

# Pilton News



**Pilton State School**

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I attended a Regional Principal's Forum last week and it gave me an opportunity to reflect on how wonderful it is for our students to be able to be part of a community-connected school where students have a sense of 'belonging' and are given great opportunities to learn and grow. It is a privilege for me to work in such a great school community! I would also like to thank those who attended the badge presentation and morning tea on Monday morning in support of our School Leaders. We can be very proud of the students that are joint-leaders of our school in 2021.

## **P&C Meet & Greet and Annual General Meeting**

I would like to invite all interested parents and community members to join the P&C for the first meeting of the year on Wednesday 10 March at 4:00pm. We will share an afternoon tea after Running Club, then hold the AGM, where positions on the executive for the P&C will be determined and finish with a BBQ dinner for all families who would like to stay and share a meal together. P&C will be providing the meet and bread rolls, but please bring a salad if you are able to and BYO drinks. It is going to be a very exciting time to be a part of the P&C as we are in an excellent position to build on the wonderful work that has happened in the school, and look at the new opportunities that 2021 brings. Thanks for your ongoing support in making the education of our students the best it can be.

I would also like to thank the P&C executive for 2020: President Kellie Brady, Vice-President Natalie Klotz, Treasurer Melinda May and Secretary Gemma Thorpe. The P&C at our school has been instrumental in providing the school with great opportunities and I really appreciate the hard-work that the P&C volunteers do for our students. We will be hosting the Central Downs Cross-Country at school on the last Wednesday of Term 1 (31 March) and it will be the first P&C fundraising event for the year.

## **Instrumental Music Program**

It has been great to see all our band students (new and returning) undertaking their instrumental lessons with enthusiasm so far this year. Parents play a critical role in ensuring that playing an instrument is an enjoyable experience for students. You can support your students in the early stages by simply asking them to play something for you! All new students now have their 'Tradition of Excellence' music books and can try and play the tunes on the first few pages. We will be working towards learning 'Hot Cross Buns' as we get closer to the Easter Holidays!

## **Professional Development for Staff**

We are actively seeking opportunities for staff at school to access quality professional development to ensure we can continue to provide a great educational experience for students at the Pilton State School. This will mean that over the coming weeks staff from school will be away from time to time to access these opportunities. I only envisage this being one or two days for each staff member and we will ensure that we maintain continuity and engagement for students while this occurs.

## **Central Downs Sports**

Congratulations to all the students who recently represented our school in the Central Downs Swimming Carnival at the Clifton pool. It was great to have students from the Pilton State School attending these trials with their 'Strong and Willing' attitudes! All the best to the five students attending trials for Netball and Soccer tomorrow and also for the team of four that will represent our school at the Tennis Trials in week 8. All students are continuing to make good progress in swimming and I am looking forward to many more opportunities for students to swim in these types of competitions in the future. **All students in the Year 3-6 room are also invited to take part in the Central Downs Triathlon** at Nobby State School on the 19 March. This is always a great event and we look forward to seeing everyone running, swimming and riding on this day!

Finally, I thought I would share with you some of the wisdom that Darius Boyd (former Bronco's Captain and QLD and Australian Rugby League representative) provided our school leaders when he presented at Young Leader's Day this week. He spoke about mental health being improved by 3 simple things: 1. Having an attitude of **Gratitude**; 2. Showing **Empathy** by giving to others and having a kind heart; and 3. Grow a **Support** network by finding positive people and sharing your life with them. Some very simple but sound advice!

All the best,

Jon Robertson

# Coming Events

Swimming Lessons	Mondays during Week 2 - Week 9, 3pm - 4pm beginning 1st February
Tennis Coaching	Wednesdays during Week 2 - Week 9 in the tennis court from 8:00am-9:00am
Running Club	Every Wednesday 3-4pm
<b>Running Club Update: We have run a total of 104.5km in the first 2 weeks!</b>	
Central Downs Netball, Soccer and Rugby League Trials	Friday 26th February
P&C Meet & Greet and Annual General Meeting	Wednesday 10th March commencing at 4:00pm
Central Downs Tennis Trials	Wednesday 17th March at Clifton Tennis Courts
Mayoral Morning Tea	Thursday 18th March at Highfields Cultural Centre
Central Downs Triathlon	Friday 19th March at Nobby State School
Central Downs Cross Country	Wednesday 31st March at Pilton State School
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday 2nd April



Join Miss Stewart for  
Playgroup!  
Friday 9am-11am

## P & C News

*On behalf of the P&C, we are excited to invite parents and students to the P&C "Meet n Greet" and to attend the P&C AGM and a general meeting. We look forward to seeing you there on Wednesday 10th March at 4:00pm.*

*We are very pleased to announce that Pilton State School won the highest fundraising from Westridge Meats for our Ham Drive last year – that makes it two years in a row! Congratulations and thank you to everyone that supported the fundraiser.*

*Congratulations to the School Leaders of 2021! We are proud of you and know that you will continue to be fine representatives of our school and community.*

*Kindest Regards,*

*Kellie Brady.*

# 3-6 Curriculum News

**English** – The Year 3/4 students have been learning how to use persuasive language in their writing. We will have some of the students' work photocopied and sent home shortly so you can see how they are going with this task. In the second half of the term, the Year 3 students will be learning about the language features and structure of narratives and will also focus on building their comprehension skills. The Year 5/6 students are continuing to work on a short story that showcases the language features that authors use to evoke emotion. We will be looking to submit some of these in the 'Write-4-Fun' competition by 31 March when they are complete.

