

Child Side Update Term 1 Feb

Welcome to 2017... Welcome back to our whole community after a long break from school routine and rhythms. We will gently ease our way back into group living and learning and readjust to the shape of the day and the week. Please remember that **WEDNESDAYS** are **early close days at 2pm** and have a different shape of the day to engage with the spectrum of the curriculum areas. Welcome to our new families and to our continually changing learning spaces.

Welcome to our new EAC Early Adolescent Cluster for Years 7-10 (currently to year 9 for 2017) and our new staff members Kate Heaslip- Big Picture Advisory educator and Vanessa Yeoman- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) educator role. We have prepared a draft EAC Handbook for **any** interested families to read, which is a *work in progress* adapting as the cluster grows into its role and fulfils its own shoes. The handbook has been a 'holiday' job and will evolve. Karron will still run the administration office from inside the EAC, however to minimise disruptions to the EAC working day we ask all families to be mindful of readily distractible young adolescent learners and their work space. Please continue to access office from rear door (ECC end).

Summer Reminder:



Please note hats (broad-brim and labelled), water bottles, running shoes for fitness (**WEDNESDAYS**) are essential **DAILY** work tools for **everyone** at school. A spare set of clothes (essential for the Early Childhood Cluster ECC) is also needed as the outdoor learning environment is utilised daily. Please LABEL hats and water bottles (ECC, MCC and EAC) so we can return to owners when left around, which happens on Wednesdays when children work around whole school. All children across ECC, MCC and EAC need a school bag, a water bottle and hat/shoes on a daily basis. Spare clothes encouraged to change into to keep ALL classrooms clean after outdoor learning. It is essential for ECC learners to have **spare clothes in bags** 'just in case' of toileting accidents even if they rarely happen at home. This is a family responsibility.

Community Support and Engagement: "Education (and resiliency) is everyone's business" so we welcome parents and extended families as 'Living Books' that staff can loan to share real life experiences of work, travel, growing up, skills, passions and knowledge that can never make an impact if just read from a book/screen. We make opportunities for learners to connect life to text (academic studies and curriculum requirements) and text to life. This approach to learning is our point of difference. Living books make learning real. Please see Karron and educators to offer yourselves up for 'loan'.

We rely upon and operate best as a 'village to raise children well together' through much goodwill and trust. As a community we all consciously try to **demonstrate 'Choose respect'; "Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Creative"** approach and look out for each other (especially staff who commit and dedicate so much of themselves personally over and above professional requirements) and each other's children. We all refresh ourselves and the children's community with the **Child Side Code of Conduct** (on our website and in your Parent Pack) at the start of every year and actively keep constructive, conscious and considerate of each other in a community work setting. Thank you for 'talking and walking' your children through this at home frequently too to unpack respectful working relationships and shared responsibility for shared spaces. Please be mindful of our **Communication Policy** and **flow (core educators always first point of contact rather than other families, other support staff and other parents/children)** encourage your child to be proactive in being part of any solution. **Please be aware where your young child/siblings are at all times especially with the**

HUB building upgrades in progress.



Mountain Bike programme for Year 3+ MCC **this** term from **week 2**. Focus is on skills, endurance, resilience and confidence. The progress children have made over time is phenomenal. **Please make sure bikes are in working order and that helmets and closed in shoes come along too.** Bikes and helmets can stay at school, locked in HUB. AJ is an accredited Bike Skills coach and will continue to volunteer his time weekly. The car park will be used for skill sessions on set days and blocked off.

Important Dates

Please check website and whiteboard outside the middle building.

Wednesday Early Close 2pm for Staff dialogues and family

LTDs: Please see Karron to book a time for an LTD (learning team debriefs- staff, family, child) if required. Please be prompt!!!

On-Going: Washing: We *rely on family goodwill to volunteer* to grab a load of kitchen washing and hand towels. Toni organises a roster down the ECC end (see whiteboard ECC end). Please see Lisa about the MCC washing and Kate/Vanessa for EAC.

Term 1- Kitchen garden

infrastructure upgrade. Any 'tradie' skills very welcome on Fridays to teach skills whilst building the garden upgrade. See Clair Bedford and Chad Ternent on Fridays. Active hands on parents are an enormous teaching resource.

No HAT NO Outdoor time! Please remind ALL ages daily to bring and/or keep a labelled hat at school. Often children leave them in the car. This is significant issue and impacts on children and staff to manage. Sun Safety is an active part of being Kind and Safe to one's self and 'future thinking' for health.

Shoulders need to be covered too for BOTH genders. EAC will be working outdoors on Fridays.

