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Junior School News

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It is good to go to school!

Jett Heffernan our School Captain (left) and Hayden Fellenberg, School Vice Captain welcomed some of our Prep boys on their first day of school. (L-R front row) Bill Johansen, James Jenkins, Will McAllister and Aarav Desai.

From the Head of Junior School

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I hope all families had some enjoyable and relaxing time together over the holiday season. The summer holiday has concluded and by the time you read this article, the school year is well underway. Teachers have been back at work on and off over the past three weeks preparing for the year ahead. However, the School has been relatively quiet during the holidays without the sound of children. It is good to have boys back at school this week, full of energy, noise and laughter!

We welcome 68 new boys to the Junior School for the start of the year, along with their parents. I extend my very best wishes to all boys, new or continuing, for a successful start to the academic year and trust that 2019 is most positive for all concerned.

Staff

One of the greatest strengths of the Junior School is the quality of the staff. We have wonderful teachers, teacher aides and administrative staff, all of whom enjoy working at Toowoomba Grammar School. Updated staff information is detailed below.

Mr Brendan Doherty has been appointed as Junior School Sportsmaster. Mr Doherty has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement Studies), majoring in physical education from the University of Queensland. Mr Doherty has taught for over 20 years and has experience in Australia and overseas. He initially taught PE in a number of State Schools in South East Queensland early in his career. He subsequently taught in Japan for a decade at the International School of the Sacred Heart in Tokyo, where he became Head of Sport and Head of Department (PE). Since returning to Australia with his wife and children, he has taught at Downlands College in a range of subjects, while coaching various sporting teams. Mr Doherty was educated at Downlands College as a student.

Mrs Samantha (Sam) Costello has been appointed as our new Learning Support Teacher (P - 6). Mrs Costello has a Bachelor of Education (Primary) from Australian Catholic University and a Masters of Education specialising in Autism from Griffith University. She has taught in both primary and secondary schools, with her previous appointment being at Clairvaux MacKillop College in Brisbane as a Learning Support teacher. Mrs Costello also acted as Head of Learning Support for a period of time last year.

Two of our class teachers, **Mrs Natalie Walker** and **Mrs Kathryn Stewart**, remain on maternity leave for 2019.

Miss Annabel Overell joins us as a Year 4 teacher on a one-year contract. Miss Overell holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of New England and was educated at Downlands College. Her teaching experiences include a number of schools in New South Wales as well as some international experience in Nepal and Uganda. As an undergraduate she gained practical experience at both Sydney Grammar School (a GPS School in New South Wales) and at Cranbrook, another large all-boys' school in Sydney. Miss Overell taught at St Joseph's Primary School in Wee Waa, New South Wales last year.

Mr Jordan Swinney has been appointed as a Year 3 teacher on a one-year contract. Mr Swinney holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of Southern Queensland and has teaching experiences both in Australia and overseas. Jordan previously taught at Dalby Christian College.

Mr Bailey Deacon has been appointed as a part-time teacher aide. Mr Deacon worked with us over the past two years as a School Based Trainee completing a Certificate 3 in Children's Services. Mr Deacon attended Toowoomba Grammar School and completed Year 12 last year.

In addition, several internal appointments have occurred as follows:

- **Mr Rob Jeffries** was appointed to the senior position of Head of Teaching and Learning following Mrs Heffernan's retirement. Mr Jeffries also teaches one of our Year 6 classes.
- **Mrs Amy Casey** was appointed as Co-ordinator of Years 4 to 6.
- **Mrs Kellie Dixon** now teaches music 5 days per week, which is an increase from 3 days per week, as a result of our other part-time music teacher, Mrs Davidson, accepting a promotional position at The Glennie School.
- **Miss Ellie McLiesh** had been appointed as Mackintosh Housemaster.
- **Mrs Jo Jones**, who has taught in a range of roles in the Junior School, is teaching 5L this term covering Mr Jamie Lee's long service leave.
- **Mrs Natalie Otto**, Director of Performance, will take on some ensemble and music teaching in the Junior School this year.

I wish Junior School staff all the very best for a successful and positive 2019.

