



To the Point

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- P&C Meeting 13th February 6pm
- Monday Munchies

Hi Everyone,

Welcome back to the new school year 2017: With the short week last week I was unable to welcome our new families to our beautiful school and existing students back from what I trust was a well-deserved vacation. We have commenced the school year with 20 eager to learn prep students which unfortunately is the lowest numbers for a very long time. Our target is always 25 or above for increased funding but there were simply less children in this age group in our area. Our total school numbers is presently 177, thirteen less than last year. We will keep our classes straight year levels at present until this Thursday, the final 8th school day before balancing class sizes and student support. Our class sizes remain some of the smallest in the District except for our year one and two's.

School Explicit Improvement Focus agenda for 2017: In 2016, we achieved the very best results across our since National testing commenced in 2008. With such positive progress in the children's writing we have decided to maintain this explicit teacher support before introducing our focus on numeracy in the second half of the year. Our positive approach to engaging all students in their learning is reflected in the 'growth strategy' which provides specific feedback for individual students writing performance.

New staff, roles and responsibilities: Welcome to Mrs Kristine Fettell will work in our school every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as the Head of Curriculum assisting teachers with curriculum planning and delivery. Mrs Sharon Bond will also work the first three days each week as the Student Services Coordinator assisting families in need of assistance and overseeing Ms Kylie Armstrong's new role as Diverse Learner Coordinator. Ms Armstrong will support all learning support children, students with disability and accelerated learners across the school. Any of these three school leaders will be looking after the school when I am absent. Mrs Miller (Music) will be here on Wednesday's and Friday's. Welcome to Mrs Sheena Geiger who has replaced our long serving phys-ed teacher Mr Paap who has retired. Mrs Geiger will be here on Wednesday's and Thursday's and also on Friday's sharing the year 3 class teaching role with Mrs Ridgway. Sensei Harkin will still be with us teaching Japanese every Thursday. Ms Menzies (Instrumental music) will still be here on Friday's to teach our strings band. Mrs Sorensen (Guidance Officer) will still provide guidance support every Wednesday.

PBL in third year of implementation: The Positive Behaviour For Learning Program focuses on teaching our students the three school expectations – Be a Learner, Be Respectful and Be Safe. The program uses green reward tokens to identify and track each individual student's behaviours. Yellow warning cards, orange card minor behaviour breaches and red card major behaviour breaches are used to encourage students to make positive behaviour choices. Our data system individually tracks student performance in this area providing parent invitations to special award presentations on reaching 25, 50, 75 and 100 green tokens. It is our PBL goal this year to have all children achieve at least their very first 25 token Emerald award.

Safety in and around our school: We have a beautiful school and I thank all the school community for looking after our grounds during the holiday period. With school well underway it is timely for me to remind our students to play safe and be sensible. Road safety is a major focus always in helping maintain the safety of our students. I am asking our parents to be vigilant before and after school driving around to provide a safe and efficient method in which to transport our students to and from school. Thank you for keeping clear of the staff carpark and for reminding the children to wear a helmet and walk their bikes out of the school grounds.

Parent invite to join school P&C Committee: If you would like to have a direct say in what events and policies assist in how the school is managed then I urge you to join the P&C. Our long serving P&C president, Michael McGrath is needing to step down from this position due to his increased work commitments. Michael is only a phone call away to assist anyone considering stepping into the role. The school cannot function effectively without a president and strong P&C team. Come along to the first 2017 meeting for the year being held on Monday night the 13th of February at 6pm in the office staff room. Each month I deliver a comprehensive report on the school that will enable you to be kept up to date and provide you with an avenue to consider your ideas and opinions. I look forward to more parents and community members coming along.

Happy learning everyone.

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 13th February 6pm** in the staffroom. All welcome to attend.
- **Monday Munchies** will be on **Monday 13th February**. Notes home next week 
- **Uniform Shop:** Monday & Friday only! 8am—9am at the P&C room near Year 1 & 2 classrooms
- **Facebook page:** Slade Point State School P&C

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is open week 2 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


BLITZ WINNERS WEEK 1

Belle, Bodie, Ashton, Kahlia, Samantha, Summer, Fynn

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. 

YEAR 6 SHIRTS

Each year, we order a special shirt for our senior students — which this year will be our year six students. Sample shirts will be used for sizing. An order form will be sent home soon. The price will be advised when known. If you wish to order a shirt, please return the order form and payment to the school office. The shirts normally arrive around the end of term one.

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.