FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

(YEAR 5)

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a fantastic start to the 2017 school year! I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families. I am confident that the learning environment at the school will enable your child to achieve to the best of their ability.

Our focus as a school will continue to improve student reading outcomes and continuing to build the positive and supportive learning environment across our whole school.

To achieve our goal of improving Reading outcomes we will:

• ensure that every student has a relevant and achievable reading goal
• provide students with the strategies they need to achieve their goal through focussed teaching
• continue to develop our staff skills in teaching comprehension through the QAR professional learning
• meet regularly in staff teams to discuss individual students’ reading progress and to plan and problem solve together to ensure that each student progresses and succeeds
• continue to implement our whole school “Four Read” model that enables daily group reading and comprehension at the required level for each student
• continue to engage staff in a reading coaching program
• monitor every student’s progress on our data wall.

With regards to our supportive school environment, we will continue to:

• focus on an aspect of SPORTy behaviour across the whole school each week by teaching a focus lesson in every classroom. The focus is followed up on parade
• issue trophies for the desired SPORTY behaviour
• maintain the rewards room with exciting prizes
• offer various structured lunchtime activities that students can choose to participate in
• collect behaviour data and use this information for training and to enable us to address potential issues
• train our staff to manage reinforcement they require to be in the best “head space” for quality learning.

Through working together positively, we will continue to build a community focussed on students doing their best in a safe and secure environment.

I invite you to share in this vision for our students and contribute to our success by modelling the value and importance of education and the value of positive relationships.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the following new staff:

*Ms Claire Woodgate (Prep Teacher),
Ms Erin Alchin (Year 1 Teacher),
Mrs Erin Strohfeldt (Year 1 Teacher),
Mr Andrew Johnston (Year 2 Teacher),
Ms Alex Horwood (Year 2 Teacher),
Mrs Yvette Moore (Year 3 Teacher),
Mr Aaron Scott (Year 4 Teacher),
Mrs Danielle Clowes (Year 4 Teacher),
Mrs Erin Ellis (Year 4 Teacher),
Ms Nicole Hill (Year 5 Teacher).

Our SPORTy reward system will acknowledge student efforts and provide our students with the positive reinforcement they require to be in the best “head space” for quality learning.

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I am sure that you will also make our new staff feel welcome.

DATE CLAIMERS 2017

Wed 8th Feb—BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE

YEAR 2 PARENT INFO SESSION
(For all Year 2 classes)
3.10pm in 2A/B’s classroom

Fri 10th Feb—MUSIC BUS VISIT
Parent Info Session
3pm

Thur 16th Feb—STUDENT LEADER BADGE CEREMONY
9am @ Hall

Fri 17th Feb—MUSIC BUS VISIT
Parent Info Session
3pm

SENIOR SHIRT ORDERS DUE
(To tuckshop, not office)
I wish to remind parents about afternoon waiting areas within our school.

We welcome parents entering our school to wait for the end of the school day so they can collect their child from the classroom or other areas within the school.

We do need to maintain a distraction free environment in the classroom, so I ask that parents wait in the following designated areas:

- Under Block A
- In the Central Covered Area
- On the Grandstand Area
- In the area at the front of the Prep

To assist you with correctly identifying the waiting areas, these are marked in green on the map below.

Your support in maintaining a quiet environment during class hours will be greatly appreciated.

In weeks 3 and 4, parents will be able to attend a class information session.

These sessions are designed to inform parents about the year ahead and provide information about how the classroom will operate. You are encouraged to attend.

Each class will visit the bus on one of these days for a 10 minute demonstration.

Parents are invited to visit the bus for a demonstration at 3pm on each of these days.

It is anticipated that the bus will be next to the hall.

The Music Bus will provide information directly to our students at the demonstration and any students interested in joining the program will be required to return forms to our school office.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child this year and wish you a bright and successful year.

Rob Mills
Principal

I am very excited to advise the community that we are investigating a partnership with the “Music Bus.”

