



Our Best Always

# Linville State School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- Swimming  
Monday—  
Thursday this  
week
- Praise Parade  
Friday 2.45 pm
- Student Leader  
Presentation—  
Friday 10th  
February 2017

### *From the Principal,*

Welcome back everyone! 2017 has kicked off and we have a big Term ahead of us. I especially would like to welcome our new staff member, Miss Mason who is teaching the Kangaroo's class (P-2) and our new students, Cohen, Brodie, Matthew and Georgia. Welcome to our school and our community.

### **School Improvement Agenda**

Each year we set an improvement agenda for our school. We use information and data from our students, to identify areas for us as a staff to focus our teaching and learning on in order to improve outcomes for our students. This year our improvement agenda is focussed on

1. Writing
2. Reading
3. Grammar & Punctuation

A more detailed agenda detailing how we will achieve our targets and goals will be visible around the school and in the classrooms. Throughout 2017 our progress on our improvement agenda will be reported to you by:

- School Newsletter
- Principals report at P & C meetings
- Information Nights

As a staff at our school we are committed to improving our learning through Professional Development and working hard to make sure every child is making progress in their learning.

One of the tasks we completed on the Student Free Days was to come up with a combined vision for our school. The following vision is the final draft of this combined piece of work.

*At Linville State School we believe that our students will feel that anything is possible for them, that they can achieve their goals and have high aspirations for themselves. To do this we will provide our students with learning experiences that are authentic, learning that provides them with a wide range of experiences and opportunities. We will strive to provide a welcoming environment where there is opportunity for all to succeed, where engaging with learning is a fulfilling and positive experience for everyone – students, staff and families – and where everyone feels accepted and valued.*

## **School Review**

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th March our school will be hosting members of the School Improvement Unit team. The purpose of a school review is to gain an insight into the journey the school has been on and provide recommendations for the school to implement to further improve on what we deliver at Linville State School.

The following web address is a link to the school review website that has information for parents. I have also included a document with the newsletter that gives an overview called *What a review looks like*.

## **Swimming**

It has been fantastic to have everyone at swimming this week. The instructors at Kilcoy Aquatic have been very impressed with the progress and achievement of our students in the pool—well done students! We are only swimming Monday—Thursday this week as we have the Harlin vs Linville Swimming Carnival on Friday 24th March.

## **Student Absences**

In 2017 the change to Student Absences came into effect for all schools. This change requires all schools to make attempt to contact parents/ caregivers on the same morning that a student is absent without an explanation. Currently for our school that means a phone call will be made between 9.00 and 9.30 am if your child is not at school and we have not received notification for their absence.

You can help us out by ensuring that you

1. Provide the school with the most current contact details.
2. Call or email the school office if your child is not going to be at school that day.
3. Send a email, message or talk to staff if your child is going to be away from school the next day.

We are required to have an explanation for each absence from school, this is highlighted in the *Every day counts* policy. By the end of 2017 we have to have an SMS messaging system operating at our school. Currently we are investigating a company who also offer a message to voice system so we can message landlines, because we are all aware that mobile phones are mostly out of contact in Linville.

## **Cash and Payments—Administration changes**

Our school has changed some of the ways we manage incoming money and payments. This year we have joined a Financial Hub which means that a lot of the data entry for finance will be done by staff at Nanango SHS. There have been a number of changes for things in the office, but only small changes that you will notice.

When making payments to the school our primary preference is that families utilise online payment options to pay invoices from the school. You can still pay by cash or cheque however cash is never kept on the premises overnight, so to facilitate the banking of money we will only accept cash in the morning. This allows Mrs Carey time to process the payment and prepare it for banking. Thank you for your help with this process.

**2017**

**Improvement agenda**

- 1. Reading**
- 2. Writing**
- 3. Grammar & Punctuation**

*Currently we are focusing on reading and developing our comprehension skills.*

*It has been great to see lots of movement recently as students improve their reading levels and sight words!*

*Keep up the hard work everyone!*

## **School Routines**

Just a quick overview and information for you about our timetable and routines.

Staff are on duty at 8.30 am, if your child arrives before then they are to wait on the blue seats until 8.30 am. We have a snack break before classes start at 9.00 am. Snack = fruit, vegetables or yoghurt.

Our lunch breaks are at 11.00 am and 1.00 pm. Students are dismissed from class at 3.00 pm.

A staff member is on duty at the gate at 3 pm and will release children when they have a clear line of sight to your vehicle.

Home readers and reading diaries have been issued and have gone home this week. We change books everyday and children are expected to bring their home readers and reading diaries to school every day so they can change their books.

## **Student and Parent Handbook & Responsible Behaviour Plan (RBP)**

A number of hours have been spent on updating and reviewing these two documents. You can expect to see them come home in the next couple of weeks for your information and review.

## **Learning Updates**

This year you will be receiving a weekly one page learning update from your child. This document will have their learning goals for reading, writing and maths as well as information on their weekly testing e.g. spelling and number facts.

Learning goals will be set in a 5 week cycle.

At the bottom of each Learning Update there is a section for parents to make comments and sign. The purpose of the Learning Updates is to keep you informed on your students progress as well as allowing them to let tell you about what they have been learning at school in the week.

## **Student Leader Presentation**

Our Year 6 students will be presented with their Leadership roles and badges at Praise Parade on Friday 10th February 2017.

Mr Mac will be working with the Year 6 students on leadership skills throughout the year. This year our students will be presenting a speech at the presentation ceremony.

## PBL FOCUS for the Fortnight

### WEEK 2

Be Respectful  
I follow adult directions

### WEEK 3

Be Safe  
I use equipment safely

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#### Chaplaincy News

The Supa Club days for this term are:-

Wednesday 15th February  
Wednesday 22nd February  
Wednesday 8th March  
Wednesday 22nd March

Chappy Mrs Kusay/Catharina



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