

# THE WEEKLY

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## From the Principal

You may have noticed a change in role of some of our members of Executive. From this week Gemma D'Angelo takes on Head of Early Years, responsible for students in the Early Learning Centre to the end of Year 2. Simon Theel, while remaining as Deputy Principal, is now also Head of Primary, Years 3 to Year 7. These changes have allowed the creation of a new position, Head of Learning and Teaching which Amanda Kelly has undertaken. The changes which take place from the beginning of Term 4 means we have an executive role with overarching responsibility for curriculum from our 2YO Program in the Early Learning Centre to Year 7. Any member of the Executive will welcome your questions on the changes in responsibility.

I had the pleasure today to attend the Year 5 to 7 Swimming Carnival held at Westminster School. Thank you to Alastair Dow, Angela Doan, Jane Fahey and the team of staff involved for providing a well-organised, student centred event. I took great joy from seeing students being empowered to play vital roles in the running of the event. As a first, Year 7 students rotated through lane timing responsibilities and management of resources to ensure the day was a success. The introduction of the under water scavenger hunt was a stroke of genius as children of all levels of confidence were able to battle it out underwater.

I take this opportunity to farewell from our Early Learning Centre Rachael Yew who is taking leave to prepare for the birth of her second child, along with Esther Eason who leaves us as a Co-educator. We also welcome David Whitehead back to from leave in Term 3.

**Christopher Prance**

## Student Absences Reminder

Please use the Absentee Line, 7221 6221 or notify the school via Skoolbag of student absences due to sickness, rather than contacting teachers via email. Should there be notification of extended absences, please inform the Principal [via email](#).

## It's Sneezin' Season

First Aid Reminder: You would be aware there is a lot of pollen floating in the air. This along with other factors associated with spring are now affecting the children. Therefore, if your child takes medication for allergies or asthma, would you please ensure they take their medication before coming to school. This will greatly assist them during the day. Thank you.

## PE & Sport

Welcome back to school. Term 4 is short but action packed.

### HERE ARE OUR 'SPORTS SHORTS' FOR THIS WEEK

- \* After school sports sessions have already started. Games will begin next week. Skoolbag has all the fixture links available; the basketball draw is already online and volleyball and cricket will be up by Tuesday. A massive thanks to the team managers for keeping our many sports organised.

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- \* After School Sport—Reminder: Sport finishes after school at 4.20pm. Children not collected by 4.30pm will be taken to OSHC. Should you be unable to collect our child due to circumstances beyond your control, please contact the school on 8295 4317 by 4.30pm.
- \* Those families who have school basketball sports tops, please return them to the Uniform Shop if your child is not playing in Term 4. Many are still missing from Term 1, especially Upper Primary tops.
- \* Today was our Year 5 to 7 Swimming Carnival at Westminster pool. Congratulations to all the students involved who gave their best. Attitudes that we strive for at SPW were on display: enthusiasm, cooperation, respect, commitment, confidence and respect. In a close finish, only two points, Flinders was the winning House.
- \* On Wednesday our SAPSASA knock out boys' tennis team, comprising of Edward W, Will C, Hugh W and Michael H, will participate in the semi-final against Encounter Bay. Good luck boys. The game will be played at SPW starting from 10.15 am.
- \* Junior Primary Sports Day is approaching. All classes are currently practising the events in their PE lessons. Mark the morning of Friday 17 November in your diaries.

Have a nice weekend.

**Stay calm and keep active.**

**Alastair Dow**  
**Head of PE and Sport**  
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## The Arts

### **JUNIOR GLEE REHEARSALS**

As we are preparing for The Big Concert in Week 7 we would like to keep the Glee rehearsals closed so the students are able to present their work for the first time at the concert, this allows them the sense of excitement for the performance and gives the audience a nice surprise. We would therefore request that parents and caregivers do not stay for the Glee sessions on Wednesday morning for the remainder of this term. Please continue to encourage your child/ren to sign in on arrival at 8.00am. If you have any queries please let me know.

**Mark DeLaine**  
**Head of The Arts**

## Chaplain's Chat

### **CHAPEL SERVICE**

Thank you to everyone who helped with the first Communion service for Term 4, especially the servers, Abby, Cameron and Noah, plus Choir members, Emma, Emily, Kate and Maddy who helped to fill the Chapel with bubbles. We talked about how bubbles are like words: Once they are out of the bottle, we cannot put them back, like the words that come out of our mouths.

### **BLESSING OF THE PETS, THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER, 8.40AM**

On or around October 4 each year, people all over the world celebrate the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. In remembering St Francis' love for all creatures, animals are led to church services for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals" or "Blessing of the Pets".

Next week's Chapel Service will be our annual Blessing of the Pets Service on Braested Oval when we will remember St Francis and thank God for our pets, symbols of all of creation. We look forward to this Service with much anticipation. For further information, [please click here.](#)

**Rev'd Julia Denny-Dimitriou**

## iPad Program—CompNow Portal

Information regarding the 2018 iPad Program for students in Year 5-7 next year, is now available in Skoolbag in the **Class and Year Level** section. Students currently in Year 4-6 have also been sent a letter regarding the program.

The portal to purchase iPads via CompNow is now live: [www.compnw.com.au/spw](http://www.compnw.com.au/spw)

## Student Leadership 2018 Elections

We are pleased to announce information regarding Student Leadership Elections for 2018 is now available in Skoolbag under the **Class and Year Level—Year 6** section. This opportunity is open to current Year 6 students. A criteria for SPW Captains and full schedule of dates is listed.

