UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW ASSEMBLY TIMES:
Every Monday:
Prep–Year 2: 1:50pm-2:10pm;
Years 3-6: 2:20pm—2:40pm.

Term 1:

Week 2 February 2017
Thur 8 Day 8: Final numbers to inform staffing for 2017

Week 3 February, 2017
Mon 6 Leaders Ceremony—Years 3-6 (9:00am—9:30am in the Assembly Hall)
Wed 8 Parent Information Night (BBQ) 4:45pm—5:30pm Welcome BBQ and Meet and Greet;
5:30pm—6:30pm—Individual Classroom visits and parent info: (this will take about 30 minutes so parents with a number of teachers to visit can then visit other teachers from 6:00pm—6:30pm)

Week 4 February, 2017
Mon 13—Fri 17 YEAR 6 CAMP—Tallebudgera

Week 5 February, 2017

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Week 7 March, 2017
Thu 9 Brainstorm Productions: Being Brave—Prep-Year 6 (School funded—no charge to parents/guardians)
Fri 10 Senior Cross Country (9:00am—10:45am)

Week 8 March, 2017
Mon 13 Easter Raffle Tickets Sent Home
Fri 17 National Day Against Bullying
Fri 17 Junior Cross Country (9:00am—10:45am)

Week 9 March, 2017
Tues 21 Harmony Day
Fri 24 Disco

Week 10 March, 2017
Tues 28 Year 5 Leadership Day (at school)
Wed 29 End of Term Celebrations
Prep-Year 2 (9:00am—9:45am)
Years 3-6 (10:00am—10:45am)
Wed 29 End of Term Reward Activities (Middle Session)
Thu 30 Years S&G Enrichment Day (at school)
Fri 31 Easter Hat and Crazy Hat Parade (P-2)
Easter Raffle drawn

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Welcome back to the new year and already it’s a very busy time! Please note the upcoming events for the term so that you can plan your calendar and please note the new time of assemblies on Monday afternoon.

Welcome BBQ and meet the teachers
Wednesday February 8:

This year we will hold a welcome BBQ and an opportunity to meet with classroom teachers to establish relationships and hear about the year ahead. Our P&C has kindly offered to fund and organise a sausage sizzle to start the evening off. This will start at approx. 4:45pm and be available until 5:30pm where parents/guardians will be asked to move to classrooms to meet with teachers. Teachers will share the plans for this term and answer questions. We realise that many families have more than one child attending and so we have broken this next hour into two parts. 5:30pm—6:00pm visit with one teacher for learn more about the classroom and then from 6:00pm—6:30pm teachers will be available for you to drop in and meet them and collect a class newsletter and answer any questions. We hope that in this way, parents/guardians will be able to get around to all of their children’s teachers. A list of available teachers will be sent home on Tuesday, February 7 and in case of staff illness we will contact parents of the class on the day should staff not be able to attend.

Leadership Badge Ceremony, Monday, February 6 at 9:00am

School Captains, House Captains, Prep-Year 2 Leaders, Student Leadership Team (SLT) members and the Year 6 cohort will receive their Leadership Badges at this ceremony. Families are welcome to join us. Year 6 had a note sent home on Monday outlining the morning. SLT members will be finalised on Wednesday and parents will be contacted with an invitation.

New Communication Folders provided:

In an attempt to ensure that notes from school make it home, we have provided this communication folder, clearly labelled for this use. If you are a family who requires more than one note to go home, please let your classroom teacher know. We have lists from last year and will pass them on to this year’s teachers but it would be of benefit to let your classroom teacher know so that we can cross check so that no one misses out. Please be patient and let us know if there are any problems with this so that we can work together to ensure that everything gets to the right person.

Instrumental Music:

We would like to welcome Ivy Wu to the Waterford team as our new strings teacher. Ivy is keen to start lessons and will be contacting students and parents this week to identify when lessons will start. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Sally Elsby (Deputy Principal Prep-2) who supports our Instrumental Music program.
Communication:

This year we will be moving to emailing Newsletters home via email addresses on our data base. The Newsletter link will be emailed home each fortnight. A small number of printed copies will still be available from the office should anyone require one. A note will also go home each fortnight over term 1 to remind you check your email account and if you did not receive our Newsletter, then you simply complete the details on the note and we will update our records to include you in further mailouts. Our Newsletter will also be available on our school website: www.waterforss.eq.edu.au.

Updating Personal Details:

If your details have changed or if you are unsure if we have the correct details, please complete the enclosed ‘Change of Details’ form and return it to our office.

Permissions:

Over the years with so much technology, many of our previous permission forms no longer cover the many and varied ways that we use personal information. For this reason, and to ensure that we are clear on parent/guardian preferences, I ask that you take the time to complete the enclosed media permission which covers general use of image and name and also school photos and Mathletics. Year 6, please note the special section re: Graduation pictures etc.

Permission to apply sunscreen:

Also enclosed is information about the sunscreen that is made available to students as part of our ‘Sunsafe Policy’. Please read the details and indicate if this product is appropriate for your child/ren.

Birthday Cakes at School:

Birthday cakes are often provided by parents/guardians to celebrate birthdays or significant events. While we always check allergy information, our current records do not provide any details about other dietary decisions. Please take the time to indicate if you would like your child to consume birthday cakes that have been provided to the class and indicate portion size. We only serve these in the last 30 minutes of the school day. Our Tuckshop also provide a service where they will supply slushies to the class which could be an easier option and contain less sugar and fats and these would be provided at the end of second break.

Year 6 Camp:

Year 6 camp will be held in Week 4 this year and final payments are due Tuesday, February 8. Please contact me if there are any issues with payment.

Educating our young people is a partnership and I ask that if there are ever any queries or concerns that you please contact one of our staff.

Key Personnel:

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL P-2: Sally Elsby
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL YRS 3-6: Kelly Uittenbosch
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SPECIAL EDUCATION: Rhonda Cutts
GUIDANCE OFFICERS: Mon–Thurs: Traci McNicol and Friday: Mary Edwards
HEAD OF CURRICULUM: Michelle Hanrahan
ENGAGEMENT TEAM: Mary Edwards & Michael Skelton

Kind regards,

Linda Knight