

STAGE 1 NEWS!

We're almost halfway through the year, can you believe it? It is great to see that many of the students in Stage 1 are consistently demonstrating their very best Good Manners, Good Thinking and Good Learning in class and in the playground.

CRUNCH AND SIP

It's wonderful that most students are bringing Crunch and Sip to school each day and learning to be sustainable by recycling their food scraps in our class compost bins.

Crunch and sip is meant to be a quick ten-minute activity as part of our morning routine each morning. Unfortunately, many students are throwing away entire apples/bananas/etc. These large pieces of fruit do not decompose quickly and are attracting unwanted visitors to our school compost bin. To make Crunch and Sip an effective initiative, please give only a small piece of fruit or vegetable (that your child actually enjoys!) or cut it into small bite-sized pieces. This will make it easier and quicker for children to eat and will help to minimise waste.



UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

We have many unexplained absences at the moment. If your child is absent from school, an explanation is required by law as soon as they return to school. Notes must be given to your child's class teacher WITHIN SEVEN DAYS of your child returning to school after their absence. We thank you for your cooperation.

PAYMENTS DUE

Just a reminder that the following payments are due back at school:

- Athletics Carnival – Wednesday, 4th July 2018
- Gymnastics Program – Friday, 6th July 2018
- Rouse Hill Farm Excursion – Wednesday, 6th August 2018

Please complete payments and return signed permission slips to school as soon as possible. Refer to the respective notes for more information.

YEAR 2 SWIM SCHOOL – Term 3, Weeks 7 & 8

Swim school is coming up for Year 2 students. Cost will be \$100. More information and permission notes will be sent home early next term.

UNIFORM & LOST PROPERTY

Our school collection of lost property is growing by the day! While we strongly encourage responsibility in our students, please ensure that all student belongings, including hats, jumpers, drink bottles and lunch boxes, are clearly labelled so that they may be returned to their owners. For safety, nail polish and jewellery is not to be worn. Earrings should be limited to sleepers or small studs.



CLASSROOM DONATIONS

It's definitely that time of the year; many children (and teachers!) are finding that they need lots of tissues in class. Teachers would appreciate any donations of tissue boxes and/or hand sanitiser/pump soap for their classrooms.

PRIVILEGE DAY

Just a reminder that tomorrow (Thursday, 5th July) is Stage 1's Pyjama Privilege Day. Students who have less than 10 points on their licence have been notified that they are unable to participate. We can't wait to enjoy a fun day!



EDUCATION WEEK CONCERT



We are excited to participate in the bi-annual Education Week concert in Week 3, of Term 3. This year's concert theme is the 'Magic of Movies'. The concert will take place over three nights in that week – Tuesday the 7th, Wednesday the 8th and Thursday the 9th of August. Each class will be performing on one of these dates. Information about the night your child will be performing and about purchasing tickets will be sent home soon. We're looking forward to a magical few nights!

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Just a reminder that in Term 3, students will return to school on **Tuesday**, 24th July. We hope that our students will continue to demonstrate 'Good Learning' by practising their reading over the break. We wish everyone in our Blackwell family a happy and safe holiday!