The Music Bus is a mobile “rock” music classroom that offers lessons for students from Prep to Year 6 covering keyboard (P-6), drums (Yr1-6), ukulele (P-6), singing (P-6), guitar (Yr2-6) and rockband (Yr 1-6).

These lessons are facilitated on our school grounds outside school hours. Further information about the bus is in this newsletter.

I have organised for the Music Bus to come to our school on Friday 10 February and Friday 17 February.

To assist you with correctly identifying the waiting areas, these are marked in green on the map below.
The Music Bus – Open Day

Raceview SS is proposing to bring an exciting new music program to school – The Music Bus! Offering weekly lessons in keyboard, guitar, ukulele, singing, drums and rock band, The Music Bus program provides the teacher and the instruments, all inside a high-tech, mobile music classroom (the bus),

To give both parents and students a better idea of what’s involved, we’re holding an Open Day at school. Here you’ll have the chance to visit the bus, meet the teacher and ask any questions you might have along the way. All students will also be invited to take part in a short, interactive session on the bus throughout the school day.

At the end of the activities, students will be given an Expression of Interest form, which you will need to returned to school within 7 days. From there, if there is enough interest, we can start booking lessons with The Music Bus!

Mark Your Diaries –

Yr3-6 Friday 10th February (Week 3)
Prep-2 Friday 17th February (Week 4)
Parent Info Sessions - After school
Parents can visit the bus, meet the teachers and ask questions if they wish.

To find out more, visit www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME INVOICES have already gone home.
If you didn’t receive one, please contact the office.
FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL  
(Yr 2—Yr 3)

As Deputy Principal of Years 2 & 3, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our new and existing families!

2017 is already proving to be another full and exciting year. Alongside their learning in the various curriculum areas, students are also learning to socialise appropriately and make new friends.

On assembly this week, the students were reminded to follow the SPORTy expectations. So far, the Year 2 & 3 students have been showing that they are very SPORTy Raceview students. Great work!!

We are welcoming three new teachers to our Year 2 & 3 team this year. These teachers are Mr Andrew Johnston 2B, Ms Alex Horwood 2C and Mrs Yvette Moore 3A. Alongside these teachers, we welcome Ms Brooke McCarney and Mrs Di McDonough to Year 2, these two teachers were working with the Year 3 team last year.

This year, there has been an addition to our Indigenous and Defence Support teams with Tracey Evans joining Mary Ballangarry and Cheryl Kurtz in providing support for our students. Lunchtime activities will be held for these students and their friends three times a week, Tuesday – Thursday, at second break in the room opposite the Administration building. If you would like to contact the school with concerns or suggestions relating to Indigenous and/or Defence, please feel free to email either Mary, mball111@eq.edu.au or Cheryl, ckurt15@eq.edu.au.

Please help us to help your students by ensuring that they are at school every day. It would be great if the year 2 & 3 students topped the school for attendance this year!!

If you would like to contact me, please phone the school on 3294 111 or email me at fhayl1@eq.edu.au.

Francine Hayler  
Deputy Principal

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Welcome to all new and existing Indigenous Families

My name is Mary Ballangarry and I am employed as the Indigenous Teacher Aide here at Raceview State School. Tracey Evans is also assisting with the support of your students this year.

The Indigenous Teacher Aide role exists to support the children of Indigenous Families transitioning through primary school and beyond with Indigenous Organisations.

In addition to providing support during class time, I co-ordinate regular activities to ensure that I get to know the students and keep up to date with how they are progressing. This includes a weekly lunch get together consisting of a variety of activities e.g., Cultural Storytelling, Art & Craft, Board Games and Outdoor Games.

Please feel free to contact me on the school phone number (3294 4111). If you would like to discuss anything in relation to the indigenous role or how your family is settling in, I am looking forward to working with you to ensure your child/ren’s time at Raceview State School is positive, productive and meaningful.

Kind Regards
Mary Ballangarry  
Indigenous Teacher Aide  
Raceview State School

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Defence

As the Defence Support Teacher Aide at Raceview State School, I would like to welcome all the new Defence families to our school. It was also good to see so many families returning from last year.

