



Presenting Primary

Regular Primary Newsletter
Edition 1 – 28th January 2016

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first edition of Presenting Primary for 2016. It was a real joy to welcome all the children to school this week. Our first few days of school have been very settled and the children appear to be very keen to get into learning.

Term One is going to be quite busy with a number of special events falling around the same time. We begin the year with Cyber Safety sessions presented by Tricia Munn a social media specialist from 'Eyes Open Social Media'.

Technology

The modern world in which we live provides us with many advantages that enhance our lives and I can't imagine my life without computers, smart phones and wireless connectivity for example. Technology is a marvelous tool in so many ways. However, technology also has its disadvantages.



Inappropriate content can readily be accessed and contact with unknown and unsavoury characters can easily be established. It is very important that parents and teachers are aware of these dangers and teach children skills to safely and successfully use technology to the best advantage.

The average person usually does not have time to keep up with the rapid changes in technology and we need to rely on experts in the field to keep us informed of the latest new online tools and apps for example, as well as advising us of online dangers that arise. To assist our parents in the area of technology, we are holding two Social Media and Cyber Safety Parent Sessions, to be conducted by Tricia Munn, an expert in Cyber Safety.

Both Cyber Safety Parent Sessions will be held on Tuesday 2 February:

- Living Faith Chapel 2.00 – 3.00pm
- College Auditorium 6.00 – 7.00pm

Please make every effort to attend one of these sessions to keep abreast of the latest changes in communication technology and how you can be pro-active in assisting your children. Tricia will also be running some family workshops focusing on establishing security settings in Facebook and Instagram and managing digital footprints moving forward. There is a small cost associated with these workshops and registration can be made by clicking the link provided on the Social Media flyer sent to all families earlier this week. Cyber Safety information sessions will also be provided to our students on both campuses on Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 February.

Students in Years 4 to 6 will receive their laptops in the near future, however, they and their parents must read and sign the College Technov8 User Agreement before the students will be permitted to take the laptops home.

February Events

Please note the events in your diaries and feel free to join us:

Friday 5

Casserole Crew Morning Tea, 9.30am, Living Faith Chapel

The Casserole Crew is made up of numerous people who prepare a meal every now and then to help someone in need within our College community. We sincerely thank those people who have contributed to the Casserole Crew in the past and invite our current parents to get involved in this wonderful initiative. It is such a great way to be a positive support to others. The more parents we have contributing the greater the support we can provide. I encourage you to join us for this morning tea to learn more about the Casserole Crew. Please RSVP to pboardman@sjac.qld.edu.au by Tuesday 2 February so we can organise catering.



Tuesday 9



Chinese New Year Lion Dance 9.00 to 9.30am, Primary Meadow

Parents are invited to join the students as the Lion Dancers perform for us to celebrate Chinese New Year.

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Pancake Day

A note about Pancake Day and the ordering process is attached to this newsletter. Please return the Order form with money (\$2 per serve) if you would like your child to be involved, by Wednesday 3 February. Pancakes will be served between morning tea and lunch.

Wednesday 10 Ash Wednesday Services, 8.45am Early Years, 1.50pm Years 3 to 6

Parents are welcome to attend a Service with their children. Both Services will be held in Living Faith Chapel.

Thursday 11

Primary District Swimming Carnival - Selected students will be advised.

Friday 12

Primary Leaders Badging Ceremony, 1.50pm

Parents of student leaders for 2016 are invited to attend this special assembly when students will receive their leadership badges.

Monday 15

International Book Giving Day

Further information about this special event will be sent home in the near future.

Monday 29

Storytime Fun, 8.45 - 9.15am for pre-Kindy children and their parents.



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Clubs and Activities

Sporting information has recently been sent home and our Performing Arts extra-curricular activities are outlined below:

Alpine Singers: Mondays **3:15pm – 4:00pm**. Rehearsals will begin in **Week 3, Monday 8 February**.

Bellissimo Strings: Fridays, **7:30am to 8:20am**. Rehearsals will start in **Week 2, Friday 5 February**.

Red Fire Choir: Wednesdays, **7:20am – 8:20am**, beginning in **Week 2, Wednesday, 3 February**.

Capriccio Choir: Tuesdays, **7:50am - 8:20am**, beginning in **Week 3, Tuesday 9 February**.

Early Years Dance Club: Mondays, **3.20 to 4.05pm**, commencing in Week 3 **on Monday 8 February**.

Primary Dance Club Yrs 3-6: Thursdays, **3.15pm - 4.15pm**, commencing in **Week 3, Thurs 11 February**

Dance Performance Group: Thursdays, **7.20am – 8.20am** commencing in **Week 2 with auditions on Thursday 4 February**.

Primary Concert Band: Mondays, **7.30am – 8.20am** commencing in **Week 3, Monday 8 February**.

Parents wanting their children to be involved in these activities need to complete the relevant permission form, available through the Performing Arts Department or at Primary Reception. Information about each of the activities is outlined on the letter attached to the permission forms.

For further information about Dance please contact our Dance teacher Mrs Kimberley Uljarevic or Ms Frida Joosting on 37142202 or via email to fjoosting@sjac.qld.edu.au.

Chess Club

This year Gardiner Chess will operate our Chess Club which will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15 to 4.15pm in the 3W classroom. Fees for the Club are to be paid directly to Gardiner Chess. Please read the Chess attachment and follow the instructions to register your child in the Chess Club and make the necessary payment.

Our Early Years Chess program will continue with all Year Two children receiving Chess lessons each week throughout the year and Year One joining the program in Semester Two. Chess is such a valuable game to master as it encourages strategic thinking and problem solving. Our Early Years Chess program is linked to the Mathematics curriculum and really enhances the students' learning. We look forward to seeing how our students progress with their Chess playing skills this year.

Presenting Primary, the specifically primary newsletter will be emailed home each fortnight with the whole school newsletter, Ripples, going home every other week. If you require further information not found within either of these newsletters please contact Reception by emailing awright@sjac.qld.edu.au or speak to your child's teacher.

Best wishes for a very successful and happy year,

Sandra Hawken
Head of Primary

