

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope you enjoyed the change of routine. It seemed longer than a week to me so I'd rate it as a good break. Term 2 is eleven weeks long, finishing on Friday 27 June. There are three long weekends due to Anzac Day, Labour Day and the Queen's Birthday. That gives us 51 teaching days that, as always, will be very busy. Our main activities will include Year 6 Camp, ANZAC Day Ceremonies and the Year 3, 5 and 7 tests. A full rundown of the term is included inside this newsletter on the Parent Planner. Please take note of any events that pertain to your children so as to be prepared when they occur.

We have had a few changes to staffing going into this term as Mrs Yvonne Gills is leaving us to take up a permanent T/A position at Norris Rd SS; Mrs Coralie Goss will be acting registrar at Geebung SS, Ms Rachel Templeton (Music) is decreasing her time to a 9 day fortnight and Mrs Jennifer Jessem (STLD) is increasing her time to a 9 day fortnight. We are sad to see Yvonne leaving us as she has done a great job in our SEC for the last few years. However, we wish all the very best at Norris Rd. Coralie will be replaced by Mrs Jenny Skerman, who will go from part time to full time in the Office.

The schedule for the final week of Term 1 was very full, what with Parent-Teacher Interviews and a School Disco. I am pleased to report that both were resounding successes. We saw record numbers of parents here for interviews and the feedback I received was very positive. It appears that the evening scheduling was well received by all and will probably continue in Term 3. The School Disco was highly enjoyable as we had hundreds present and many fantastic international costumes. The dancing was also excellent and everyone who was there said the night had a 'good feel' to it. It was also successful as a fundraiser for the student council who will direct their monies into making improvements to our school so that we all benefit from the big efforts of Mrs Tompkins, the staff helpers, Mr Key and the church volunteers who enabled such a great function to occur.

Our last Walking Wheeling Wednesday of Term 1 was also a huge success as we broke our record for participation with 76% of students walking, riding or car pooling to school. This means that 290 of our children were out improving their fitness, cutting traffic congestion and cutting carbon emissions. It's a brilliant result to be justly proud of. The great challenge is to maintain the momentum after the holidays. Tomorrow is our first Walking Wheeling Wednesday of Term 2. Let's hope we have a big turnout

Mark Fisher
Principal