some of the things we identified that may have come from the school were:

- popper straws
- ziplock bags
- muesli bar wrappers

Please consider using alternatives to these items to reduce litter.

It was a good day and everyone felt proud of themselves.

Remember: EVERY DAY IS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY!

To see other photos of the event, go to the [news section](#) on the P&C webpage.



WANTED: Term 1 Bottle Drive Coordinator

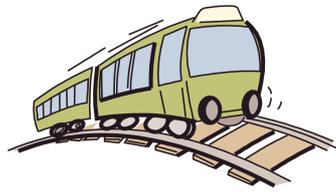
Love the idea of helping the P&C earn cash for cans? Sign on to be our Term 1 Bottle Drive Coordinator.

The P&C voted to run the drive, which would go for just one week at the end of term, if someone could run it. You'd need to:

1. Organise the donations bin (free)
2. Create signs to put around the school
3. Submit newsletter updates to the P&C
4. Coordinate the bin removal

If you were really energetic you could tell local businesses we were having a bottle drive and ask them to save their bottles for the P&C. Perhaps you could put together a team of school families to pick up bottles from local businesses? It's only for one week.

[Contact us](#) if you can help.



Active School Travel Update

Congratulations to **4/5W** for winning The Silver Boot for most walkers last week. Fit Feet Friday every Friday so get your friends together to walk/ride/car pool or take public transport to school.

Reminder - Term 1 Event: National Ride to School Day – Friday 22 March.

Bling Your Bike/scooter/skateboard – prizes for 'best dressed'.

Walk/cycle/scooter to & from Langlands Park (meet at 8.10am at the flagpoles or meet at Langlands at 8.20am to bike/scooter/walk to school).

Check the Newsletter & P&C Facebook page for more details.



Community Notices

- **Stones Corner Kindy Playgroup** – for families with children 0-5 years. Fortnightly on Wednesdays (9.30-11.30am) facilitated by our wonderful teaching assistants - cost \$10. For more info see poster on the school noticeboard or visit www.stonescornerkindergarten.com.au.
- **Yeronga State High School Enrolment Information Session** - The next Y-Tour will be held on Tuesday 12 March from 9.00am to 10.30am. Come along to tour the school, chat with senior administration staff and students, have questions answered. Morning Tea provided. Please contact kfaul19@eq.edu.au if there are any queries.



Dates to Remember

- Fri 8 March – Tuckshop (san choy bau - \$5)
- Wed 13 March – P&C AGM meeting (6pm)
- Wed 13 March – Menu orders for movie night close (12 noon)
- Fri 15 March – Movie Night (5pm)
- Fri 22 March – National ride to school day

- **Every Wednesday** – Uniform Shop Open (2.45pm-3.15pm)

- Every Monday – School Banking
- Every Thursday – Junior and Senior Choir
- Every Thursday – Ice Blocks
- Every Friday – Active Travel
- Every Friday – Percussion
- First Wednesday every month – P&C Meeting 6pm

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