

# The Slate

I can't believe the first month of the school year has come and gone so quickly! Its only seems like yesterday we were welcoming back all students to the start of their year.

## For Your Diaries – No students at school

Friday 11 March (Curriculum Day) and Monday 14 March (Labour Day)

### School Council

It is my pleasure to announce our new and returning School Council members for 2022. Please welcome: Deasy Waycott, Keren Fryar, Jason Brooker, Georgie Fuge and Julia Barwick. There is still one parent vacancy so if you are interested just let me know. When you see these members, please thank them for representing you on the council of our school.

### Playground News

The playground is almost finished. A few final tasks to be made and then all will be good. It looks terrific and we have already made excellent use of the deck area.

### Welcome back BBQ and opening of our new outdoor area

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March @ 5.30pm

Could you please let us know whether you will be able to attend?  
We will put an invite on to Facebook and Dojo.



### Breakfast Club

We had a lovely morning on Tuesday making pancakes for breakfast. Breakfast Club will revert back to Wednesdays next week. We are still after volunteers. Can you help?



### Absence Reminder

As a part of our student absence policy, all parents/carers must notify the school before 11.00am. on the day of the absence. Thank you for your support in this.

### Kids' Council News

Save the date: Colour Run/walk date: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

More news to follow in later newsletter.

### COVID News

Vaccination requirements – A reminder

- Parents and carers must have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception (with limited exceptions) to enter school buildings.
- All staff working in schools need to be fully vaccinated or have a verified medical exception.
- COVID-19 vaccinations for students are not required for them to attend school but vaccination for students is highly encouraged. For more information on how to book a vaccination, including important information about vaccination for children aged 5 to 11, visit [Vaccination information for children and teenagers](#).

### Cold Symptoms

A number of students have been sent to school with quite heavy colds. If your child is displaying any symptoms of a cold, please keep them at home until they are better and symptoms are gone.

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### FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### Term Dates 2022

Term 1: 28 Jan – 9 Apr  
Term 2: 26 Apr – 25 Jun  
Term 3: 11 Jul – 17 Sep  
Term 4: 3 Oct – 21 Dec

### School Council Meeting

Tuesday 22 Mar @ 5.30pm

### Curriculum Day

Friday 11 Mar

### Labour Day Holiday

Monday 14 Mar

### Welcome Back BBQ

29 March @ 5.30pm

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Mondays,  
Wednesdays  
and Fridays.

Remember  
Hats for  
Term 1

## Senior Room

The senior room has been busy settling back into school life throughout the month of February.

Some exciting news from the last fortnight includes:

- Students have started to make their own design ideas for the rebound wall re-paint
- Students have continued learning AUSLAN – mastering letters and colours. Test them at home!
- The senior room has enjoyed some descriptive and persuasive writing. Students have been given prompts and have written descriptively, with some students interpreting the prompts in different ways. Our persuasive writing pieces have covered students' thoughts on whether or not they believe the school uniform is a good thing, and what their thoughts are on the pros and cons of their having pets at school.

Overall, we continue to make improvements to the way we set out our work, ruling up correctly and dating our work.

In other news, the grade 6 shirts should be ready for collection by next week. Many thanks for your patience on this. Have a great weekend.

Jacob

## Junior Room

We have had quite a busy February with the students getting back in to the routine of school. The Foundation students are attending each Wednesday now so it is full on in the junior room.

It is great to see the students remembering to bring their readers to school each day and they are all keen to read both at home and at school. It is ok for the students to read more than one book each night – any practise is really worth while.

In maths the students in Foundation have almost mastered the numbers 1 – 5. We will now be concentrating on the numbers 6 to 10 both 1 to 1 correspondence and counting. The grade one and two students are studying counting both forwards and backwards and pattern and order.

In English we are busy writing and drawing recounts of what we have done on the weekend. The children are being encouraged to improve their writing stamina.

In Auslan this week we have learnt to sign our names. We will continue to practise this in the coming weeks.

## Somers Camp

Four of our students have been lucky enough to be selected to go to Somers Camp this year. This is a fabulous camp – if you were lucky enough to attend as a child I'm sure you will remember it. We wish them well and hope they have an awesome time.

## Auslan

This year as a part of our LOTE (Languages Other Than English) program, we have decided to do Auslan. So far the students in the Senior room have learnt the letters of the alphabet and the colours. In the Junior room they have been introduced to the letters of the alphabet – practising their names. Ask them to show you and see if they can sign your name as well.

## MARC Van

Today students enjoyed a visit from the MARC van with Mrs Davies. The MARC van visits us once a fortnight where the students can borrow a number of books. These books are to be treated with respect as others from our cluster of schools use them as well. We greatly look forward to these fortnightly visits.





## All About SPACE

This weeks Art session was all about space! Students discussed and explored the concept of foreground, middleground and background in a landscape artwork and used this knowledge to plan their own scene.

Junior students created a 'resist' painting using oil pastels and tempera paint. Senior students brainstormed design ideas for a new mural in the school grounds, which will hopefully be completed in the near future.

- Miss Turner



## March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1 Girl Guides Breakfast Club - pancakes	2	3 Library	4	5
6	7	8 Girl Guides	9 Breakfast Club	10 ART	11 Curriculum Day	12
13	14 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	15 Girl Guides Somers Camp	16 Breakfast Club Somers Camp	17 Library Somers Camp	18 Somers Camp	19 Somers Camp
20 Somers Camp	21 Somers Camp	22 Girl Guides Somers Camp School Council	23 Breakfast Club Somers Camp	24 ART	25	26
27	28	29 Girl Guides	30 Breakfast Club	31 Library	1	2

## April

3	4	5 Girl Guides	6 Breakfast Club	7 ART	8 Last Day Term 1 Dismiss 2.30pm	9
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