



1st February 2017

# KANANOOK'S NEWS

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

**WELCOME  
BACK**



Mr Block

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It is always exciting to welcome our new Prep children and their families into our school community. They were excited and ready to start thanks to the great work of parents and staff in preparing them for their big day. I trust that all our Prep children's parents will feel comfortable to approach their child's teachers should they require clarification of anything that is happening at school or to bring important information to our attention.

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**Last day of term 1 is THURSDAY 31st March – 2.30pm finish.**

Have a ripper week everyone!

Michael Block

## Term 1 Important Calendar Dates

### Thursday 2nd February

Years Prep & 1 Start

### Monday 13-16th February

5/6 Worrabinda Camp

### Thursday 23rd February

Leadership Badge

Presentation at Assembly

### Friday 10th March

Curriculum Day Real

Schools

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Last Day of Term 1

2.30pm dismissal

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# Attention Parents

Some Helpful Information:

## Booklists

Booklists have been handed out to all students. You will note that this year you have the option of paying by Centrepay if you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card. By choosing to pay by Centrepay you are able to spread your Booklist payments over the next 12 months and can pay as little as \$10 per fortnight. If you need any help setting up a Centrepay arrangement please contact the office.

Booklists should be returned to school as soon as possible.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is available again this year and you can apply immediately if you hold a Centrelink Card, Health Care Card, you are a foster parent or a DVA (white) Card. The forms are available at our office.

Please submit all applications before the end of Term 1.

## Meet and Greet Session

Thursday 9th February 5.00-6.30pm

FREE BBQ provided by the teachers as well as an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their teacher/s.

Please try to come along!

## Breakfast Club

You would have received a notice about Breakfast Club starting again on Tuesday 7th February. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the form at the office.

Breakfast Club is on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8.30am in the hall.





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