



# The Slate

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## ***Pathways to the future***

*Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January*

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2019. I trust that you have had a wonderful and relaxing summer break (if hot!) and wish you all a positive and smooth start to the school year.

We look forward to once again working closely with you all throughout 2019 as we continue the work towards creating a fabulous school for your children to learn and grow. Learning, laughing and lots of fun are once again on the menu for 2019.

### **Staffing**



Our staffing has had a couple of changes for 2019. We welcome Mrs Kylie Smit into our Junior Room three days per week – Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. (I will be working in there on Mondays and Fridays) Mrs Smit is a very

approachable person who comes to us with a lot of experience of teaching in small rural schools. She would love to meet you, so please drop in and say hello.

Another change for 2019 is our Business Manager. Jan Cashen is taking over from Leanne (retired) and will be working one day per week, Thursdays. Any questions in regards to finances, please call Jan – she is more than happy to discuss with you.

Lisa will continue her 4 days per week - every day except Fridays.

Our specialists programs of Art/Library on alternate Thursdays is the same as last year however we have Heather Earles - Art teacher – based at our school so will be joining our staff.

Our other specialist programs for 2019 are Chinese, Sport, Digital Technologies and Music is still being investigated.

As you can see, we may be a small school, but our students enjoy a variety of educational opportunities of interest to them.

### **Newsletters**

Newsletters will be sent out every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday this year. They will also be uploaded to Facebook and our Website. At different times during the year we may need to send out notices on days other than Thursdays. Please keep an eye out for these.



### **New Student**

We warmly welcome a new student to our school – Eli Brooker. Eli lives in town and we hope he has a fabulous start to his new school.

The year has started really well and

please drop in and say hello and don't hesitate to talk to us if you have any concerns.

*Have a great week!*

*Wendy*

### **Random Acts of Kindness**

Thank you to everyone who has popped in during the holidays and completed some odd jobs around the place. Most of our gardens have survived which is great to see. Thanks to Jamo for keeping our vegie garden alive and his dad Scott for high pressuring the buildings. Great job!

Donny has been hard at work making our front entrance garden look fabulous. He worked tirelessly in the hot sun - we greatly appreciate it.

### **YMCA Open Door Initiative**

The YMCA Open Doors initiative offers disadvantaged families (social and economic) access to free swimming lessons for their children for 12 weeks. The application process is simple and only requires completion of an application form.

If you would like an application form to access this program, please contact our office.



### **ART & CRAFT**

I am very excited to call Springhurst my new base school for 2019. I am really looking forward to a wonderful year and seeing all the students' brilliant artwork! Our focus for Term 1 is drawing and

we will have a Visiting Artist come and share her expertise with us later in the term.

Kind regards

Heather

### **Unifoms**

As you know, our yellow t-shirts can be bought quite cheaply at local department stores. If you would like our school logo embroidered on the front, you can take them to Black Venom in Greta Road and they will do it for \$5.

Our Grade 6 shirts should be available next week. Fingers crossed!



### **Nits**

A never ending 'bug bear' for some families. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis as they spread so easily. Please ensure your

child's hair is tied back if it is longer than shoulder length.



### **Birthdays**

We would like to wish Esther (6), Ollie (7), Eli (9) and Jamo (12) a very happy birthday for all their birthdays in January.

Three cheers!!!

### **School Council**

Just to give you the heads up and to get you to think about this. We will have a couple of vacant school council member positions this year. The details about this process are attached to this newsletter. If interested, have a talk to current members to see what the position involves. Nomination forms are available at the office.

### **Kid's Council News**

#### **Zooper Doopers**

The cost is 40cents each and they are on sale Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

***Remember to wear your hats in term 1***

### **Fees/Payments for 2019**

At this stage, School Council have set our fees the same as the last four years. \$185 (\$140 for fees and \$45 for swimming). These can be paid at any time (preferably on Thursdays when Jan is in the office) or straight into the school's bank account (details above – please include your name). Fees can be paid in a lump sum or we can arrange instalments if you prefer. If you would like further information, please contact the school and discuss.

Included in the fees are all your child's school supplies, extra curricula activities such as cluster days (performance and transport), and other supplies as needed. A bargain basement price!

### **Junior Room**

We have had a wonderful start in the junior room. There are two new faces in the room, Eli in grade 2 and Mrs Smit. We have been sharing and celebrating our similarities and differences and how we can be respectful and kind to one another. In literacy we have shared stories and made a string of paper dolls connecting us as learners and friends. We have learned new maths games (please get the children to teach you at home, they are fun!). Today we used dancing, movement and singing to express ourselves and be happy.

We are all so excited to be back at school and sharing our learning, experiences and smiles! Each week your child will have 5 books that they can read to you - please make a routine so that every night there is some time to read a book or two. These books will be listed in their new Home Reading Log – one for each night. (As students begin to read longer books, they will only bring home 3 books each week). It is hoped they read one book each night – if they would like to practise reading more than one, it is most welcome. It is great if you can chat about the story, ask your child to predict what might happen next, or what is their favourite

part, or if they can make “links” to their own personal experience. This helps them to really get absorbed in the story line and improves their comprehension. Some ideas you will find at the front of the reading log. Make sure that reading is an enjoyable activity and that is a part of your child’s daily routine. Practise every day makes a huge difference to their learning!

Also, please remember that we have an open-door policy and if there is anything you would like to chat about don’t hesitate to let us know and we can organise a time.

It was great to see all the Junior Room kids organised with lunch boxes filled with healthy foods, water bottles and hats...Thank you!