**Mathematics** – In Mathematics, all the Year 3-6 students are working on their understanding of number and operations at their different levels of difficulty. This includes learning number facts for the Year 3 group. We have made steady progress with number facts and I am sure that the students still working on mastering these will continue to improve and succeed at these soon. Students will also continue to learn about the concepts of fractions and place value. The Year 5/6 students will be specifically developing their ability to apply their mathematical knowledge to problem solving and developing their understanding of formulas and algebra. I have enrolled our Year 5/6 students in a Maths Olympiad challenge and look forward to putting their mathematical skills to the test in this competition.

**Humanities and Social Science** – The Year 3 students continue to focus on being part of a community in Australia in their studies for HASS during Semester 1. The Year 5/6 students have two units for this semester that focus on Australian history and the place that Australia has now in the global community.

**Science** – We have had a great start to looking at grouping living things (Year 3) and manipulating changes (Year 5/6) in our science lessons this term. We will also begin our Hermitage Plant Science experiments on Fridays where we are investigating food production and specifically sustainable growing fruit and vegetables.

**Technology** – Technology this term will include coding and robotics lessons, a Year 3 study of the digital technologies that focus on the systems that we use to enhance our lives, and a design task for the Year 5/6 students that demonstrates an understanding of security in the modern world. We had a great first lesson for our Year 3s with Coding and Robotics last week!

**The Arts** – This semester in the Arts, all the students at school will be undertaking visual and media arts lessons and tasks. This will be linked to existing opportunities that we undertake at school so these tasks serve a second purpose and have a real-life context.

**Health** – This term all students will be learning about the choices they can make to promote a healthy lifestyle. The Year 3 lessons focus on friendship and being 'people smart'. The Year 5/6 lessons look at the effect of the choices we make about our food and drink consumption on our health and wellbeing.

**Japanese** – Japanese lessons for the year 5/6 students have commenced for the year through the Charters Towers School of Distance Education. Year 3 students will be doing Japanese lessons with Mr. Robertson commencing next term. This is an excellent chance for students to learn a second language. They will be assessed on basic Japanese vocabulary in a combination of reading, writing and speaking tasks in accordance with Australian Curriculum standards for Languages Other than English.

# Prep-1 Curriculum News

We have had a very busy term so far. Our new Prep students have made many friends and settled in well.

In English, Prep students have been listening to a range of texts each day. They have been discussing what they like and dislike about the stories. They discuss the characters and the setting when responding to texts.

Year 1 students have nearly completed their English unit. They enjoyed acting out the story *Handa's Surprise*. Last week they completed a retell on the story *Big Rain Coming*. They are currently writing a connection to a text of their choice, that we have read this term.

In Mathematics, Prep students are learning to recognise and write numbers from 1 – 10. Each day they play games matching numerals to quantities. Through interactive songs they have learnt the months of the year and days of the week.

Year 1 students have been focussing on counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. They complete addition and subtraction time trials each day and are learning their rainbow facts. Next week they will focus on chance and data.

Prep and Year 1 students have all been learning about living things in science. All students have identified what plants and animals need to survive. Using this knowledge, Year 1 students have been able to identify healthy and unhealthy habitats.

In HASS, Prep students have been exploring the nature and structure of families. They have discussed events that families celebrate including birthdays and Christmas.

Year 1 students have discussed how family and daily life have changed over time. They will look into how lives of children today are different from the lives of children many years ago. This will involve investigating toys from the past, leisure activities, school life and household chores.

In Health, Prep students have explored safe places to play. They have identified different emotions they can experience and how their actions and words can affect how others feel. Year 1 students have identified their personal strengths and achievements. They discussed how every person has different interests and how diversity contributes to identities.

All students have been learning about the Japanese culture. Prep students are learning spoken Japanese greetings and how to count up to 10 in Japanese.

Year 1 students have revised Japanese greetings, colours, body parts and counting. For the remainder of the term they will focus on learning to recognise the Japanese script *hiragana*.

In Technology, Prep students are learning how to log into and operate the computers. Initially they found it quite tricky using the mouse. They are now familiar with several iPad apps including Reading Eggs, Book Creator and Sketches Schools.

Year 1 students have selected a topic for their technology photo slideshow. They will search for photos and select music next lesson.

Thank you parents for the great effort helping your children prepare their show and tell. It is wonderful to watch them develop their speaking skills and confidence each week.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about anything.

Amber Ryan

# Kids Corner



Beginner  
Band  
Day!

Music is now second nature to the other band members



# Kids Corner



**Congratulations to our School Leaders for 2021  
May, Madhava, Piper and Dusty**

Above: School Leaders Investiture  
Right: National Young Leaders Day



**Clever Preps writing their name  
with their "Magic Fingers"**



**Well done to the  
4 students who  
represented  
Pilton at the  
Central Downs  
Swimming  
Carnival**



**Year 1's editing each  
others English  
Assessments**

# 2021 JUNIOR NETBALL



## **JUNIOR FIXTURES**

Warwick Netball Courts  
Barnes Park  
Matthews St, Warwick

**When:** Saturday afternoons

### **Season Dates:**

Start: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Finish: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### **FREE 'Come & Try'**

#### **Days:**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May  
2021

### **Uniform Shop - Open**

## **AGES AND TIMES**

Girls and Boys born 2016 on  
5 – 9 Years            12.30pm -  
1.30pm

10 - 11 Years    1.30pm - 3.30pm

12 – 14 Years    12.30pm - 2.30pm

Experience junior netball and the enjoyment of playing a great team sport under the guidance of our qualified Coaches.

Parents, please take advantage of the free 'come & try' days – a great opportunity to ensure your child will enjoy their time with us prior to commitment for the season and payment of fees.

Complete and comprehensive Junior Fixtures Information Brochure – [www.facebook.com/warwicknetball](https://www.facebook.com/warwicknetball)

### **ENQUIRIES**

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