From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Well we are at the end of another very busy week! The heat and the lack of rain seem to be adding another layer of frustration to our lives, so we can only hope that the forecast of rain is accurate.

On Tuesday evening we had a bus meeting and there are too many students travelling on the first bus run in the morning and the late bus in the afternoon. These bus runs are supposed to be for high school students. I understand this puts pressure on parents who have both primary and secondary students to do two bus runs. However we would appreciate your support in minimising the use of these runs, if it can be avoided. Students have to share seats at times up to three on a seat or stand and this is a safety issue.

Another reminder to all about the P&C AGM on Tuesday, please remember to fill in and return your P&C Membership Forms as well as Committee Nominations. The P&C will be making some important decisions around uniforms and use of funds this year, so in order to vote you need to be a member.

Our Leadership focus for this week is kindness. I have been very impressed by the kindness our older students show towards their younger peers in the P-3 class. At morning fitness and play breaks they will encourage the younger ones to have a go, explain the rules and show them what to do. However we are not so good when it comes to our peers. Success at any cost seems to override tolerance and compassion and everything becomes overly competitive. I am not against competitiveness but there has to be a level playing field and an understanding that we may not always win. We have spoken to the aspiring leaders about how it is almost impossible to have a fair game at play break given the differences in age, ability and lack of lines, umpire etc. This is where we have a choice to join in and accept we may not win or find something else to do. It seems we need to do more work on acceptance. With this in mind we would appreciate your support in helping your children look at things in perspective.

As some of you may have heard all schools have been given some additional funding to improve literacy in the early years with the intent to lift the levels of achievement in Naplan. I will be sharing how these funds will be spent at the P & C Meeting next week.

We have tuckshop volunteers for this week and next however we still need a helper for the following week. If anyone is able to assist with cooking on Friday 7th March it will be very much appreciated. If we cannot find someone we will have to change that week to pies and sausage rolls.

Have a great week.

Laura Watson
Principal

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Mrs Lynn-Marie Cremasco   Mrs Marguerite Walsh   Mrs Marie Gould   Cleaner: Mrs Karen Mauch
Administration & Finance Officer: Mrs Judith O’Shea   Grounds care: Mr John Watson
**What's Cooking**

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**Warwick Wolves Youth Soccer Development Program**

This is a 7 week program for 10 to 15 year old footballers that would like to learn more, become better players and get a head start on the season ahead.

For more info you can call Peter Darton on 0427498478

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**Killarney / Yangan Catholic Sacramental Program**

Any parents with a child in year 4 or higher who are interested in participating in this year’s Program are invited to contact Anne Maree Kelly on 46644145 or 0487011868 evenings by Friday 7th March.

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**Freestone Playgroup—Freestone State School**

Freestone Playgroup meets from 9 to 11 am with the session involving free play, organized craft activity and a music session. Please bring a healthy morning tea to share with others. We welcome all our new school families with little ones to come and meet some local mums.

Cost is only $2 per week plus Insurance $35 family for the full year.

If you need more information contact Leesa on 4612739 or 0419741264

The Playgroup will be back at the school on the 12th, 19th and 26th February before our next excursion on the 5th March.

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**FREESTONE HALL MEETING**

ALL WELCOME

on SUNDAY 2nd MARCH

at 7:30pm

Come to the Freestone Hall—the hub of our rural community. Coffee / tea and a chat to follow. *This is NOT the annual meeting*

Call John Payne for more info on 0408660654

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**P&C Association—Reminder**

If you really wish to have a say on anything the P&C does or spends its funds on, you must be a member.

Everyone is more that welcome to attend meetings and help organize functions and fundraisers, which is very much appreciated. BUT you must be a member to vote.

So if you are at all interested in having your say, than please return your membership forms before the next meeting.

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**FREESTONE STATE SCHOOL P&C CHALLENGE TRIVIA NIGHT**

See attached flyer for all the details

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