**Simon Theel**  
Deputy Principal

## Advance Notice—Skoolbag Revised Dashboard Trial

As Skoolbag is a key communications tool between home and school we recognise the importance of ensuring it is accurate and used effectively. We are working to ensure parents/ caregivers have a positive experience when utilising the app. Since implementing Skoolbag we have seen many positive developments in the way the app is accessed and utilised across the school community. Moving forward, we see opportunity for progress and development in how we utilise this tool.

We are commencing a **Skoolbag Revised Dashboard Trial** to re-launch the dashboard of Skoolbag and the way content is assigned within the app.

The trial will run throughout Term 4, commencing **Monday Week 3** and will conclude **Friday Week 8**.

More information will be available in Week 2 regarding what changes to expect.

For questions or concerns regarding the Skoolbag Revised Dashboard Trial please contact [Lindy Francis](#)



## PFA News

### WALKATHON

The SPW Walkathon will be held on Friday 3 November. Sponsorship forms and information was sent home with your child at the end of last term. Please ensure your completed forms (no money) are returned to your class teacher by the end of next week, **Friday 27 October**. Remember, there are prizes for those who raise the most money. For further information, [please click here](#).

### SPW COLOUR RUN—8 APRIL 2018—CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Planning is well underway for an SPW Colour Run to be held next year on **Sunday 8 April**. This family friendly event will be a highlight of next year's SPW calendar. A carnival type atmosphere with fun activities for all the family will be the order of the day. Put this date in your diary now and be prepared to get a little colourful. Volunteers are still needed to run the Drink Stall and the Craft Stall. [Please email us](#) for further details.

### PFA AGM MEETING—1 NOVEMBER 2017, 7.00PM

The PFA AGM meeting will be held on **Wednesday 1 November** in Nutter Thomas. Please check Skoolbag for more information and Committee nomination forms

## Coffee Club

Coffee Club starts up again each Friday from 8.15am—9.00am this term. [Follow this link for more information and prices](#)





# Blessing of the Pets

We invite you to bring your pet to school for the **Blessing of the Pets Service**

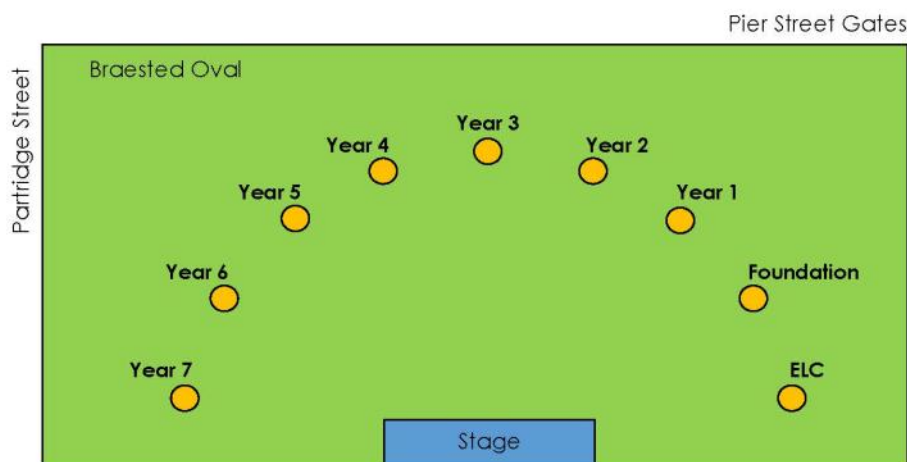
Children who are unable to bring pets are welcome to bring photos of their pets or a stuffed toy to the Service.

**\* Thursday 26 October \***

**8.40am on Braested Oval**

Our pets are a presence in our homes and in our hearts; companions in times of joy and comfort in times of pain. They are so much a part of our lives that we would not be the same without them. Please join us for the Blessing of the Pets Service.

Please note that all pets need to be suitably restrained or contained for the occasion.



# The Week Ahead



2017 Term 4 Week 2

Monday 23— Friday 27 October

Contact Us

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Uniform Shop	◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm	◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm	◇ 8.00am-9.30am	◇ 8.00am-9.00am ◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm	◇ 1.30pm-4.00pm
School		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Foundation Transition</b>, 9.00am (Chapel, then classrooms)</li> <li>* <b>School Assembly Years 4-7</b> (Led by Year 6)</li> <li>* <b>The Lion King Cast &amp; Crew Party</b>, 3.15pm (Chapel)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>SAPSASA Tennis Knockout</b>, 10.00am for 10.15am start (SPW)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Blessing of the Pets</b>, 8.40am (Braested Oval)</li> </ul>	
Extra & Co Curricular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Show Choir (3-7)</b> - 8.00am-8.40am (Music Centre)</li> <li>* <b>MP Sport</b>, 3.20pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>SPW Band</b>, 8.00am-8.40am (Music Centre)</li> <li>* <b>JP Sport</b>, 3.20pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Junior Glee (F-2)</b> 8.00am-8.30am (Music Centre)</li> <li>* <b>Run Club</b>, 8.15am-8.40am</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Chapel Choir &amp; Chapel Band</b>, 8.00am-8.30am (Chapel)</li> <li>* <b>UP Sport</b> - 3.20pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Beach Run</b>, 8.00am-8.30am</li> </ul>
PFA	<p><b>PFA Executive Meeting</b>, 2.30pm</p> <p><b>PFA BBQ/Sausage Sizzle</b>, after school</p>				

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