



# Picnic Creek

## STATE SCHOOL

18 April 2018

Dear Picnic Creek families

Welcome back to school, a special welcome to the new families who have joined us this term. Hoping that everyone had a great break and enjoyed the Commonwealth Games. It was exciting to see Kelsey Cottrell win gold in the lawn bowls. Kelsey spent time at Picnic Creek last term with the Year 5 and 6 students sharing her experiences and skills with us.

Term Two has started well with students settling quickly into the routines of learning. We have new staff who have joined the team which has allowed us to reduce class sizes in several year levels.

Welcome to Amanda Vasil who has joined the Year 1 classroom. Amanda has come from Gaven State School and will work co-operatively with Chantelle Eaton and our 36 Year 1 students.

Bek Sheather who worked at Picnic Creek during Term One will teach a Year 3/4 class. Parents of students who are making up the new class were sent an email at the end of last term. At this stage there will be 18 students in the new class. Both Year 3A and 4A will have approximately 21 students per class.

We will be offering Dance to all classes as specialist lesson in Term Two, Logan Swain will teach Dance on a Thursday and Friday.

Welcome also to Tegan Maloney from Oxenford State School who will work with Year 1 on a Thursday and Year 4 on a Friday. Julie Buckley also from Oxenford State School will work with Year 3 on a Friday.

The first few weeks of the term sees several events happening, we hope that parents and families can join in with:

**Parent Teacher interviews** - interviews are being held this week and next giving parents an opportunity to check in on how your child has settled into their class and how they are academically progressing. These interviews are extremely valuable, all parents who did not book an interview time before the holidays are asked to please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange an interview time.

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**Cross Country** – we are aiming to run the cross country this Friday, 20 April. Please find attached the timetable for each year level/age group. The Fun Run/Colour Run is planned for Friday 4 May in the afternoon. A huge thanks to our school community who raised over \$10 000 for this fundraiser – a truly amazing effort. The attached cross country information sheet also explains how to claim individual prizes.



**ANZAC Day** – everyone is invited to attend our school ANZAC assembly on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am in the Hall. Our school will take part in the Upper Coomera ANZAC Day march on 25<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to join us for the march please meet at the School of Arts on Reserve Road at 8.30am. Students need to wear their formal uniform including school hat and black shoes. Poppies are on sale at school from 8 – 8.30am on Friday, Monday and Tuesday morning from the Hall window.

**Other date claimers:**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** Sign up for Student School Banking Day from 7.45am in the Hall foyer, if you are creating a new student account please bring ID

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** P and C Meeting, staffroom starting at 6pm

**Reminders:**

All students are expected to wear the Picnic Creek State School uniform as per the Uniform Policy. A reminder that our policy states white socks and completely black shoes including the laces. There are now winter items in the uniform shop so coloured jumpers are no longer an option. If families require support with school uniform items please contact the office.

The canteen is open every week on a Wednesday and Friday, please see our new menu attached to this email.

Details of school events and celebrations are shared on our official school website and our Facebook page. These are our two major forms of communication so please sign up.

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Kind regards

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