



Worongary Pipeline

Worongary State School — Strength Through Wisdom



14 December 2018

As 2018 draws to a close, I wish to thank all of our parents for your ongoing support during 2018. With the electrical upgrade currently being completed, I am looking forward to welcoming students into more than 10 air-conditioned classrooms in January 2019. I thank Rhiannon and the entire P&C Executive for their commitment to our school. Our school community is truly fortunate to have these volunteers working so hard behind the scenes to improve our school's facilities. I thank this team for their guidance over the past 12 months and acknowledge the Association for supporting our school to achieve exceptional outcomes for our students.

During the 2018 year, we have made significant progress towards achieving our strategic plan of "A Year of Growth". I sincerely thank our school's Deputy Principals (Mrs Ready and Mrs White) for their amazing leadership. Over the past 12 months, I have witness firsthand the care and attention that Kelly and Kerry provide to our staff and students each and every day. I sincerely thank these educators and acknowledge that our school is truly fortunate to have such dedicated and committed leaders.

At the end of the 2017 school year our school appointed a new Business Manager. This position is one of the most demanding and difficult positions within any school with accountabilities of financial management, Work Place Health and Safety, Human Resources and Asset Management included in their portfolios. I am sure you join with me in thanking Rachel Zorbas for all of her hard work. Under her leadership our school has implemented a number of initiatives to improve the quality of our facilities. Her leadership of the school's Junior Playground and Air-conditioning projects are only two out of a hundred of initiatives that have positively affected our students. I publically thank Rachel for all of her hard work and dedication to our school community.

I acknowledge Mrs Kaia Clarke, Ms Michelle Dumbrell, Mr Josh Rogers and Mr Sam Swift for their efforts in supporting our students to make positive behaviour choices. As the backbone of our school's Positive Behaviour for Learning team, these officers do an amazing job of engaging and supporting our students. I join with our students (97% satisfaction) and parents (93% satisfaction) who, through the 2018 School Opinion Survey, acknowledged their achievements.

I sincerely thank our dedicated teachers and teacher aides for their ongoing commitment to improving the quality of education your child receives on a daily basis. At Worongary, we are incredibly fortunate to have so many caring and compassionate staff members dedicating their lives to providing every opportunity for your child to succeed. 2018 was an incredibly successful year of learning. 2018 NAPLAN results were some of the highest we have ever achieved. Likewise, our internal monitoring data and student assessment data provides us all with a high degree of confidence that our future is very bright. I thank all of our staff members for the way in which they have contributed to our school's improvement agenda during 2018 and trust they will all enjoy their well-deserved summer vacation.



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A big thank you must go to our hard working ancillary staff. To our front office staff (Fiona, Jo Hoger and Jo Wales), Facilities Officers (Mr T and Glenn) and cleaners (Ann, Graham, Jennifer, Di and Bim) we all say thank you. Much of these officers' work happens behind the scenes and without them our school would simply not function as well as it does. I trust you will join with me in thanking this team of very hard working and committed individuals.

Finally, it is with much sadness that I at the end of the school year we will be farewelling a number of staff members. Mrs Peta White (our Head of Curriculum) has secured the permanent Deputy Principal position at Broadbeach State School. Peta's contributions and leadership of the Priority School Review helped provide clarity and support for all of our teachers. Mr Tom McDonald has secured a 12 month Head of Curriculum position at South Special School. Tom's extensive support of our Year 5 and 6 students has helped our students to achieve some of the highest literacy results (NAPLAN) our school has very achieved. Everyone will miss his leadership and support. I sincerely thank Peta and Tom for all they have achieved during their period with us and wish them both all the very best in their future leadership.

Next year we will commence the first year of our two year Strategic Plan – "Striving for Excellence". Key components of this plan include implementing: our school's Pedagogical Framework; strengthening our assessment culture; Inclusion Education; and STEM. We have already invested heavily to ensure our resources are aligned to these priorities. I am looking forward to creating opportunities for real innovation throughout 2019 and 2020. I am sure you will agree that these will be exciting years for all of our students, staff and parents.

Medication Collection

Could all parents please arrange for collection of medications from the Health Room before Friday. This includes puffers and spacers, tablets and Epipens. All expired medication will be disposed of. Updated permission forms will be prepared for the new school year 2019.

Semester 2 Reporting

All parents should now have received your child's End of Semester 2 Report. This report was distributed to all parents via email Wednesday. Parents who did not receive this report should make contact with the school's front office to ensure your email address information is accurate. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like to receive any additional information on your child's progress. I sincerely thank all of our teaching staff for their efforts in completing these reports and trust all parents find this information useful.



From the Finance Department

The Finance window will be closed from Friday 30 November for the rest of the year.

Payments still can be made via internet Payment, QParents and BPoint.

We will reopen in 2019 on Wednesday 23 January and Tuesday 29 January from 8.00am – 11.00am.



The Uniform Shop

Parents wishing to purchase school uniform in 2018 should be aware that the Uniform Shop will be open on the following days prior to school returning in 2018:

Thursday 23 January	2:00pm-7:00pm
Friday 24 January	7:00am-12:00pm

Extended hours first week back:

Tuesday 29 January	8:00am-10:00am
Wednesday 30 January	8:00am – 10:00am

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after hours crime in your school. If you see anything suspicious call the School Watch on 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between the department and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in schools. Call the School Security Program on 3237 0874 for more info.



Final Note

2019 class lists will once again be published and displayed on the Pupil Free Days (24 and 25 January 2019).

On behalf of my administration team, I wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer vacation and look forward to seeing all of your children's bright smiling faces return on Tuesday 29 January 2019.



Regards, Principal Landon Dare

