Dear Parents and Caregivers

Incredible as it seems, we are half way through the term and the weeks seem to get busier.

The professional development I attended last week was very informative and allowed us to assess how well we cater for the different levels of support students require in education and whether students requiring support were disadvantaged through attitudes or beliefs. Whilst I may be biased I think this is an area where we can be very proud of ourselves. One only has to watch our group games in the morning or walk into our classrooms to appreciate how positive our attitudes.

At the P&C AGM we welcomed in a new committee. We desperately need a secretary and whilst this is a big job the P&C works well together and is supportive of the executive committee. Please let us know if you are able to assist in any way. In this transition period everyone is working together to ensure our main fundraiser, Trivia Night, is a success. For Trivia Night each family will be asked to prepare two loaves of bread for sandwiches as well as a plate of dessert or slice. If you are unable to prepare food a donation would be much appreciated.

This year will be the year we apply for a grant for a kitchen, which we really need!

Aside from Trivia Night we also discussed the Great Results Guarantee Funding and the plan we have made for using those funds. Our goal is to ensure all students achieve the national minimum standard in reading and spelling in Naplan. Over the next few weeks we will be setting individual goals with students, talking to parents and timetabling blocks of time where students split into small support groups to target these areas. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Our Leadership focus this week is “Leading by Example”, and how our thoughts and actions give others an insight into our character. This is especially important for students in Year 6 and 7 as they are considered the school leaders and their behaviour has a profound impact on the younger students.

Have a great week.

Laura Watson
Principal

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**From the Principal’s Desk**

**Calendar of Events:**

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**~ Tuckshop ~**

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**~ Community News ~**

**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 048701868 evenings by Friday 7th March.

**Freestone Playgroup—Freestone State School**

Freestone Playgroup meets from 9 to 11 am with the session involving free play, an 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.

**~ P&C News ~**

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

Saturday 29th March at the Freestone Hall  
Be there at 7pm for a 7:30 start

- Book at table with your friends
- Only $10 per person
- Tickets for a multi draw can be purchased at the door
- Lucky Door Prizes and more

**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

**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.

**Interested in Tennis**

Coaching is now available at the Warwick & District Tennis Assn. courts opposite East SS on Tuesday afternoons. The cost is $6 for members and $7 for non members. Please contact Tanya on 46614488

Junior Fixtures will start on Tuesday afternoons after school beginning on the 22nd April.

Sign on will be from 3:30 to 4:30pm with the cost being $4 for members with membership being only $20. Contact Almla on 46613866 for more information.