



Respect, Belonging and Fun Engaged Learning

Leadership News

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Teachers will be sending home notes soon advising families about when they are available for first term parent/teacher interviews. Families indicate when they would like to meet with the teacher by completing the note and sending the note back to the class teacher. It's important to make a time to chat to your child's teacher about how the year has started. Attending interviews also gives you the opportunity to ask questions and hear about what your child is learning.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Recently, we sent out information to families showing the contact information we currently had in our records. If your details have changed and you have not let us know, it is very important that you provide correct information to our school as soon as possible.

We will be updating information including contact telephone numbers so that families can receive automatic text messages from our school, via our new system.

Cherie Collings
Principal

Pupil Free Days

Friday, 29th March 2019
and
Monday, 29th April 2019
(First day Term 2)

Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar

Recently all staff were involved in training in Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar. Staff stayed at school till 8:30pm and were involved in an exceptional training session run by an expert educator in this field. Jolly Phonics is a systematic approach to the teaching of phonics, grammar, spelling and punctuation across the school years. The teaching is multi-sensory and active, with fun actions, stories and songs as well as interactive on line resources.

The focus of the training was on how to further develop student skills in phonics (the understanding and use of sounds in the English language) to improve reading and writing. Developing strong skills in phonics in the early years is extremely important as this builds strong foundations for future literacy skill development. Maintaining this understanding through grammar and spelling in the older years is equally as important. This is not new work for our school but it is important work that will continue. Every student's literacy development is monitored and students are supported to ensure they are making continuous progress.

CAR PARK SAFETY

We advise that in the recent past there have been a number of incidents of children narrowly avoiding being hit by cars in the council carpark next to our school. Please talk to your children about not running out to their cars and if possible please get out of your vehicles and meet your children by the gate so that they supervised, especially in busy times.

Dates to Remember

Term 1

Week 9

28th March

Metro Swimming
Carnival
NAPLAN Online
Trials

29th March

Pupil Free Day

Week 10

1st-5th April

Swimming
Reception to Yr 5
IELC
Reception to Yr 7

Parent/Teacher
Interview Week

5th April

Para District
Athletics

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Parent Passports

This year we will be trialling 'Parent Passports'. These passports are for parents and caregivers to actively engage with their child(ren) and their learning. We aim to promote and strengthen relationships amongst peers, teachers, SSOs, parents and leadership, and connectedness to the school community.

Parents that attend a **Parent/Teacher Interview** can ask for one at the meeting and find out more about it. If you are unable to attend an interview then you can arrange to get one from your child's teacher at another stage.

The aim is to work towards getting 10 activities ticked off of your passport for each of your children. There will be **one passport per family**. For example, if you have 3 children attending The Pines School, you will still only need 1 passport. In the case that you have more than one child at the school, you will need to ask your **eldest child**.

Jacqui Simpson
Student Well-Being Leader

Parent Passport		Parent Passport	
	Year: 20__	<input type="checkbox"/>	Met child's teacher – face-to-face
	Parent Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion with child's teacher about learning
	Child/ren Name(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attended a school event
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Read with child at home
	Class/Year Level(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asked child about their learning
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion with child about their learning goals
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Actively supported child to achieve learning goals
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Talked with child about their strengths
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Participated in a school survey this year
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Downloaded the School App

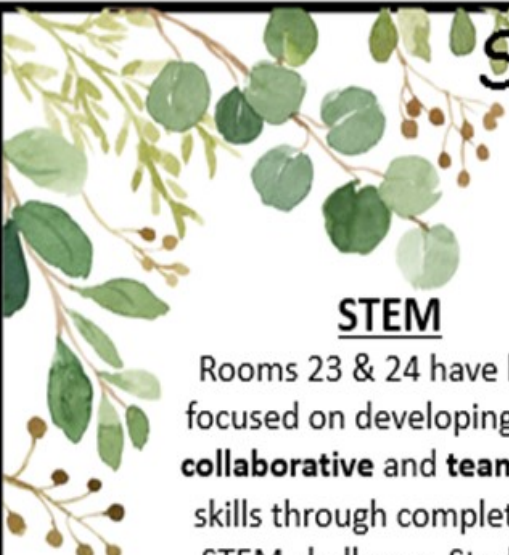
DECD Swimming Program

The DECD swimming program is fast approaching and many parents have not returned their consent and medical forms back. Please ensure all of this information is back at school by the 29th of March.

All of our children need to participate in swimming lessons run by highly qualified instructors regardless of swimming ability. Water awareness and safety is paramount.

For now and the future.





STEM & VISUAL ART in Rooms 23 & 24

STEM

Rooms 23 & 24 have been focused on developing their **collaborative** and **teamwork** skills through completing a STEM challenge. Students had to **design** and **construct** a tower that holds a tennis ball at least 10cm off the table using only limited resources supplied.



ART

This term Rooms 23 & 24 have been learning about some different elements of Art. We have learnt about the colour wheel including primary & secondary colours, tertiary colours, complementary & monochromatic colours, warm & cool colours. We have also looked into value & line.



COMMUNITY NEWS



OPEN NIGHT

**Wednesday 10th April
5.30-7.45pm**

A light supper available outside the Resource Centre from 5:30pm

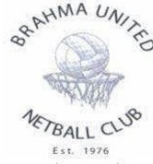
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- Modified SACE program offered for students with disabilities



PLAYERS WANTED!

BRAHMA UNITED NETBALL CLUB ARE HOLDING FREE TRIALS FOR ANYONE AGED 11-15 YEARS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR CLUB

AT THE OUTDOOR COURTS BEHIND THE SLUG AND LETTUCE HOTEL OFF MARTINS RD, BUICK CLOSE, PARAFIELD GARDENS ON WEDNESDAY 20TH & 27TH MARCH BETWEEN 5:30PM AND 7.00PM

SO IF YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS ARE INTERESTED COME OUT & GIVE IT A GO. IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE IT, BUT STILL WANT TO BE INVOLVED PLEASE CALL 0412442647 FOR MORE INFO.



COME AND TRY OUT!

Open Day

For prospective students

**Wednesday 10th April 2019
9:00-11:00am and 5:00-8:00pm**

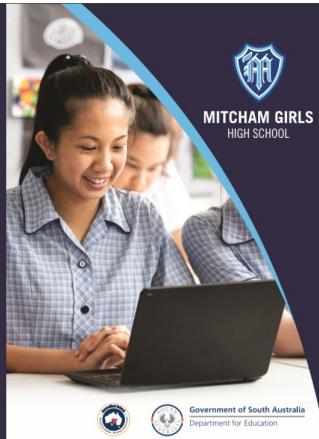
Principal's address and school tours during opening times

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- Girls' Education
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FREE COME 'N TRY

WHO: Boys and Girls aged 2 to 13 years

WHAT: Indoor SOCCER, NETBALL or KINDER SPORTS

WHERE: MEGA Courts in Windsor Gardens

WHEN: Sunday March 24th 9:00am or 10:00am

Places are LIMITED and BOOKINGS are ESSENTIAL!

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