School Traffic

Many parents will have noticed that the main driveway off Herries Street was widened during the holidays. This has made a noticeable change to entering and exiting our site between the Junior School and the Aquatic Centre. With the completion of the Glen McCracken Sports Centre last year, further traffic management in this vicinity has been examined and more information will be provided in the near future.

Facebook

The School's Facebook page is popular with many parents and contains photographs and articles about the School. The link to Facebook is on both the front page of this newsletter as well as in the body of this publication.

Parent / Teacher Information Evening (Friday 8 February)

Parent / Teacher Information Evening will be held on Friday 8 February, commencing at 6.00pm in the Junior School Hall. This will be followed by the start of year welcome function for staff and parents. Invitations were mailed home to parents earlier this month.

The energy and enthusiasm around the Junior School has been palpable this week, with boys and staff fully engaged in the excitement of a new school year. I look forward to a positive and rewarding first term for the boys and staff.

Regards

Scott Campbell
Head of Junior School

Life threatening allergies (nuts, bee stings, ant bites)

We have students with life threatening allergies to various things including nuts, bee stings and ant bites. For the parents of these boys, sending them to school each day is a life-altering experience, trusting the School to manage these circumstances very well and with significant care. Our management includes the following:

- Boys are not to share food with one another at school
- Parents are asked not to send their sons to school with peanut butter sandwiches or peanut based products or any other types of nuts.

As some boys can have an anaphylactic reaction via touch transfer or odour, should boys eat peanut butter toast for breakfast, they are expected to wash their hands before coming to school.

We appreciate the efforts parents make for the safety of these children.

From the Deputy Head of Junior School

Welcome to a new school year. I look forward to meeting all new boys and parents in the coming weeks. At this time of year it is important to ensure that your son has all his property labelled. This includes his school uniform and his classroom materials. Correct labelling will enable early recovery of such items if they become lost. The location of the lost property box is just outside the Staff Room. Your son will be reminded that presentation of his school uniform is also important. As stated in the Student Handbook, the school uniform is as follows: TGS 'Blues' - TGS shirt, shorts, socks (with garters), black leather shoes and TGS hat (Akubra - Year 4 to 6; Sports hat - Prep to Year 3).

Boys are expected to be ready for class by 8.25am and may be collected at 3.10pm. Staff will be on duty in the playground at 8.00am. The arrival of boys before 8.00am is not encouraged but if this occurs they must sit on the bench seats and stairs outside the Head of the Junior School's office until a staff member starts the morning duty. Staff will be on duty from 3.10pm to 3.30pm each day at the main Junior School drive-through area near the office and the Drop-Off area adjacent to Corfe Boarding House. Boys should be collected from the pick-up zones by the end of this duty otherwise they will be sent to After School Care.

Junior School Liaison Group

There will be a number of Year 12 students visiting classrooms during the DEAR session each day after lunch. It is an opportunity for the older boys to provide encouragement and support for the Junior School boys in their reading program. These Year 12 students have opted to do this in their own time and will assist with the reading programme in the classroom.

Mates Programme

The Mates Programme occurs several times each term and is based on the premise of having bigger and older boys supporting smaller and younger boys. The boys benefit from this programme each year with stronger relationships developing across our age groups. The following classes will work together in these sessions during the year:

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|--------|----|--------|----|
| Prep G | 6C | Prep M | 6J |
| 1M | 5W | 2G | 5L |
| 2W | 5S | 3H | 4O |
| 3S | 4B | | |

Nude Food Day

Nude Food Day will occur each Tuesday in the Junior School. The boys will be encouraged to bring to school food that is not prepacked for morning tea and lunch. There are two main reasons for implementing this idea. One is to promote healthy eating, good nutrition and limit the intake of processed foods. The other reason is environmental, where the amount of wrapping (paper/plastic) used is reduced. We hope that parents will continue to support this initiative. Food ideas include pieces of fruit and vegetables, salads, sandwiches, pasta, wraps and ham and cheese roll-ups.



Bill Johansen's lunch on his first day at school was a fine example of a nude food lunch.

Co-curricular Clubs

Co-curricular Clubs before and after school will commence in Week 3. You will be provided information regarding these clubs in the near future.