I am at the school on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays between 0900-1400.

Defence Club is running at second breaks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1330 as an optional choice for Defence Students. During this break the children can bring a friend and take part in art/craft activities.

I am looking forward to meeting you all during the year and keeping in contact. If you need to contact me please email me on ckurt15@eq.edu.au or alternatively you can ring the school.

If you have changed email, phone numbers or addresses or have a new preferred contact, please notify me so that I can ensure you have all the information for coming events.

Thank you

Cheryl Kurtz
Welcome back to the 2017 school year. I’d also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Prep students and their families. It is a very exciting transition for these students which can be matched with equal parts nervousness and tiredness – for students and parents alike. Please take the time to introduce yourselves to your child’s teacher and familiarise yourselves with the school environment and its policy and procedures. If you have any questions or feedback, please speak with your child’s teacher in the first instance, or call the office to make an appointment to speak with a school leader if necessary.

This is a great time of the year to reiterate the school’s behaviour expectations with your children at home and talk about what it means to be SPORTy (showing Self Control, Persistence, Organisation, Respect and Team Player attitude). Taking the time to do this will no doubt help support a smooth start to the year for your children. Judging by the great start our students have made in the first few days, we are shaping up for a good year of SPORTy choices!

PREP CAR PARK

To our new parents of Prep students, just a reminder that because many of our students access the school from the car park, it is essential you drive cautiously and keep an eye out for students. Please reinforce safety messages with your children with regard to car parks. Please note that the drop off and pick up zone is a 2 minute loading zone and needs to be used accordingly. This zone is used by numerous school buses and parents to pick up and drop off students quickly and safely. This is not a place to park and leave your car. Police have patrolled the car park to ensure student safety and that the law is being followed. Council do also regularly use cameras to monitor and issue parking fines for infringements. Please help us ensure our children are safe by parking in appropriate designated areas.

PREP BUS STUDENTS

Parents of students catching school buses, it is imperative you have notified both the childcare service provider/bus/transport company and the school when there are changes to your child’s bus schedule. Please also remind your child of these changes so they are aware of pick up arrangements.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Year One Parents and Carers, please refer to the map on Page 2 for waiting areas. In Prep, please wait in or around the grassed area outside the Prep unit (as shown on the map on Page 2) until 8:45am in the morning and 2:55pm in the afternoon. Parents are required to sign in/out their children in Prep, unless prior transport arrangements have been made, such as afterschool care. A reminder to these parents that the school must be notified of these arrangements and any subsequent changes as early as possible. Please note, students will remain in the classroom at 2.55pm until their parents come into the room to pick up their child.

STUDENT RESOURCES

The start of the school year is an important time for your child to learn new classroom routines and make a strong start in their learning. Please ensure you have purchased the required learning resources as outlined in the booklist order form. It is vital you purchase the specific items (or a similar product by a different brand) as listed in the order form. If you have any questions, speak to your child’s teacher or call the office.

I wish all of our students a happy, safe and successful school year.

Craig Jordan
Deputy Principal
Hi everyone,

For your convenience the tuckshop now has EFTPOS!

Please remember there are NO over the counter sales on Mondays. Online ordering ONLY!

For anybody wishing to start an online account with Munchmonitor, the details are as follows:

1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
2. Enter Username: raceview
   Password: munch4305 then click "login"
3. Click "Sign Up" and follow the simple steps to get started

When placing orders please make sure you are submitting both breaks separately.

If you are only ordering for one break for your child please ensure that they are aware of this as we have had a number of children saying they are missing orders and becoming upset when in fact an order has only been placed for one break.

Can you volunteer?

Here at the tuckshop we are very flexible and will accept any amount of time you can spare,

If you wish to volunteer please phone the tuckshop or pop in and see us!

