From the Principal

Welcome back to all of our returning students and families and a very warm welcome to our new families.

How exciting was our first day? The students started arriving early, some very as they couldn’t wait. I heard so many stories of little ones who were up and dressed and ready to go, some as early as 5:00am. I have to admit to being a bit excited and cutting my normal routine short so that I could be here, bright and early!

The year may bring with it many challenges - a new teacher, for some a new school, perhaps some unfamiliar faces or a friend from last year who is now in a different class? We will all need to establish new relationships ... teacher-student relationships; teacher-parent relationships and even new friendship relationships amongst peers. This extends to not just the students but the parents and the relationships they form as a community.

If each of the students remain motivated then they will achieve their goals with the support of parents, families and school staff. Challenges will extend to new academic skills that need to be developed; boundaries that need to be stretched and interpersonal skills that will continue to develop as we welcome in each new day. We must teach the students the importance of self-motivation and the preparedness to help themselves and take advantage of the fantastic educational opportunities that are offered.

“Don’t limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, you can achieve” – Mary Kay Ash.

Teachers will be hosting Information sessions next week, to introduce themselves and the routines and practices of their class. If you’re unable to make it, please make contact with your homeroom teacher to have a chat.

- Years 3-6: Tuesday 31 January @ 8:00am (Year 6 room – initially)
- Prep-Year 2: Wednesday 1 Feb @ 8:15am (individual class rooms)

As always, this year the Parents and Citizens Association will continue to tirelessly take action to help raise funds for the students of Currumbin Valley State School. The first meeting of the P&C will be held next Tuesday 31 January @ 8:00am (LOTE room). The AGM date will be confirmed at this meeting.

Let’s work together to make each and every day a meaningful, productive and happy one for each of the students and the community.
What is anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of an allergic reaction and is life threatening. Rates of anaphylaxis are not well documented, but are estimated at approximately 10 in every 1000 school children. Allergic reactions are common. They happen when the immune system reacts to something in the environment that is normally harmless, e.g. food proteins, pollens or dust mites. They can be triggered by an allergen coming into contact with the skin, eyes, nose, lungs, stomach or bowel. Many allergic reactions are mild, but some can be severe and even life threatening. The most common causes of allergy in children are eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, cow’s milk, soy, wheat, fish and shellfish.

This year we have another young person who has a severe allergy to eggs and nuts.

Please consider NOT packing or including these items in your child’s lunch boxes. In addition, let’s reinforce practicing hygiene and washing hands after eating, particularly if your child has eaten an item which contains egg or nuts.

I know that if you were in this situation, you’d appreciate the support and flexibility of other families, just as I know this family appreciates yours to keep their child safe.

Communication methods...

We utilise many forms of communication: face to face; phone; email; website; Facebook; text messaging.

It is now compulsory for schools to implement a same-day notification process. As such we have engaged a new SMS system which goes live today.

If your child is absent at the time of having the class roll marked, and we haven’t received notification from you, the primary contact will receive a text message notifying them of their child’s absence and seeking a reason for.

Please remember to call the school on 07 5507 1333 or email admin@currvallss.eq.edu.au early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child’s absence can be recorded correctly.

FaceBook – have you liked our page? An easy way to see what’s going on day-to-day.

Text Messaging – the new system goes live today; so did you receive a text message from me? It will be sent to the primary contact on the enrolment form... you may have to update your details!

Email – we are reducing our ecological footprint and limiting our paper output. Newsletters, permission notes, attachments are all emailed. Are you receiving and reading yours?

Student resource scheme

Have you opted in or out? Every family MUST make a choice to participate or not in the scheme and return their form and payment.

Please organize to do this as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Are you interested in your child (Year 1 – 6) learning an instrument? The school works with a private instrumental teacher to provide this opportunity. Information about Mr. Luke is attached to the newsletter. Mr Luke will be working on Monday/Tuesday/Thursday.

• Or maybe your child is a budding vocalist. Mrs Kacey (parent and friend) is a trained vocalist and offers singing tuition to students. Information is available from the front office.

• Parent Group Fitness – available after 9:00am twice a week. Stop making excuses and make a commitment today. Flyer attached.