Mike Sharpe

Deputy Head of Junior School



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From Head of Teaching and Learning

As I am sure it has been written previously in this newsletter, how awesome it is to hear the school full of the noise of children. These are simply words, but gets to the true nature of why we love our jobs. I hope you and your family had a wonderful time over the holidays and your boys are feeling refreshed and excited for another great year at school. The teachers have spent many days over the holidays preparing in so many ways. They have put many hours into creating beautiful and stimulating physical environments, reviewing and writing their curriculum plans and developing their classroom structures to ensure that your sons are developing their independence, challenged, stimulated and supported to strive for their best again this year.

Independent learning is developed during class lessons and also when the boys complete homework tasks with minimal supervision. It is important that the boys acquire skills for doing school work at home from an early age because homework helps them to take responsibility for their work and develop personal management skills. The development of these skills requires teamwork by teachers, boys and parents. The following tips may help you and your son develop successful homework practices:

- Read the school homework policy. Clarify any points you don't understand by contacting your son's teacher.
- Ensure your son has written his homework accurately and clearly in his school diary.
- Sign the diary daily.
- Let the teacher know if tasks are taking longer than expected.
- Provide a quiet space away from distractions.
- Schedule a regular homework time.
- Take an active interest in homework tasks by asking questions, suggesting ways around a tricky problem and checking completed homework. Ask them: Are you proud of your efforts? Remember, getting the correct answer is only one important part of the journey, but many good habits and learning occurs with mistakes as well.
- Shared and independent reading should always be part of the homework schedule.

Homework requires a set of skills that are not directly taught by teachers or parents.

Rob Jeffries

Head of Teaching and Learning

Sports News

Welcome to sport at Toowoomba Grammar's Junior School for 2019. I am looking forward to a year full of excitement, effort, sportsmanship and achievements. This term is 10 weeks and we have GPS fixtures each week, Friday afternoon inter-school sport, class sport, gymnastics and two House Carnivals. Boys are encouraged to join the different co-curricular clubs that are available, especially fitness and cross country club for the older boys as they run in the cross country at the end of term.

Sport Administration

All sporting correspondence and information will be emailed out by Mrs Liz Pratt. If you have any sporting inquiries, please contact her on 4687 2555 or L.pratt@twgs.qld.edu.au. The School has developed a whole school sport website that will have information including all fixtures, training and bus times. More information regarding this site will be distributed shortly.

Swimming Carnival

Boys in Years 3 to 6 will compete in the House Swimming Carnival on Friday 8 February. The carnival begins at 8:30am and finishes at 12:30pm. A program will be sent out next week and we look forward to seeing a lot of parental support for the boys. A coffee van will be operating on the day. From the carnival we will select the Toowoomba Grammar School, Junior School Swimming Team for 2019. Boys who make this team will need to have the speedo style TGS swimming togs to compete in.

Learn to Swim Program: Prep - Year 3 (Week 2 - Week 10)

The Learn to Swim Programme will start on Tuesday 5 February. The boys in Prep - Year 3 will swim once a week throughout the Term. The boys are to wear their swimmers underneath their uniform. Please remember to pack a change of underwear and have all your son's items named.

Equipment: TGS Speedo Togs, TGS Towel, TGS swimming bag, House cap and goggles

Swimming Times:

Tuesday

| | |
|--------|-------------------|
| Prep M | 11:00am - 11:45am |
| 3S | 11:45am - 12:30pm |
| Prep G | 2:15pm - 3:00pm |

Wednesday

| | |
|----|-------------------|
| 1M | 11:00am - 11:45am |
| 3H | 11:45am - 12:30pm |
| 2G | 1:30pm - 2:15pm |
| 2W | 2:15pm - 3:00pm |

Sport Training Information

Boys in Year 4 - Year 6 will finish training on Wednesday afternoons at 3.00pm on various fields around the School. The boys will return to the Junior School with their coaches to be dismissed and can be collected either at the Junior School pick up area or at the Corfe House pick up area.

