



# THE GRAPEVINE

TERM 3 WEEK 5 – 18 August 2017

## Principal's Message

*I have more school staffing news to share with you. Mrs Megan Dewhurst will be teaching 5/6D right through to the end of the 2017 school year. Mr Adrian Watson will be teaching 1/2D for the remainder of Term 3. Mrs Rebecca Wheeler will be sharing SCB with Mrs Bronwen Pensini until Term 3 Week 9. We warmly welcome these new staff to our wonderful school.*

*Next week is Book Week and we have lots of fun activities planned throughout the week. We hope you will visit the school and be part of our celebrations.*

*We will be participating in the 'Tell Them From Me' survey again this term. This is an anonymous tool which enables you to provide feedback on various aspects of our school performance from a parent/carer perspective. We really appreciate and value your input. The more responses we get greatly increases the value and validity of the information we can use for planning and improvement. More information will be provided as it comes to hand.*

*A reminder that only students who are 10 years or older can ride a bike or scooter to school. It is also a legal requirement that these children wear an approved safety helmet. Once students with a bike licence arrive at school, they should dismount from their bike or scooter and walk it to the storage area. These rules are in place for the safety of all students. This fits perfectly with our school beliefs of BE SAFE and BE FAIR.*

*Stay Strong!*

*Paul Sortwell*

## Anaphylaxis Reminder

# NOTICE

**NO FOOD WITH PEANUTS OR  
TRACES OF NUTS TO BE  
CONSUMED ON THESE PREMISES  
NUT FREE ZONE**

We remind all families that we do have students at our school with nut allergies. We ask everyone to be mindful of what they are packing in school lunch boxes. Parents and carers should refrain from sending peanut butter sandwiches, nutella and any treats or food items that contain peanuts or traces of nuts. The safety and wellbeing of all students across our school is paramount to a happy and safe school. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need more information.



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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

## Next week is Book Week

There will be a special Book Week assembly and costume parade next Wednesday 23 August from 12.30pm in our school hall. All students and staff are encouraged to dress up as their favourite fictional or book character. We invite all parents and community to attend this assembly, stick around for some book reading and then join us for a BBQ lunch at the conclusion of the festivities.

Our giant book fair, a school tradition, will be open for book sales all day on Wednesday 23 August and then again on Thursday 24 August from 9-12 noon. Books range in price from \$6-\$20. Other items range in price from \$2.

**CBCA BOOK WEEK 2017**

*Celebrate **BOOK WEEK** with us!*

*Book Week assembly on **WEDNESDAY 23 August.***

*We will also have our famous **BOOK FAIR** in our library.*

Book Week

UNITED  
WE STAND



TOGETHER WE  
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