Thank You,
Leanne & Sharon

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UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder to Parents

Opening Hours for Term 1, 2017
Monday: 2.30pm-3.30pm
Tuesday 8.15-9.30am
Thursday 2.30-3.30pm

If you require items from the Uniform Shop but are unable to get to the shop during opening hours, you can purchase uniform items through Munch Monitor or grab an order form from the board outside the Uniform Shop and leave the order & payment at the office. Hats and Swimming Caps are also available from the Tuckshop.

If you place an order on Munch Monitor it will be processed the next opening day of the Uniform Shop and sent to your child’s classroom. If you do not receive it within a week, please contact me at the Uniform Shop as we had a few issues with orders not coming through on Munch Monitor and will need to track it down manually.

Thank You,

Uniform Shop Convenor

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REMINDER

Parents/Carers

Please remember to update your child’s class on Munch Monitor to ensure they get their orders.

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TUCKSHOP NEWS

Don’t forget to update your child’s class on Munch Monitor
To ensure the order is delivered to the correct classroom.

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MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Students (Brass/Woodwind)

I’d like to give a special big welcome to all of our beginning instrumentalists and of course it’s excellent to see the students from 2016 returning again this year to become our Senior Band students.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Music Leaders for 2017—Tiffany Tyne, Angelina Jentz, Lauren Moran, Ella Rooks & Molly Smith.

Beginning Students
(for students new to their instrument this year)

Lessons will commence in Week 3 on Thursday 9 February.

Senior Band (for students continuing from 2016)

Senior Band rehearsals will commence on Thursday 16 February. All students continuing from 2016 will become the members of the Senior Band. Students should assemble in the large under-covered area and wait there until Mrs McInnes collects them at 7.50am.

Lessons will commence on Thursday 16 February.

ALL STUDENTS: MUSIC LEVY/INSTRUMENT HIRE LEVY

Payment for levies are due no later than Friday 3 March 2017.

Junior Choir
(Years 2/3) meets Monday during second break in the music room commencing Week 3.

Senior Choir
(Years 4, 5 & 6) meets Tuesday during second break in the music room commencing Week 3.
P & C NEWS

The P&C is a parent representative body, which stands for Parents & Citizens Association. The P&C is the voice of the parents. It is at P&C meetings that decisions affecting your child at school are made.

Being a part of the P&C is a great way for parents to be informed of what is happening at the school, influence school policy, have a say in the development of school activities, contribute to the school's resources through various fundraising projects and a chance to meet other parents.

The Raceview State School P&C meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6.30pm unless advised otherwise. We would love to see you there!

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

School Banking at Raceview State School is on EVERY THURSDAY

Here are our Future Saver Themed Rewards for 2017 (Cyber Handball & Colour Change Markers have been released in Term 1)

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school.

Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
CTRL+ Click on the link above to be directed to the information / application page. Find "OPEN NOW" to open a Youthsaver account, even if you are not a CBA customer. (Takes approx. 5 minutes with online ID available)

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

YEAR 6 SENIOR SHIRTS

To help commemorate your child’s last year of Primary School the P&C are offering

Year 6 Roll Shirts

featuring the full year 6 Student Roll on the back.

The cost of the shirts are $35.00 and notes and order forms have already been sent home.

Please fill in the permission slip and order form and return to the Tuckshop by Friday 17th February.

As this is a P&C initiative orders and payments MUST be sent to the Tuckshop (not the office) and are CASH ONLY.

(Please do not put the order form or permission slip inside the payment envelope).

Delivery expected early in Term 2.
RACEVIEW STATE SCHOOL

ECCO RIPLEY IS PROUDLY LENDING A HAND OF SUPPORT TO RACEVIEW STATE SCHOOL

YAMANTO
family practice
(Behind Priceline Pharmacy)

Kids Karate at Raceview SS
ENROLLING NOW
New students start on Tue 31st Jan

Convenient class times
Tuesday Afternoons
3:15pm, 4:00pm & 4:45pm
$9 per class for beginners
boys & girls 6 - 12 years old
beginner to black belt

How to enroll?
by phone
in person
on your first day before class

Since 2004 helping kids to unlock their potential through our fun and engaging martial arts classes.

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