Term 1 Sport: Years 4, 5 and 6

Several sports will be available for the boys in Years 4, Year 5 and Year 6 in Term 1. Training will occur on Wednesday afternoon from 2.00pm - 3.00pm. Games will be played in the Toowoomba Primary School Competition on a Friday afternoon from 1.00pm - 3.00pm at various venues around Toowoomba in Softball, AFL and Tennis

Some boys in Year 5 and Year 6 will represent the Junior School in GPS Sport throughout the term in cricket. Trials will be held to select teams to represent the School. These teams will play in GPS arranged fixtures throughout the Term. Parents will be informed of the draw as soon as game times are confirmed each week.

Term 1 Sport: Year 2 and Year 3

Year 2 and Year 3 will participate in an 8 week gymnastics program at Allstars Gymnastics Toowoomba. These sessions will occur on a Friday afternoon.

Term 1 Sport: Prep and Year 1

The boys in Prep and Year 1 will do Class/Year level sport on a Friday afternoon. The teachers will play games using a variety of skills.

Cross Country Carnival

The Inter-House Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday 4 April. Boys will be doing some fitness in preparation for this in their Physical Education lessons. Cross Country training and Fitness Club will begin in Week 3. Parents of boys 10 years of age or older, please look at the distances below for your son/sons and encourage them to do a little extra running so they are ready for their event.

Distances

| | | | |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Under 5 | 500m | Under 6 | 500m |
| Under 7 | 750m | Under 8 | 1000m |
| Under 9 | 1500m | Under 10 | 2000m |
| Under 11 | 3000m | Under 12 | 3000m |

Darling Downs representative teams sign up

Please find attached a link to the Darling Downs Sport Calendar for 2019 for your convenience. [Darling Downs Sports Trials 2019](#).

If your son is interested in trialling for any of the sports listed on the calendar, please complete the attached form via the link found [here](#).

Please note that this is an expression of interest and does not automatically guarantee that your son will be selected to trial. All schools are restricted in the number of boys who can trial in a given sport, and a selection process may be implemented if required. Boys who are selected to trial will receive further paperwork before the trial.

The Junior School follows a series of guidelines to ensure the selection process is fair and transparent. Decisions will be made in conjunction with coaches and teachers but the final decision will be at the discretion of the Sportsmaster. Boys will be judged primarily using the following guidelines:

- A positive attitude. Someone who is willing to learn and grow;
- A committed approach to training;
- Requisite skills and experience in the sport.

Students may be relieved of their selection if they display behaviour at school that does not meet the standards expected. Swimming, cross country and track and field nominations will be selected from the internal carnivals held here at Toowoomba Grammar School.

Please feel free to contact me if you have you have any questions.

Wet Weather Notice

Please download the TGS App for your smartphone. If sport is to be cancelled we will send a push notice via the App to inform families. If you have any questions throughout the year please contact me by email b.doherty@twgs.qld.edu.au or by telephoning the Junior School Office on 4687 2555.

Brendan Doherty
Sportsmaster

Music News

Welcome back to 2019! I am looking forward to working with your son in both classroom music and the co-curricular music program. If you have any questions regarding the music program this year then please do not hesitate to contact me via email k.dixon@twgs.qld.edu.au

Instrumental tuition

If you would like to enrol your son in instrumental tuition you will need to complete the online "2019 Music Tuition Request Form" available through the parent portal, or you can use the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDoPVWxvp3pOnnmH_OANbkO-KPjxVCR-wJdwTq1K4LE-7_AQ/viewform. If you have any enquiries regarding instrumental music tuition or lesson times, please contact our Arts Assistant Mrs Jenny Bazley by phone on 4687 2542, or via email J.Bazley@twgs.qld.edu.au

Instrumental hire

If your son is hiring an instrument from the school this year and the paperwork has been completed, please collect the instrument from the music room.

Music Ensembles

All ensemble rehearsals will commence in Week 2, starting from Monday 4 February. A list of ensembles is in the table below. This morning a Music Muster was held in the Music Room where boys could come to ask questions, sign up for their chosen ensemble/s and find out more information. If your son did not attend and would like to join an ensemble he should email or speak to Mrs Dixon.

| | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Tribe (Years 4-6) | Monday 7.30am - 8.15am | Music Room | Mrs Dixon |
| Tribe Junior (Years 2-3) | Monday 3.15pm - 4.15pm | Music Room | Mrs Dixon |
| Percussion Ensemble | Tuesday 7.30am - 8.15am | Music Room | Mrs Dixon |
| String Ensemble | Tuesday 7.30am - 8.15am | Nesbitt Room | Ms Brix |
| Chamber Winds | Wednesday 7.30am - 8.15am | Music Room | Mrs Buchholz |
| Introductory String Ensemble | Wednesday 7.45am - 8.15am | Nesbitt Room | Ms Brix |
| Concert Band | Thursday 7.30am - 8.15am | Music Room | Mrs Dixon |
| Introductory Band (Term 2) | Thursday 7.30am - 8.15am | Music Room | Mrs Otto |
| Jazz Band | Friday 7.30am - 8.15am | Music Room | Mrs Otto |

Tribe and Tribe Junior

Tribe and Tribe Junior are choral ensembles open to all boys who enjoy music and singing. Tribe is for boys in Years 4-6, and Tribe Junior is open to all boys in Years 2 and 3. All boys who enjoy singing are encouraged to attend rehearsals, however, it is important to know that if your son joins this ensemble it is expected he shows commitment and attends all weekly rehearsals. Rehearsals will commence in Week 2 on Monday 4 February. Boys who are interested in joining Tribe or Tribe Junior should simply show up at the Music Room for our first scheduled rehearsal. Please email Mrs Dixon with any questions regarding Tribe or Tribe Junior.

Introductory Band

The Introductory Band will be conducted by Mrs Natalie Otto, our Director of Performance (P-12). This ensemble focuses on teaching the foundation skills of ensemble playing and is the training ensemble for Concert Band. Boys who have been taking individual lessons on an instrument for at least two terms are welcome to join this ensemble. Introductory Band rehearsals will commence in Term 2.

Concert Band

The Concert Band will be conducted by Mrs Kellie Dixon. This ensemble performs regularly both at school assemblies, academic ceremonies and at local performance opportunities. The Concert Band is designed for more advanced players who are taking individual lessons on their Brass or Woodwind instrument. Boys who take private lessons on Strings, Piano or percussion are also welcome to discuss joining the Concert Band as percussionists.

Chamber Wind Ensemble

The Chamber Wind Ensemble will be conducted by Mrs Melissa Buchholz. This is a small ensemble for flute and clarinet players who have been taking private lessons for a minimum of 12 months. The ensemble focuses on individual part playing and developing the woodwind tone as a small group.

Jazz Band

The Jazz Band will be conducted by Mrs Natalie Otto. The Jazz Band perform a variety of Jazz and Stage Band repertoire. Boys who have been learning the double bass, saxophone, and any brass instrument for a minimum of 12 months, and boys who have taken individual lessons on piano or drum-kit for at least two-three years are welcome to discuss joining the Jazz Band.

String Ensemble

The String Ensemble will be conducted by Ms Teresa Brix. String Ensemble is open to boys who have taking private lessons on their string instrument for a minimum of 12 months.

Percussion Ensemble

Percussion Ensemble will be conducted by Mrs Kellie Dixon. Boys who have piano lessons may like to consider joining, however, this is not a pre-requisite. Boys need to have a good sense of beat and rhythm and be willing to work hard during rehearsals and learn their part. Boys who enjoy performing on both tuned and untuned percussion are welcome to discuss joining this ensemble with Mrs Dixon. Percussion Ensemble welcomes new members, however, boys will join on a trial basis to prove they have the skills and ability to perform the repertoire.

Junior School Orchestra

The Junior School Orchestra program will run through terms 2 and 3 for a six week period leading up to the Toowoomba Eisteddfod. Further information regarding rehearsals will be sent home closer to the time of the program.

Year 2 Strings

If your son is in Year 2 this year he will be learning a string instrument and lessons will take place on Tuesdays. The Year 2 string program will be run by Ms Teresa Brix. A note with more details will be sent home in the coming week.

Year 4 Band

All boys in Year 4 will learn an instrument from either the woodwind, brass or percussion family this year. Lessons will take place on Thursdays. In Week 1 boys will be given the opportunity to try a variety of instruments so we can ascertain which instrument your son is best suited to. Instruments will be distributed at their lesson in Week 2. A note with further details will be sent home in the coming week.

