



To the Point

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Hi Everyone,

- P&C Meeting 24th April 6pm
- Monday Munchies 24th April

Welcome back to Term Two after Cyclone Debbie: I trust everyone managed through the cyclone period and then had at the very least some time to relax after such a disastrous event. I also hoped you all limited your chocolate intake over the Easter period. Well now our beautiful school is back up and running and we have hit the ground at full steam ahead. This term coming up is Anzac parade; Anzac town march; NAPLAN tests for years 3 and 5 children; the Twilight concert and our school sports day. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and the P and C events coming up too.

Annual Cross Country event postponed from last term held yesterday: What initially looked like overcast and rainy conditions turned out to be blue skies and perfect running weather for the annual school cross country event. This year we had a special visit from the Cowboys National Rugby League team who delivered healthy eating and drinking messages to the children and actually took part in some of the cross country events. Brent Tate and Matt Bowen were particularly entertaining for the student spectators in their house areas. Many thanks must go to Ms Armstrong, Mr McDowell and Mr Bailey for preparing the ground and coordinating the event. Thanks to parents and staff for supervising and manning drink stations. Placegetter ribbons will be presented on this Monday's parade and our school representative team from 10 years of age and up announced. These children will go onto the Cumberland trial at Bucasia School next Friday morning.

Anzac Day ceremony this Monday 24th April at 2.15pm in the hall: I invite all parents and community members to join in our School Annual Anzac Day ceremony to be held at 2.15pm on this Monday, the 24th of April in the school hall. Please also remember to plan for Tuesday's public holiday with our school Anzac day march in town. We have a very proud history of most of our students and staff marching on April 25th as a sign of respect. I urge you to march with us on Tuesday April 25th at the Sydney Street car park in town at 8.15am. Each year many of our parents march with us at the rear of the school line with the year 6 students. All student's names will be recorded and certificates awarded for representing the school in this important ceremony. Please ensure your child has a maroon (preferably) hat and full school uniform.

Mrs Bond on loan to regional office for 10 weeks: Last week I received a request from our Regional Office to temporarily borrow Mrs Bond from our admin team for term two to take a promotional position in a fill in role for the Region.

Welcome new students: This week we welcomed to new families into our wonderful school. Our five new children have enrolled in prep, year 3 and year 6. I trust you will give them the warm Slade Point School Community welcome.

P and C AGM this Monday night coming: With Debbie blowing through three weeks ago, President Michael McGrath had to hold our P and C Annual General Meeting over to until this coming Monday night at 6pm in the school admin building. Michael is looking to step down after several years as president due to his new job keeping him out of town regularly. Michael has offered to support the new president and will still be an active member on the committee when work enables him to. So come along and be a part of your child's school Parents and Citizens Association.

School finance auditor here next week: Every three years we have undergo a school finance audit which includes the use and security of government assets, school policies and procedures around school management working with the school P and C association. My admin team will be quite busy next Wednesday and Thursday whilst the auditor is here. Please direct any questions you may have firstly to the class teacher during this time.

NAPLAN for year 3 and 5 this term:

In week 5 this term the year 3 and 5 students will undergo the National Literacy and Numeracy tests. These tests are compulsory for all schools in Australia to be performed at the same time though parents have the right to withdrawal their child if they are concerned the test may cause anxiety or for religious grounds. If you have any concerns about your child being able to effectively participate in the three days of testing then please discuss this with Mrs. Ridgway, Mrs Geiger or Mr McDowell sometime next week and one of my admin team will follow up with you regarding appropriate paperwork. The National tests do provide us with a snapshot and comparative information on your child's learning at that particular point in time.

Games Extravaganza 25 token reward day next week: We will have our Emerald Reward day for those who have achieved 25 tokens on Thursday the 26th of April due to cyclone Debbie last term. The afternoon has been chosen to avoid quality learning time in the morning. Congratulations to all our Emerald awardees and congratulations to those who will receive theirs on parade next week.

Happy learning.
Rod Finney
Principal

Slade Point State School

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Parents & Citizens Assoc meetings are held on the 1st
Monday of each month. All parents are welcome to attend.

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P & C NEWS

- **P&C meeting** is on **Monday 21st April 6pm** in the staffroom. All welcome to attend.
- **Monday Munchies** will be on **Monday 21st April.**
- **Facebook page:** Slade Point State School P&C



TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is open on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's**. If you require a tuckshop menu please call into the tuckshop or the office.



****TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE****

Parents/ Guardians: We have a new text message service which has commenced last year. Please make sure your mobile numbers are up to date. If your student/s are absent from school and no phone call has been made to the absent line/office, you will receive a text message. Please reply to the text with students name and reason. Please save this number **0428 264742** for future reference, you may also send an SMS for an earlier absence. The text message service will help us if your child/ren have no lunch, forgotten homework or is in sick bay. Please contact the school if you receive a message regarding one of these matters on 49657 333. Thanks Admin

INVOICES/PAYMENTS

If you receive an invoice for Swimming, Instrumental Music, Camps etc, please contact us about making part payments if you require to do. We accept weekly/fortnightly payments. Direct debit and cash only we accept. No EFTPOS facilities available.

WEBSITE

The school website is updated weekly. It contains important information, date claimers, the current tuckshop price lists, weekly school newsletter plus lots of useful links. www.sladpoinss.eq.edu.au

TWILIGHT CONCERT

Thursday June 8th at 5:30pm in the hall. Winter raffle drawn at the concert. (Tickets are available the week of the concert)

FACEBOOK

Slade Point SS has a Facebook page: Please search for our school and like the page. We post information on what is happening in the school ie: reminding about the newsletters have gone out, school photos, rewards day and more.



QSCHOOLS APP

Parents with smartphones are encouraged to download the FREE QSchools App and Slade Point SS to your favourites. This app is fed directly from our website and is a great way to stay updated with current information.



SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is every Thursday. You can drop in your bank book any day before or on **Thursday morning** in the green box in the office.



****Any new customers would like an application form please come to the office to collect one or you can open up an account at the Commonwealth Bank.**

Each time you deposit money your child will receive a token each week and once you reach 10 tokens you can swap the tokens for a prize which needs to be ordered.

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE

Students must come to the office if they arrive after 8:45am to be entered on the class roll and receive a late slip which is then given to their class teacher.

If you need to collect your child from school at any time before 2:50pm please write a note to the class teacher or make a phone call and then you need to sign your child out in the office in the book.

ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE SLADE POINT

Come on down to the Slade Point RSL Bowls club, Wren St (behind the skatepark) at 12pm on 25th April to join us in a ANZAC service. Support your local.