

# Welcome to Term 2, 2018

## Year 7 Class News



### Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 7 students,

A warm welcome back to school, we hope you have enjoyed a relaxing break with your children over the holidays and are looking forward to this term as much as we are! Term 2 promises to be just a busy and full of exciting learning opportunities.

As you may or may not be aware, Mrs Bradtke is returning for 3 days a week in Term 2, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Staben will teach the Year 7's on Thursday and Friday. This plan is in place for Term 2, to accommodate an ongoing recovery from illness.

**Communication:** Methods of communication remain the same for this term; class newsletters, Seesaw app, email and student diaries will be used for communication this year. Mrs Staben has access to Seesaw also, so you may contact her via this app for absences and any other issues. As always, you can also ring the school and leave a message for urgent matters.

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**Absences:** If your child is absent from school, please let the school or class teacher know. It is a requirement that the school records absences and the reason. A note in the diary is sufficient as is a phone call or email or message on Seesaw.

**Student Diaries:** Please check your child's diary frequently and support them in bringing them to school each day. The diary will be used for things such as writing in spelling words and test results, recording reading, reminders or events coming up etc. It is an expectation that diaries are signed once a week by a parent/caregiver. These will be checked each Friday. So far the Year 7's have been very successful in managing their diaries and their organisation skills have certainly improved over the last term!

**School Uniform:** All students are expected to wear correct school uniform. If for some reason this is not possible, please communicate this. PE uniform will be worn on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays. Formal uniform on Wednesday and Friday. All students must have a school hat, every day. Term 2 means the change over to winter uniform. Year 7's can wear their Year 7 jumper everyday.

**Brain food:** Students are required to bring a water bottle each day and brain food. Brain food can be fruit, yoghurt, cheese etc but NOT packet/snack foods and will be eaten during a short morning break.

**IPADS:** As per school policy, students are required to bring their ipads to school each day, fully charged. They are to be kept in the classroom for the duration of the day. They are NOT to be used in the before school time or at break time.

Year 7's will be required to download a free app for Maths this term. We will be using this for algebra. Its called Hands-On 1Lite.



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**Volunteering:** Volunteers are always needed and welcome!! This includes in the classroom, school camp, sporting events and transporting students.

Many thanks to those parents who helped in any way in Term 1, to allow the students to participate in such fabulous opportunities such as Aquatics Day, Young Leaders Day and the Wizard of Oz musical trip. We would also like to thank Mr Williams who stepped in for Mrs Bradkte on a few of those occasions!

### Important dates:

These are some key dates already locked in.

Cross Country Berri	Fri 4th May
Pedal Prix	Sun 6th May
Core Value Fitness	Thu 10th May
SAPSASA Hockey	Fri 11th May
NAPLAN	Week 3 and 4
SAPSASA Soccer	Fri 25th May
SAPSASA Netball Adelaide	Week 5
Student Free Day	Fri 8th June
Public Holiday	Mon 11th June
Term 2 Reports	Wed 4th July
SAPSASA Basketball	Thurs 5th July
Concert	Term 3
High School Transition	Term 4
Continental	Term 4
Canberra	2nd - 7th Dec
Graduation Dinner	Mon 10th Dec
End of Year Service	Thurs 13th Dec

**Gardens:** The Year 7 gardens have been an absolute success. It is a testament to their dedication to use, mostly, their own time to manage watering, weeding and maintaining their own little green patch. To see the difference after being away for 4 weeks has been

astonishing. All students are encouraged to re-plant when they need to throughout the year, they have much more knowledge now about what will grow in our environment.

**Premiers Reading Challenge:** We are still encouraging and monitoring the progress on the Premiers Reading Challenge. It would be great to have our whole crew finish the challenge! Any books read can be filled in on the bottom section, and any PRC labelled books in the first section.

**Pedal Prix:** What a successful event this was on the weekend, its was fantastic to see the amount of students involved from our school. Many thanks to students, parents and particularly Mrs Sheffield and Mr Rudiger who have been training and supporting our students in the bike.

**NAPLAN:** The window for NAPLAN testing this year is Week 3 and 4. All Year 7 students will be completing NAPLAN online. Testing has been timetabled across the year levels, and will spread over 2 weeks. Therefore, the first 2 weeks of term will include some NAPLAN preparation. Students have completed narrative and exposition writing in Term 1, and will continue to refine this style of writing in the next few weeks. Revising Maths concepts and comprehension strategies along with editing and spelling will also continue as part of this preparation. This can be a time of anxiety, please know we will do our best not to place undue pressure on students and will monitor their well-being.

**Volleyball Coaching:** Loxton High School Year 12 students have offered volleyball coaching to our Year

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7's as part of their studies. This coaching will be held at lunch time on Fridays. All Year 7's are encouraged to participate in this excellent opportunity. PE clothes and shoes will be required.

**Reports:** All student reports will be sent home on the last Wednesday of term.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews:** Parents will be given the opportunity, this term, to meet with the teachers, at a mutually suitable time, for 15 minutes. More information in regard to times and dates will follow in the next few weeks.

**Subject areas:** This term sees the curriculum subjects split due to a reduction in Mrs Bradtkes time.

Mrs Staben will take Health and PE (Thursdays) and Science, as well as a small area in Maths and English.

Mrs Wormald will take the class on Wednesday for History in Library. (HASS)

Mrs Doecke is the specialist Christian Studies teacher on Wednesday for Term 2.

Frau Rada will continue to take German lessons, now on Thursdays.

**Term Overview:** Please find attached an overview of classroom learning for Term 2. This will help facilitate having discussions with your child at home about what they are learning at school.

**Finally.....**I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Staben for stepping in at very short notice and

guiding the class through until the end of the term. I was comforted to know that even though I didn't plan on getting sick, God had a plan and He did!!

Due to ongoing recovery and a short hospital stay again, I am extremely grateful that Mrs Staben will continue on in Term 2. There are some great learning opportunities planned, and we are looking forward to 10 weeks flying by!

I was also pleased to hear that all of the students stepped up and showed their leadership qualities when I was away. Sports day was a shining example of this, as was those students who kindly gave Mrs Staben support when she needed something and in general, adapted to last minute change very well.

**Yours in Christ**

**Leonie Bradtke and Sonya Staben**