Kellie Dixon

Music Teacher

Big Thinking Project

Over the past 5 years, the Junior School students have engaged in a program entitled, "Big Thinking Project". The program is targeted towards students who are creative, diverse thinkers; those willing to challenge themselves to achieve unique outcomes. Students are selected to attend the group based upon academic merit, academic diligence and by class teacher recommendations. Students are challenged to think beyond the expected and to generate unique products. The boys are encouraged to take time to ponder the possibilities and determine a course of action based upon evidence acquired through research. Boys are encouraged to create products for a real world audience.

It is important to note that inclusion in this program is fluid. Students attend on a semester by semester basis, depending on the focus area being investigated. Students are provided the opportunity to attend BTP for 1 hour per week. They are withdrawn from their regular classroom to attend with other boys from their Year level.

Student Wellbeing

A student's level of connectedness with and engagement at school, and his emotional wellbeing can significantly impact on academic achievement. Accordingly, the core focus of the Student Wellbeing Teacher is our students.

The aim of the Student Wellbeing service is to support students by:

- Being available to students to listen to their concerns and provide advice and guidance where appropriate
- Being available to listen to parents/ guardians and teachers' concerns about students overall wellbeing and provide advice and guidance where appropriate
- Being an advocate for students' needs with staff and parents
- Being a conduit for accessing other professional services when required
- Support occurs by way of one-on-one sessions or in small groups. Teachers may be provided with strategies to support boys within the class environment.

The types of issues that may be addressed include:

- bullying and harassment
- peer relationships and conflict resolution
- self-esteem and self confidence
- behaviour management
- stress management
- grief and loss
- anxiety

In addition, screening assessments may be conducted for issues such as dyslexia and general language abilities.

Students may be referred by the Head of Junior School, by their class teacher or by the Special Needs Committee. Students are also able to make an appointment through their class teacher, parents or via email.

The Student Wellbeing Teacher is not a qualified counsellor and does not provide counselling. The Student Wellbeing Teacher will inform parents/ guardians when additional support is necessary and suggest the most appropriate services. The Student Wellbeing Teacher is available for anyone in our school community who may require support.



Lucy MacFarlane
Student Wellbeing and Academic Extension Teacher

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Junior School Supporters' Group

Parents and Friends' Association and Junior School Supporters' Group meeting dates:

Term 1

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|--------|---------------------|---------|--|
| 6.00pm | Tuesday 2 February | Week 2B | Parents and Friends' and Supporters' Group Welcome and Meeting, Pavilion |
| 6.00pm | Monday 18 February | Week 4B | Junior School Supporters' Group Meeting, J1 |
| 7.00pm | Tuesday 26 February | Week 6B | Parents and Friends' Association Meeting, Pavilion |
| 6.00pm | Monday 18 March | Week 8B | Junior School Supporters' Group Meeting, J1 |

Happy New Year! Gosh who can believe we are at the start of another school year and in fact finishing off our first week already. My name is Bliss Bierhoff and I am the President of the Junior Supporters' Group for 2019. This year our committee will comprise of myself, Melissa Buckley returning as Vice President, Kim Brown as Treasurer and Lyn Paton as Secretary. I thank these women for agreeing to continue with these roles in 2019.

The Junior School Supporters' Group is one of many Supporters' Groups that fall under the Governance of the TGS P and F. Our role is to raise funds that are used within the Junior School and hopefully create some social connections for parents along the way. This may be done through volunteering or attending one of the functions throughout the year. There is no job too small when it comes to volunteering! Any help is appreciated and jobs will be posted on the Junior School Supporters' Group Facebook Page, as well as being sent out via email.

The U9-U12 Swimming Carnival that is scheduled for Friday 8 February will be our first official fundraiser. Baked goods can be dropped at the Aquatic Centre from 8.30am. Though more information is to come please remember that all baking must be nut free and remember to name your containers. A coffee van will also be in attendance! For what is cake without coffee?

We also have our Ladies' Soirée on 2 March at Impressions on Scott. This is a great opportunity to relax without the kids around and get to know the other Junior School mums.

Our first meeting for the year will be held in J1 on Monday 18 February starting at 6.00pm. Feel free to come along and see what we do. Everyone is welcome.

