



Parent and Community Update Week 4 Term 3

Community Advisory Group - The Senior Leadership Team would like to acknowledge the attendance and support of parents and carers at our Community Advisory Group meeting on Monday 22 July. Please see the attached minutes and PDF of the slides for more detail.

Formation of P&C - At this meeting, it was decided that we will endeavour to form a P&C at our next meeting. This will be Monday 26 August 5-6pm in the Curiosity Centre. In the attached PDF slide deck you will see the role descriptions for the executive members. At this meeting I also expressed that this would be an interim P&C until the AGM, which would be scheduled for March 2025. This really is a fantastic opportunity to “try before you buy”, to play in the space of small fundraising initiatives and to develop more community support.

I encourage you to be involved in your P&C any way you can. We acknowledge that this time might not suit all families so we will send an online link with instructions of how to join the meeting virtually, prior to the night.

Chaplaincy – Kylie Osodu, Field Development Manager for Scripture Union Australia, will attend the next CAG meeting on the 26th August. Interim discussions last year indicated community support for this service. Kylie will be available to answer any questions and talk through the process going forward to secure a school chaplain. She will also detail how P&Cs can be involved. I have had 20 years of experience with Chaplaincy in schools and this resource is invaluable to the wellbeing and engagement of our little people.

Website updates – We are listening to your feedback about how you would like to receive communication from us. At the CAG on Monday, I tabled the attached Communication Point of Truth for Families. This can be found here <https://bellbirdparkss.eq.edu.au/our-school/policies> on our website. We are also going to upload any Principal Updates, CAG/P&C Minutes, and key news on the news page <https://bellbirdparkss.eq.edu.au/calendar-and-news/news>. This will include any information sent out from the Admin email, eg swimming letter, excursion letters etc. Once we have included the appropriate quick links on this page, we'll let you know.

Enrolments for 2025 Principal Tours and Request for Parent Volunteers Letterbox Drop – You will have seen on our Facebook page that I will be hosting Principal Walk and Talk tours this term. The first one is this Thursday 1 August 4-4:30pm. All families and their children who wish to enrol are invited to meet at the administration block just before 4pm to commence the tour.

We are also creating a Prep Transition and New Enrolments information brochure for our local families. We are seeking volunteers from our current families to do a letterbox drop of these flyers. If you are looking to have an afternoon walk with the family around your neighbourhood, could you please register your interest and number of flyers, you think you can deliver, by return email before the end of this week. We will send these home with your child. We really value the support of our families to help us make this happen.

Upcoming Dates

- **Friday 16 August Bullying. No Way!** - We are asking students to wear a pop of purple with their full school uniform on Friday 16 August. Purple is the new hero colour of Bullying No Way Week. It represents peace, strength and empowerment to take a stand against bullying. The theme for this year's campaign is Everyone Belongs. This theme highlights the importance of creating a sense of belonging and inclusion for students and is a key element of our school culture. A pop of colour could be socks, a hair ribbon, wrist band etc.



- **Year 3 and 4 Swimming Education - Thursdays 22, 29 August and 5, 12 September** – please keep an eye out for further information.
- **Year 1, 2, 5 and 6 Water Safety Program – Friday 9, 16, 23 August and 6 September.** Head out of Water program by Royal Life Saving Society Queensland. Conducted at school.
- **Prep Water Safety Program – Friday 23 August.** Royal Rescuers presentation by Royal Life Saving Society Queensland. Conducted at school.
- **Book Week Dress Up Day and Parade Friday 23 August!** Students are invited to come along in the costume of their favourite book character. We will have a full school assembly at 9am, all welcome!



- **Learning Conferences Tuesday 3 September** – More information to come. This is an opportunity for families to speak with their child's teacher about areas of strength and goals for learning. Please keep this date free.
- **Wednesday 11 September Flourish Fair** – Our Flourish Fair last term was a beautiful opportunity for students to demonstrate their passion project that they have been working on as a part of our Homework Policy. This is a tradition we will continue each term to welcome parents into the classroom to be a part of every child's learning.
- **Last day of Term 3 Friday 13 September** – PBL Celebration Disco

Latest drone photo – Our oval is really starting to take shape!



As always, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any concerns. I look forward to connecting with more of you over the coming weeks.

Sincerely
Katie Stubbings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Stubbings'.

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