



# THE GRAPEVINE

TERM 3 WEEK 3 – 4 August 2017

## Principal's Message

We are already three weeks down in our third term of the school year. This week Mrs Anne-Maree Ross joined our mainstream team as Assistant Principal. Mrs Ross hit the ground running and has already established a great connection with many of our students. Mrs Ross joins our school leadership team consisting of Kelly Bryden, Maxine Lee, Donna Deehan, Pam Smith and myself.

School staff are currently rewriting our school's welfare/wellbeing policy. This policy covers behaviour, discipline and the positive rewards that flow from following our school beliefs. Students will be asked for their views on this over the next few weeks. If you would like to have input or would like to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to contact the school. A school thrives when there are strong home, school and community partnerships.

This week we celebrated Education Week. The theme for Education Week was *I Learn, We Learn*. Moving around the school this week I saw many fine examples of quality teaching and engaged students.

We are still in the process of finding a new teacher for SCB in our Support Unit. There will be casual teachers on this class for the next week or so. We are working to find a teacher that will take that class for the rest of 2017.

Our next major community engagement event is **BOOK WEEK** in Week 6, 21-25 August. We will be holding a wonderful **BOOK FAIR**, assembly and also a free **BBQ** this year. The assembly and BBQ will take place on Wednesday 23 August. I want to acknowledge the hard work of Mrs Neroli Johnson, our school librarian, in organising this event. It is always a first class event and a whole heap of fun!

On Friday 25 August Brad and some of his students will be putting on a musical performance showing off their high level of drumming at the weekly assembly. On Friday 8 September Tish and her musicians will be performing several tunes at our weekly assembly. All parents are always welcome at school assemblies.

Stay Strong!

Paul Sortwell



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## Does your child ride a bike or scooter to school?

The Department of Education and Training and NSW Roads and Traffic Authority recommend that children under 10 years of age **DO NOT** ride bicycles to and from school unless accompanied by an adult.

Our school bike and scooter policy goes further. Children under 10 years of age are not allowed to ride their bike to school. Children 10 years and older who wish to ride a bike or scooter to school need a school bike licence. Parents and carers have the added responsibility of ensuring their child's bike is safe, well maintained and that a helmet is worn at all times when riding.



# Bike Safe, Bike Smart

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS

# FRIDAY

9.25AM IN OUR HALL



UNITED  
WE STAND



TOGETHER WE  
GROW

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