



*"Peek and Find"*

# *Railway Estate State School*

## Newsletter



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Great state. Great opportunity.



## Principal's comments...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The end of term is a little over a week away and the students are certainly looking forward to a well-earned rest. It's been a busy time of year with assessments and events, so we are all looking forward to 'Wheels Day' as well as Family Fun Night tomorrow! I look forward to seeing families there. Thanks to all parents for another great term and for your ongoing support of our school. I wish all families a safe term 3 holiday!

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**D. Broadfoot**  
**Principal**

13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

### **NAPLAN**

We smashed it! Our school focus areas of reading and writing were our best results ever in the 2018 NAPLAN tests! We improved further from 2017 and our 2008 – 2018 data has continued its positive trend upwards! We have 65% of our Year 3s in the top two levels of results. Our percentage of students above national minimum standard is also above the nation, with 100% of students above this in Year 5 reading. We are so pleased with the work of the students, staff and parents! Keep reading every day with your children at home! It pays off for life!!

Individual NAPLAN student reports will be sent home on Friday.

### **Camp**

In Week Ten, our Year 5 and 6 students will head to the Kinchant Dam Environmental Centre for camp. The students will be involved in a range of leadership and team-building activities, whilst learning about the North Queensland environment. The bus will be departing from school on Monday at 7.30am and will return as close to 2.30pm on Friday.

### **Thank you**



As camp is next week, it is timely to pass on sincere thanks to the P&C for covering the cost of the bus. This has significantly reduced the cost of the camp

and therefore has allowed a lot more students to attend. This was largely funded through the V8 parking fundraising, so please ensure that you continue to support the P&C as they are supporting your children too.

### **SPIRIT OF RAILWAY DAY WHEELS DAY**

Wheels Day is tomorrow at 2pm! We want to see your scooters, skateboard, rollerblades and bikes for an afternoon of fun.

**Remember: Helmets and protective gear**

### **Term Four dates**

Please note that school will resume for Term Four on **MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> October**.

Please also be aware that **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** is a **Student Free Day**, which is mandated by the government for professional learning. There will be no school for students on this day

### **RAILWAYS GOT TALENT!**

A massive congratulations to all who participated in Railways Got Talent in 2018. The Grand Final will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Family Fun Night. The finals start at 6.30pm

### **PREP 2019**

We are now taking enrolments for Prep 2019. Please enrol any of your children that are eligible for Prep in 2019 and let other families know about our great school that they should enrol in!

### **Bullying or not?**

Any situation where a student feels unsafe in school because of bullying is not tolerated in our school. We are committed to providing safe, secure and stimulating environments for all students. As part of this commitment we have policies and guidelines to prevent and manage bullying.

Unfortunately, the word 'bullying' conjures up many and varied definitions that are sometimes not very helpful in resolving any unpleasant experience a student may have. Clarifying the definition of bullying is vitally important so that children, parents and staff at school approach and resolve any 'incident' in an appropriate manner.

**Bullying is when one or more people deliberately upset or hurt another person, their property, reputation or social acceptance, and this action is repeated over time.**

There are three broad categories of bullying:

- Direct physical bullying - Examples include repeated incidences of hitting, tripping or damaging property.
- Direct verbal bullying – Examples include repeated incidences of name calling, insults or verbal abuse.
- Indirect bullying - This form of bullying is harder to recognise and is designed to harm someone's social reputation. Examples include repeated incidences of spreading rumours, encouraging others to socially exclude someone and cyber-bullying. eg. use of text messages, e-mail.

**Many distressing behaviours are not examples of bullying** even though they are unpleasant and often require teacher intervention and management. There are three socially unpleasant situations that are often confused with bullying:

- Mutual conflict - There is an argument or disagreement between students but not an imbalance of power. Both parties are upset and usually both want a resolution to the problem. However, unresolved mutual conflict sometimes develops into a bullying situation with one person becoming targeted repeatedly for 'retaliation' in a one-sided way.
- Social rejection - Unless the social rejection is specifically directed towards someone and involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others, it is not bullying.
- Random acts - Single episodes of nastiness or physical aggression are not the same as bullying. If a student is verbally abused or pushed on one occasion they are not being bullied. Nastiness or physical aggression that is directed towards many different students is not the same as bullying.

Solutions to the above variety of 'bullying' and 'non-bullying' behaviours differ greatly. It is therefore important that you contact the school with your concerns and then work with us to resolve the issue. We are committed to the happiness and well-being of every student at our school and we have different solution focussed responses to each of the above situations.

### Chicken Pox

It has come to the attention of the school that a student from PrepMM has contracted chicken pox. Please be aware of any symptoms that your child may be experiencing by referring to the following:

- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Tiredness and general feeling of being unwell.

If your child has any of the above symptoms please ensure you take them to the doctor to confirm if they have contracted chicken pox.

### SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS CHANGING

Our school banking day is changing from Friday to Monday as of Term 4. Please ensure that Dollarmites deposit wallets are now brought into school on Monday mornings. Any wallets received on any other day will be sent home with a reminder note that the School Banking day has changed to Monday. Please note that this is due to the privacy and security of your child/ren's banking information.

Everything else School Banking remains the same.

If your child has lost their Dollarmites deposit wallet, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note including your child's name and School Banking student ID no. on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at our school.

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September*

**5.30pm to 8.30pm. Rides, food and fun.**

**Railways Got Talent Final at 6.30pm. Hula Hoop Competition - how long can you twirl?**

**Unlimited ride bands \$20 prepaid at the Tuckshop or \$25 on the night.**

**Animal farm, Rockwall, Bungee Trampolines, Jumping Castle, Obstacle slide.**

**Join us for a fun night, hot food, cold drinks and sweet treats available!**

<i>Citizen of the Week</i>		
<i>Week ending 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Week ending 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018</i>
Stella	PREPMM	Nelly
Braxton	1J	
Alexi	1/2P	Kaylah
Taylor	2E	Owen
Ricky	3/4M	Caitlin
Rahni	3J	Frankie
Toby	4L	Bill
Haylee	5/6F	Sienna
Briana	5/6M	Kaniya

## HOY 2018

**22<sup>nd</sup> September under D Block at 2pm**





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