

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Increasing the success of all students

Improving the writing of all students is a focus across our Prep to Year 6 classes this year. Writing is a very significant aspect of Australian Curriculum English and also every other learning area, including Science and HASS (includes History and Geography).

*Increasing the percentage of students achieving an A or B (or equivalent in Prep-2) in English will be one measure of success this year.*

All of our staff will continue to work closely with Ann Suthers, our Executive Coach, who is providing excellent professional learning focussed on high-quality curriculum delivery.

### Invitation to P&C AGM this Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm

All parents and carers are warmly invited to the Mackenzie State Primary School P&C Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 6:30pm this Thursday evening in the resource centre (library). At this meeting,

school community members can become P&C members. Being a P&C member is a great way to be further involved in your child/children's school, to contribute to discussions about new developments, and to help make decisions about activities at the school. P&C members can vote on motions at meetings that they attend.

The P&C Executive positions: President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary, become available at the AGM this Thursday. Nominations for these positions are collated at the meeting and the P&C Executive will then be elected by members in attendance. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday at 6:30pm if you are able to make it.

Below are some responsibilities of each executive role (from the Department's *Quick Guide for P&C Officers*).

**President:** Provides leadership; acts as a representative of the P&C; ensures that everyone has a say; and presides over P&C meetings in which she/he is present.

**Secretary:** Generally organise, record and maintain information pertaining to the activities of the P&C; and record and deal with correspondence in/out of the P&C.

**Vice-President:** Provide essential support for the President and possibly other members of the team, i.e. assisting the secretary; and chair meetings from which the President is absent.

**Reminder: The next P&C meeting will be held this Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6.30pm to 8pm in the Resource Room.**



**Treasurer:** The treasurer has the overall responsibility for the financial management of the P&C, including all accounts; ensures compliance with the *Accounting Manual for P&C Associations*.

Nomination forms for P&C membership and executive positions are available at the office.

**Parent Teacher meetings coming up**

Parent Teacher meetings will be held near the end of Term 1 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March. Information on how to book into a session will be coming out soon. I encourage all parents and carers to make a time to meet with your child or children's teacher/teachers. The meetings are a great opportunity to check-in on how your child is progressing in their studies and to discuss their specific areas of focus.

Kind Regards  
**Jonathan Gagen**  
 Principal

IMPORTANT DATES	
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Bravehearts Performance
21 <sup>st</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Meetings
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Roast Dinner & Movie Night
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	School Photo Day
<b>MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY THIS FRI, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FROM 9AM TO 12PM</b>	

*In preparation for the Ditto Show on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, parents can view a 10 minute introduction on YouTube which explains about the sessions and how parents can support their child. All parents are welcome to attend the show which starts at 11:30am. Please be seated five minutes before the show starts.*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjVf1V3Jujk>



**CHAPPY CORNER**



Chappy Joe Riley is at Mackenzie Primary two days per week. He supports our school in so many amazing ways: helping in library, social skills groups, fun lunchtime activities like blades, chess and outdoor games. When you see Chappy, make sure you say "Hi!"



**YEAR 2 CLASS NEWS**

Pictured here is the Grade 2 class enjoying learning French with Madame Meyer. We have learnt lots of words like bonjour, ca va, tres bien, sil vous plait and merci.