Kylie

### Senior Room

A big welcome back to everyone! Hope all families had a fabulous break. Going by the recounts we did today lots of fun was had. The year has started off really positive and the students have all come back with great attitudes. The grade 3s have slid fantastically into the senior room and I look forward to the year ahead. Next week will start homework and our spelling program. Homework will go home each Monday and it is a great activity to work through with your child. It will then be required back on the following Monday for correction. The students all know their logins for all the online programs we use and they can most definitely use these at home if that have access to the internet. I would also be great if you could encourage your child to do at least 15 minutes of reading at home each night. Again I can’t wait for another exciting year!

Tahnee

## DET 2019 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN

**Almost \$2 million is available for scholarships to support students with their studies in Years 4-12 and beyond**

If you would like further information in regards to eligibility and application process, please contact our office.

### Dates for your calendar:

- 7th February Library
- 14th February ART
- 21st February Library
- 28th February ART
- 7th March Library
- 8th March Curriculum Day
- 11th March Labour Day Holiday
- 12th March School Council @ 5.30
- 14th March ART
- 15th March Catering @ Hall
- 19th March 3 - 6 STEM - Billy Carts Chiltern
- 21st March Library
- 25th March Cluster Day @ Wahgunyah  
Aboriginal Performance
- 28th March ART
- 4th April Library
- 5th April Last Day Term 1



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**Pangerang Community House TERM 1 2019 programs and courses**

<p><b>COMPUTERS &amp; DIGITAL</b></p> <p><b>COMPUTERS</b> Benefit from Energy Storage We teach computers to the extent enough to register your own business and create your own website. <b>FOR SENIORS ONLY: POWERPOINT COURSE &amp; TRAINING</b></p> <p><b>Word</b> - 10 sessions Mon 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Wed 10am - 12pm Thurs 10am - 12pm Fri 10am - 12pm Sat 10am - 12pm Sun 10am - 12pm</p> <p><b>Excel</b> - 10 sessions Mon 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Wed 10am - 12pm Thurs 10am - 12pm Fri 10am - 12pm Sat 10am - 12pm Sun 10am - 12pm</p> <p><b>MICROSOFT EXCEL</b> Program: Intermediate 2 Advanced Call to book your place \$750 \$850</p> <p><b>JOB SEEKING ASSISTANCE</b> We will help you create your resume, cover letter and job application form. We will also help you with your interview skills and provide you with a list of local employers who are currently seeking staff. Call to book your place \$120 \$150</p> <p><b>TABLETS</b> Learn to use your new tablet. Program: Intermediate 2 Advanced Call to book your place \$120 \$150</p>	<p><b>ART &amp; CRAFT</b></p> <p><b>ART CLASSES</b> Learn to draw, paint and create with your own hands. Teacher: Deborah - 18 years experience with experience in art education. <b>ART CLASSES</b> Thursday Group 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Wednesday Group 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Friday Group 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Cost: \$200 (includes \$20 per session) \$450 \$600</p> <p><b>MOSAICS</b> Learn to create beautiful mosaic art. We will provide you with all the materials and tools you need to create your own mosaic art. Program: Intermediate 2 Advanced Call to book your place \$120 \$150</p> <p><b>CRAFT GROUP</b> We have a group of crafters who meet every week to create their own craft projects. We provide all the materials and tools you need to create your own craft projects. Program: Intermediate 2 Advanced Call to book your place \$120 \$150</p>	<p><b>GENERAL INTEREST</b></p> <p><b>MOBILE PHONES</b> Tuesday 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Wed 10am - 12pm Thurs 10am - 12pm Fri 10am - 12pm Sat 10am - 12pm Sun 10am - 12pm</p> <p><b>SEND AN E-GREETING</b> Send your own e-greeting cards to anyone you like. Program: Intermediate 2 Advanced Call to book your place \$120 \$150</p> <p><b>WHAT IS THIS FACEBOOK?</b> Learn to use Facebook. Program: Intermediate 2 Advanced Call to book your place \$120 \$150</p> <p><b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b></p> <p><b>LET'S WALK!</b> all abilities welcome Monday 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Wed 10am - 12pm Thurs 10am - 12pm Fri 10am - 12pm Sat 10am - 12pm Sun 10am - 12pm</p> <p><b>YOGA</b> Monday 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Wed 10am - 12pm Thurs 10am - 12pm Fri 10am - 12pm Sat 10am - 12pm Sun 10am - 12pm</p> <p><b>TAI CHI</b> Monday 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Wed 10am - 12pm Thurs 10am - 12pm Fri 10am - 12pm Sat 10am - 12pm Sun 10am - 12pm</p> <p><b>TAI CHI</b> Monday 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Wed 10am - 12pm Thurs 10am - 12pm Fri 10am - 12pm Sat 10am - 12pm Sun 10am - 12pm</p> <p><b>TAI CHI</b> Monday 10am - 12pm Tues 10am - 12pm Wed 10am - 12pm Thurs 10am - 12pm Fri 10am - 12pm Sat 10am - 12pm Sun 10am - 12pm</p>	<p><b>BACKYARD GARDENING</b> Call 5721 3633 and put your name down to join one of these classes which will be held during Term 1 with our qualified horticulturist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potting plants, landscape and soil care</li> <li>• Prepare your garden for Autumn</li> <li>• Learn to make Substrates</li> <li>• Garden Problems &amp; Solutions</li> <li>• Discovering in the backyard!</li> </ul> <p><b>Make a Kokedama</b></p> <p><b>JOIN US FOR LUNCH</b></p> <p>Our Pangerang Community House is a great place to meet and share your lunch. We have a menu of delicious food and drinks available for purchase. We also have a table for those who want to bring their own lunch. We are open from 10am to 2pm, every week.</p>
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# Our Learning ...



