



## Coming Events

**FRI 20 MAR**

P&C AGM - 2pm

**FRI 27 MAR**

Free Dress for Harmony Day

**6 - 9 APR**

Sizzling Speller Trials

**THU 9 APR**

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

**FRI 10 APR**

Good Friday Holiday

**MON 27 APR**

ANZAC Day Holiday

**TUE 28 APR**

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

**4 - 8 MAY**

Sizzling Speller Finals

## BELDON BRIEFINGS

19 MARCH 2020

The COVID-19 Virus didn't even get a mention in our last newsletter. The problems of the world seemed a long way away. In just a short space of time, life in schools and our community has changed dramatically. The government has decided that schools will remain open and has produced guidelines for us to follow. As a consequence, we, like schools everywhere in Australia, are taking measures to help minimise the likelihood of a rapid increase in the transmission of the Novel Coronavirus and thereby protect the vulnerable. This is part of the collective responsibility shared by all of us in the community. The actions being taken in schools focus on two basic strategies that slow the spread of the virus; social distancing and hygiene practices. The changes that we are implementing are exceeding the *mandatory* requirements, but we are endeavouring to avoid non-essential gatherings whenever we can. The current situation is likely to require us to send out more than the usual number of notices and newsletters. Please keep abreast of these notices so that we can work together to support our children and teachers. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Geoff Elliott - Principal

### SPECIAL NOTICE - P&C AGM

As advertised, our P&C AGM will take place at 2pm this Friday 20 March. The meeting is necessary to ensure the legal and effective operations of the P&C for 2020, particularly in terms of fundraising for our students.

Meetings in schools are still permitted, but schools are expected to take precautions. The following arrangements will be made to maximise the social distance of participants and to minimise the duration of the meeting:

- The meeting will be moved from the board room to the library as there is more space.
- Parents are asked not to bring children with them to the meeting.
- The meeting will be kept brief and only essential items will be included (Election of office bearers, Appointment of Auditor, Financial Reports as available)
- There will be no general business or other reports.
- The library will be open at 1:50pm to allow parents to complete membership requirements.

Unfortunately the Welcome BBQ will not proceed.

### SIZZLING SPELLER

Is your child a deadly speller? Application forms for our school spelling competition will be distributed to students this week. We encourage all children to participate and *Aspire to Go Beyond*. Class finals will take place during Week 10 with the school finals occurring in Week 2 next term. During the finals, some words from higher year levels may be used to separate finalists. We will distribute hard copies of the year level words to students who have nominated and these will be available as an attachment to this newsletter.

### UNIFORM DONATIONS

Our wonderful P&C have relocated the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop to a more accessible location in the atrium area behind the staffroom. A gold coin donation is requested for items taken, to be placed in the honour box on the wall. This money will go back to the P&C. Donations of uniforms in good condition are welcomed. Lost property is now located in the alcove of B block.

