Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back for a great 2017!

It has been lovely this week catching up with our families and students and finding out all the exciting things everyone got up to during our break. We welcome our new Reception students and their families as they begin their school journey with us.

This year’s teaching staff are:
- Reception Kaela Knox
- Reception/Year 1 Christina Hooper/Rikki Beacham
- Year 1/Year 2 Karen Plisko
- Year 2/Year 3 Tracey Hillier
- Year 3 Andrew Grant
- Year 4/ Year 5 Steven Webster
- Year 5/Year 6 Steph Wilson
- Year 6/Year 7 Fiona Starr
- P.E. - Caitlin Broadbent/Sam Watson
- Science - Caitlin Broadbent
- Spanish - Andrea Clarke

Our Leadership Team consists of Deb Harwood (Deputy Principal), Mandy Hackett (Deputy Principal), Sam Watson (School Counsellor) and myself as Principal. We also welcome Lisa Pinder as our new Business Manager.

This year we shall be selling second hand uniforms for a gold coin donation. These will be available from Lisa in the Finance Office attached to the library. If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of and you would like to donate to the second hand supply, please hand in to either Lisa or Karen at the front office.

Can I remind parents that the car park is out of bounds to both non-staff cars and students. We have huge concerns with the amount of students walking through the car park with reversing cars and vans. You will notice the police will be patrolling outside of school on a regular basis this year. They are concerned by the amount of people parking up then doing ‘u’ turns around children; again this is a safety issue. It is much safer to drive to the roundabout and use that. I thank you for help in keeping our students safe.

My last reminder is about skateboards and bikes. These are not to be used on school property so we ask that if you do not ride or skate to school then please leave your bikes and boards at home.

Debbie Grzeczkowski
Welcome to our School

Students who have transferred from other schools or interstate

Alex B
Harrison H
Harry J
Huni T
Jasmine H
Jasmine S
Kiera F
Lilly-Arna F

Lyric P
Phoebe J
Samantha L
Yvette H

Starting school for the very first time we also welcome Reception students

Alex K
Asja W
Austin T
Belle S
Calum D
Catherine H
Destiny B
Haley C
Indie P
Jack T
Jaii M
James N

Kassidy G
Lachlan B
Madison M
Max K
Patience L
Phoebe W
Saxon S
Shia A
Summer L
Zarah T
Zeek G
Zharlia M

Sold in the front office every Tuesday lunch time during the warmer weather.

Materials & Services Charges 2017

The Materials & Services charges for 2017 have been approved and set by Governing Council at $231, which is the legally recoverable amount approved by DECD.

Your child will be receiving a tax invoice relating to school fees for this school year, also a 2017 School Card Form.

Full payment needs to be received by the end of term 1, if a payment plan is required please see Lisa Pinder to make arrangements. EFTPOS facilities are available in the front office.

School Card 2017

Forms for 2017 must be completed and by Friday 10th March

School Card Forms MUST be filled out every year

These need to be completed and returned to the Front Office. All forms are available from the Front Office. If you need assistance in completing this form please see Lisa or Karen asap.

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Governing Council AGM

Annual General Meeting for Governing Council will be held in Week 3, on Monday 13th February 2017, at 3.30 in the Staff Room.

If you wish to be part of Governing Council and take part in the decision making of our School, please, put your name forward. If you are unable to attend please leave your name with any existing Governing Council member or the Front Office.

Everyone welcome to join. New members will be required to have a current Police Clearance.

School Polo Tops Misprint

There is a misprint in the Students Diary this year in regards to the price of the polo tops.

Polo tops are $20.50 and not $15.00 as printed in the diary.

We apologise for any confusion that this may have caused.

Who’s In Charge?
Term 1, 2017

A 7 session course for those struggling with children or adolescents that use violence and abuse towards them and other family members.

Parenting strategies for coping with difficult situations and behaviours!

Week 1: Monday 13 February
Week 2: Monday 20 February
Week 3: Monday 27 February
Week 4: Monday 6 March
Week 5: Monday 13 March
Week 6: Monday 20 March
Week 7: Monday 27 March

Times: 10.00am – 12.00pm  Morning Tea provided

Junction Australia www.junctionaustralia.org.au
at
Community Connections Hackham
Address: 72 Collins Parade, Hackham, 5163
Facilitator: Shelia Davidson
Bookings and enquiries to: Junction Australia Reception
Phone: 8392 3000

Parents are not the problem but part of the solution...
**Reminders**

- Shoes need to be sturdy and protect the feet.
- Jewellery (other than sleepers and watches), make up and tattoos are not acceptable.
- **Drop Off Zone** on Galloway Road needs to be used only for dropping students off or picking them up – **Please do not park in this area**.
- A reminder to all families that for the safety of all children, you may not park in the staff car park when dropping off or picking up children. Please respect this and avoid any unnecessary embarrassment. The staff car park is strictly for staff cars and should not be used as a walkway. Thank you for your cooperation. The school’s car park is **not** to be used for dropping students off as it is unsafe to do so.
- Dogs are not permitted on any DECD school site unless they are approved assistance dogs.
- **Hats and Uniforms** - in Terms 1, 2 and 4, all students need to wear a navy broad brimmed or bucket hat in the yard and during outside activities such as fitness and PE.
  
  Hats are available from the front office for $7.50 each.
  
  School polo shirts are available at the front office for $20.50 each.
  
  As these are compulsory for the easy identification and safety of our students, all students must wear one. School dresses and navy shorts (shorts should be knee length) are acceptable for girls, as are navy track pants and shorts for both girls and boys. Navy bottoms can also include dark denim that is presentable (no tears, holes) and must be knee length. School jumpers are also available for purchase at the front office.
- Adults coming into the school need to enter through the Front Office and record their name in the Visitors Book.

All of the above are to help keep our students safe and maintain the values we have as a community.

**Medication**

**Health Care Plans and Medications for 2017.**

We will require new medical plans for any child whose plan was not updated in 2016. Plans need to be updated every 12 months or sooner if there are any changes to medication or dosage.

**In regards to medication taken at school DECD policy requires:**

Medication Authority is completed by an Authorised health care professional.

Medication is to be provided in its original packaging with the label from the pharmacy.

Medication is to be within its expiry date.

A maximum of one week’s supply provided, unless a long term care arrangement has been negotiated with the school.

Asthma puffers can be kept in the child’s bag – but we must have medical plan and a medication authority for them to be able to use it at school.

When used they must be supervised and it must be recorded.

If your child is on a new medication they are not allowed to be at school for 24 hours after the first dose. They need to be monitored at home in case they have an allergic reaction.

We appreciate your understanding and support in providing the appropriate care to our students.