February 6th 2016

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From the Principal:

As was the School’s practice in 2016 we will be implementing the *You Can Do It* (YCDI) program this year.

YCDI’s mission is to strengthen the five social and emotional skills and values (the “5 Keys”) which all children need to manage for their own learning, behaviour and emotional well-being including: Confidence (work, social), Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. Unique among educational programs, YCDI emphasises the importance of teaching children different “Ways of Thinking” that help them to develop in each of these five areas.

For week two at school the focus was on **Confidence**.

Confidence requires that young people not be overly concerned with what others think if they make a mistake. Confidence is revealed when young people are not afraid to fail and are happy to meet someone new. Confidence involves young people having trust in themselves and believing that they will probably be successful in the end. Confident young people stand up straight, look people in the eye, and speak clearly and with a firm tone of voice.

The school rules that the teachers have been focussing on are Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Safe. In week 3 the focus will be on ‘Be Safe’.

Please find in today’s newsletter a note from the current President of our school Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) welcoming parents back for the 2017 school year. The P&C is a very important part of our school and works very hard to support the work of Teachers.

With the extended spell of very hot weather conditions just a reminder to parents to continue to send along a water bottle with their child to ensure that they are drinking water regularly throughout the day. It is also important that students always are at school with a ‘broad brimmed’ hat to provide the best cover for children’s sensitive skin.

As the new term unfolds I would encourage all parents either new to the school or continuing from 2016 to set up open lines of communication with their Child’s Teacher as the best outcomes are achieved when that relationship is strong.

**Regards**

*Peter McGill*
Principal

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‘Where Learning is Real Life’
**Student of the Week:**
Jack W for confidently settling in well to MLG.

Jasmine P for confidently settling into her new school.

Mitchell L has been a helpful friend during break times to other students.

Zachariah M for confidently becoming a new member of the school community and making new friends.

Christian A for confidently becoming a new member of the school community and making new friends.

Hanh T for working independently in the classroom. Well done Hanh!

Mohamed K for confidently singing the days of the week. Well done!

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**UNIFORM HOURS**
**In the Office**
Monday to Thursday 9am to 11am

**Date:** Thursday February 23rd
**Time:** 7pm - 9pm (Please arrive ready to start the meeting at 7pm)
**Venue:** St Matthew’s Church Hall (cnr. Oxley and Sherwood Rds. Sherwood)
**Speaker:** Ms Angela Stevenson - Advisory Visiting Teacher
**Topic:** “Navigating the School System”
**Cost:** $5 per person / couple

Angela established and ran our support group for 12 years and has a wealth of experience with regards to children on the ASD spectrum. As an AVT, Angela has insight into getting the best out of our primary schools and transition into high school. We look forward to hearing the latest developments with regards to helping our children within the school system. We look forward to seeing you.

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**MYTIME**

On Wednesday 15th February we will be having a guest speaker who is a psychologist working at Carers Connection. She will be speaking on self-care, parenting and relationships.

I’m sure the information she will be able to provide parents will be most beneficial.

If you would like to come and join us, we will be meeting in F Block (seniors) commencing at 9.30am until 11.30am (morning tea included).

For parents not familiar with our My Time - It is for parents/carers who are eligible to receive Carers Allowance. Our parents are there to support each other and are always passing on information that they have found useful. There is no cost to parents, and we meet every second Wednesday morning. Information about future activities will always be in the school newsletter but if you would like to be on our emailing list, to be sure you don’t miss out on future activities, please forward your information to me at school.

I look forward to seeing you on the 15th

Robyn Drury
Parent Liaison Officer

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Kind regards
Jane Leonforte
ASA Group Coordinator
0448 909 863

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‘Where Learning is Real Life’
P&C News Term 1, 2017.

Welcome back to our returning families and a very warm welcome to all of our new families. Each year we seem to say the same things, but they are none the less true...... how we have grown and changed.
While the most obvious differences are the new faces appearing across the school, there is a major change to who we are.
After a detailed consultative process, we have now become an Independent Public School.
I am not going to embarrass myself by attempting to explain this. I will leave that to Peter, but I would welcome everyone to come to our next P&C meeting, scheduled for 21st February, at 7.30pm.
Our meetings are far from formal or stuffy and we are genuine in our invitation to every parent / grandparent / carer, existing families or those new to our community.
The P&C is a wonderful way to meet other families, learn about what is happening in our school and very importantly share your opinions about what you would like to see happen in the future.

My name is Trudi Mathews and I am not only a teacher at our school, but I am also the parent of a graduate. I am always available to anyone to either answer questions or direct you to someone who can help you.
So please, if you can’t come on the evening, do call me at school, leave a number and I will get back to you. Otherwise, we look forward to having you join us on Tuesday 21st Feb and I can promise you, there won’t be any pressure to assume roles within the committee, but you will be encouraged to have your voice heard.
Happy New Year and hope to see or hear from you soon. Trudi

P&C Meeting
Tuesday February 21st
Admin office at 7.30pm

Come along and here what becoming an independent Public School means.

We look forward to seeing you.

‘Where Learning is Real Life’
**February 6th 2016**

**DOG BISCUITS ORDER FORM**

Email: the.principal@westernsuburbsspecs.eq.edu.au

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**SALAD BOX - NO Bread**

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Name: __________________________
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**Orders to be RETURNED no later than THURSDAY with $$$$**