From the Principal

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Welcome to Week 1 Term1

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to Petrie State School. I do hope you all had a wonderful holiday with loved ones. A special welcome to our new families. It is lovely to walk around the school and see so many smiling faces.

**New Prep Students**

This will be a big week for our prep students and they have been settling beautifully into our school. Well done to our prep students, parents and staff.

**DAY 8**

On Day 8 we will have our final numbers for 2017. This will inform us on our staffing and number of classes for the year. We will keep you informed of any changes if necessary.

**Curriculum Focus**

Petrie State School has been nominated for Success Schools in English and we have selected reading as our focus. In Mathematics we will continue to focus on fluency and reasoning within number.

**SWPBS- Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Within Positive Behaviour for Learning and our pedagogical framework Petrie will be focussing on Routines and Procedures, Relationships, and Learning Goals for the beginning of Term 1.

**Students Returning after Wednesday 1 February 2017**

If your child will not be returning to our school before 1 February please advise the office as soon as possible. This will enable us to ensure your child has an explained absence for the start of the year. We will also require you to complete a statutory declaration (available from the office) to confirm that we are able to count the student as enrolled within our Day 8 Return numbers.
From the beginning of 2017, we will notify parents on the same day that any student is absent from school without explanation. This will be done through SMS notification. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.

The Department of Education and Training's Cyber safety and Reputation Management team (CSRM) advises, investigates and supports schools to manage online behaviours and digital reputation issues. Within this scope, the team draws on their diverse experience, including police investigation, policy, social media marketing, and recruitment, to deliver up-to-date informative sessions about positive social media use.

The CSRM team will be visiting Petrie SS on 13th February, and conducting sessions with students in Years 4 - 6. The presentations cover topics such as:
- How to protect personal information when creating online accounts
- Cyberbullying and standing up for friends online
- Account privacy and how to create a strong password
- Responding to negative online content,
- How to handle yourself if you’re having a difficult time online.

Parents are welcome to attend any of the sessions and ask questions at the conclusion of each.

The sessions will be held in our hall:

- Year 4 9:30am-10:15am
- Year 5 10:15 am- 11:00am
- Year 6 12:00pm-12:45pm

We remain focussed on our school vision “We are working together to ensure that every day, in every classroom, every student is learning and achieving.”

Regards
Angelique

From the Deputy Principal
I’d like to extend all our families a warm welcome to Petrie for 2017. It is so wonderful to see all the students back – keen and enthusiastic about another year. Our first couple of days have been very busy and very focussed. Every class did so well at settling into a new routine and learning about new expectations. Our new prep students were wonderful – so very settled and happy. This is a real tribute to their families. I would like to extend a very special welcome to the new families joining Petrie. You have come to a truly great school. We look forward to working together with all our families to achieve the very best we can for your precious children.

In Week 3 we will be holding parent information evenings. Parents of students in Prep–Year 2 are invited to attend at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, 7th February; and parents of students in Years 3-6 are invited to attend at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 8th February. These evenings will be an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher in the classroom, where they will provide specific information about the program for your child’s class this year. It will also be a chance for parents to ask any relevant questions they may have. This is an important part of building that partnership between home and school. A strong partnership between the school and home is a proven contributor to student success at school, and I would like to encourage all parents to attend. Please note that if you need an individual interview about your child, we believe this is important enough to set aside the appropriate time. Please make an appointment through the office to see your child’s teacher at a suitable time.

I’m looking forward to working with our students and their families, and to a truly fantastic year at Petrie.

Regards,
Linley Greenland, Deputy Principal

From the Business Services Manager

Reminder that Student Resource Scheme participation form is due by Friday 3rd February 2017 for all families whether they participate or not.

Centrepay has been approved. Any family wishing to apply for Centrepay please enquire at the office for an application form.

Jody Lawton,
Business Services Manager

Health Plans

Does your child require a specialised health plan? If your child has a medical condition such as Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, Epilepsy, Chronic / Severe Asthma and specific medical treatment or procedures are required, then the answer is yes. We are currently in the process of updating these specialised plans. It is essential we have the relevant information to ensure plans are accurately developed and the safety of your child is paramount. Please make contact with administration staff to update your child’s details.

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Junior & Senior Assemblies

Senior Assembly (Year 3 to 6) – Thursday 2pm
Junior Assembly (Prep to 2) – Thursday 2.30pm

Parents are welcome to attend the assembly. Seating is available at the back of the hall. If younger siblings come to the assembly please make sure that they are kept beside you.

Assemblies will start next Thursday 2nd February. Prep teachers will advise when their children will begin attending this assembly.

From the Music Department

Instrumental Lessons
Mrs Jaye Guerrera teaches the Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Students on Tuesdays. (jguar2@eq.edu.au)
Ms Leanne Cahill teaches the String Students on Wednesdays. (lcahi11@eq.edu.au)

Instrumental lessons will commence next week. Students who have their own instrument are required to bring it along to this lesson. Students who are hiring a school instrument have been given a Student Resource Scheme form and the Loan Agreement Form. These forms need to be returned so that the invoices can be generated and paid before the instruments are taken home. Please contact Miss Rose if you need another copy of the forms.

The Instrumental Timetable will be sent home to students when it is finalised.

Students who have already been learning an instrument (ie. continuing students) are expected to be part of the String Ensemble or Concert Band. These rehearsals will be held before school. These rehearsals will commence in Week 4 – Tuesday 14 February for Band, Wednesday 15 February for String Ensemble.

Please note that if your child is beginning instrumental lessons this year, they are not required to attend before school rehearsals at this time.

Choir
Junior Singers for interested Year 1 – 2 students will be held on Wednesday lunchtimes. The students come to the music room when they are dismissed from their eating area. All interested students will receive an information letter / permission form. Spare forms are available in the office. Rehearsals will commence on Wednesday 8th February.

Senior Singers for students in Year 3 - 6 is held on Friday mornings from 7.45 – 8.40am. The students meet under the Covered Area. All interested students will receive an information letter / permission form. Spare forms are available in the office. Rehearsals will commence on Friday 3rd February.

Creative Generation
If there are any other Year 3 – 6 students who would like to nominate to be part of the massed choir for C Gen please let me know. Rehearsals will begin in March. These rehearsals will be held on Thursday mornings.

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions.

Wendy Rose (Music Teacher)
wrose2@eq.edu.au

QSchools app

Have you downloaded this app?

The QSchools app enables us to better communicate with our school community, and is a convenient way for you to receive up-to-date information from the school. QSchools is integrated with the school’s website, and quickly displays:

- Notifications, as well as push notifications about important updates
- News articles, calendar events and newsletters
- Tuckshop and uniform shop information
- Class times and contact details
- Petrie State School Facebook feed

The app is free, and can be downloaded from the Apple iTunes Store, Google Play and Windows Stores. Once downloaded, search for Petrie State School.

‘Favourite’ Petrie State School to give you access to school information, and to receive important updates and push notifications from the school. Parents can favourite and follow multiple schools.

To receive automatic updates, please ensure that QSchools push notifications are enabled in your phone settings.

Student Absence Line: 3285 0360
This is a 24 hour message service.

Absence email address
absences@petriess.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop
Opening Hours
Monday 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Wednesday 8:15am – 9:30am

Cashier Window
Opening Hours
Monday/ Tuesday/ Thursday/Friday
8:00am – 9:00am

School Banking
Welcome back to Term 1 School Banking.

We have some exciting new rewards and also a fantastic competition to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland!

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