Biss Bierhoff
President, Junior School Supporters' Group

After School Care

Welcome to 2019! I hope everyone has had a great Christmas and an even better New Year. In the next two weeks we are going to be doing lots of fun and exciting crafts, sports and activities. We will be starting off the New Year by making an updated birthday chart, this will allow us to plan yummy treats when the boys are in on their birthdays. We have programmed a variety of different outdoor games including night at the museum, red light green light and cricket. The fun doesn't stop there, inside we will be doing cooking activities, painting as well as Lego, Mobilo, chess and Guess Who. I look forward to seeing lots of new faces this year, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to come in and see us in J2.

What to do if your child is absent from After School Care?

Please remember parents if your child/ren are going to be absent from the service or have gone home sick please call us on 0421 570 461 or notify the customer experience team.

Service Fees and Times

| Service | Opening Hours | Full Fee | Out of Pocket | Casual Booking |
|------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|----------------|
| After Care | 3:00pm - 6:00pm | \$55.00 | \$10.54 - \$27.50 | Add \$5.00 |

Interested in After School Care with Camp Australia?

Visit the website <https://www.campastralia.com.au> or call our customer service team on 1300 105 343.

I hope you all have a fantastic week!

Rhiannon Newman
Coordinator



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TERM DATES - 2019

SEMESTER ONE - TERM ONE

JANUARY

Saturday 26 January
Monday 28 January
Tuesday 29 January
Wednesday 30 January

Australia Day
Australia Day Public Holiday
Interviews with new boys
Classes commence

MARCH

Thursday 28 March

Toowoomba Show Holiday

APRIL

Thursday 4 April
Friday 19

Holidays commence at 3:10pm
April Good Friday

TERM TWO

APRIL

Monday 22 April
Wednesday 24
Thursday 25 April

Easter Monday
April Classes commence
ANZAC Day

MAY

Monday 6 May

Labour Day Public Holiday

JUNE

Thursday 20 June

Holidays commence at 3:10pm

SEMESTER TWO - TERM THREE

JULY

Monday 15 July
Tuesday 16 July

Parent Teacher Interviews (Boarders & Dayboys)
Classes commence

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 19 September

Holidays commence at 3:10pm

TERM FOUR

OCTOBER

Monday 7 October
Wednesday 9 October

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Classes commence

NOVEMBER

Thursday 28 November
Thursdsay 28 November

Speech Day
Holidays commence at 10.30am

| Junior School Two Weeks Ahead Week 2B | |
|--|--|
| Monday 4 February | Year 4 Laptop Induction, 9.25am - 10.25am |
| Tuesday 5 February | Combined P and F and Supporters' Group meeting, Jacaranda Room, 6.00pm |
| Wednesday 6 February | Swimming Carnival pre meeting regarding rules, breaks, stroke finish and touch and relay rules, Junior School Hall, 8.25am |
| | Staff Meeting, 3.30pm - 5.00pm |
| Thursday 7 February | Blazer Uniform |
| | Photo day - individual photos |
| | House Meetings (Swimming Carnival), 1.35pm |
| | Assembly (School Leaders' Induction, no classes presenting), 2.10pm |
| Friday 8 February | Junior School U9 - U12 Swimming Carnival, P.B Hauser Aquatic Centre, 8.30am - 12.30pm |
| | Junior School Parent - Teacher Information Evening, Junior School Hall / Classrooms, 6.00pm - 7.00pm |
| | Junior School Staff and Parents' Welcome Function, Junior School Hall, 7.00pm - 9.00pm |
| Saturday 9 February | GPS Cricket (BYE), possibly internal games TBA |
| Sunday 10 February | |
| Week 3A | |
| Monday 11 February | Clubs commence this week |
| Tuesday 12 February | ACER Scholarship practice session, J1, 8.00am |
| Wednesday 13 February | Staff meeting, 3.30pm - 5.00pm |
| Thursday 14 February | Newsletter |
| | ACER Scholarship practice session, J1, 8.00am |
| | Year 6 study skills session, 8.25am - 10.25am |
| | Assembly, 2.10pm |
| Friday 15 February | |
| Saturday 16 February | GPS Cricket vs IGS (Year 6 home and Year 5 away) |
| Sunday 17 February | |

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