Principals Message -
It’s that time of year again when we run our Public Speaking Competition. Helping children build their confidence to lift their voices to share ideas, advocate for themselves or to make new friends is a skill that lasts a lifetime. I’d like to encourage our parents and carers to support their child in creating a speech that is about things important or meaningful to them, with a kids perspective and kid humour.

We are reviewing our Welfare & Discipline Policy at the moment. Students will be asked for their feedback on our school values and reward systems. At the same time we are reviewing our Anti-Bullying Plan. Throughout this year we have been working with students to understand the difference between meanness, rudeness and bullying. This has been helping our students to understand their own behaviours and the behaviour of others. Copies of the school’s Welfare & Discipline Policy can be collected at the front office. If you would like to give your feedback on our policy please e-mail or join our next P&C Meeting where we will be reviewing the policy.

Just a reminder that our amazing canteen offers some great warm, home made, nutritious and delicious meal options now it’s winter. My all time favourite is the chicken soup but the curried sausages and rice runs a close second. The number one favourite for our kids is a toasted sandwich. Check out the menu and see all the options.
STEM with Sphero Robotics

4/5 Storm enjoyed working with the Sphero Robotics during STEM time this Term.

Sphero supports our STEM learning program coupled with excellent educator professional development and a fully immersive experience with differentiated tools. These help promote key 21st century learning goals like creativity, collaboration, computational thinking, and problem solving.

Sleep and Devices

Recent medical research has highlighted the importance of sleep in many aspects of our health and wellbeing and our learning. Learning occurs best following a good night's sleep. More interestingly, learning is downloaded from the short term memory to the long term memory during the sleep that follows learning. There is also a strong body of evidence that screen time in the hour before bed (particularly the blue light that many devices emit) impacts on the quality of sleep. The research also goes on to say that, all other things being equal, people who sleep the best live the longest. This is a pretty compelling argument for an early night. A new app named "Kidslox" can help parents have control over how their children use their mobile devices. The app allows you to set daily limits for screen time, block certain apps either permanently or temporarily, block certain aspects of apps eg the camera.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

It’s easy to Earn and Learn. Just get everyone you can earning as many stickers as possible. The promotion runs for a limited time, so spread the word and get everyone helping you collect stickers; kids, parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends. Between 1 May and 25 Jun 2019, collect as many stickers as you can. Stick them onto a sticker sheet (these are available at Woolworths, in the school office or online to print out). Bring your sticker sheet to school and place them in the collection box located in the SCHOOL OFFICE.

Safety During High Wind Events

Every year trees in our school are inspected for visible defects and appropriate action is taken to address any issues which arise. Our trees were recently inspected and pruned accordingly. However, the reality is that any seemingly healthy tree can drop a limb during a high wind event. Students were instructed to not walk through the playground under trees during a recent high wind event. This is a good message to reinforce from home as well when high wind events are forecast.

School Pick Up Times

This year we have seen a significant increase in the number of parents arriving late to pick their child up from school. Please remember that school finishes at 3:00pm and students should be collected from school at a designated pick up point. Please give notice before 2:45pm to the office if you may be late to collect your children to make sure their teachers are given the message in plenty of time.

Illness

As we begin the winter months, many students (and staff) are falling victim to winter ailments. We remind parents that sending a child to school when they are clearly unwell is likely to prolong the illness for that student as well as unnecessarily exposing other students and staff to potential illness. Parents are urged to keep sick children at home until they are fully recovered. Parents should be aware that they may receive a phone call to pick their child up if they are unwell at school and that if we believe a child is not well enough to attend school, Parents may be asked to provide a medical certificate confirming they are fit to attend school. If your child is sick and is taken to the doctor, parents should ask for a certificate which clearly indicates the period for which the child is not fit to attend school. This will greatly assist in minimising any risk to other students and staff.

Student Reports

Reports available end of Week 2 of next term. They will be available on the Parent Portal. Please contact the office if you have any problems accessing the portal.

Emergency Contacts

Are your emergency contact details up to date? Please ensure your emergency contact details are up to date with the school office. We often need to ring emergency contacts when children are sick. Please contact the office should your child’s details need updating.
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Beanies for Brain Cancer
Lowes has now partnered with the Mark Hughes Foundation – Beanies for Brain Cancer. As from June 1st all 200 Stores will be selling ‘Beanies for Brain Cancer (whilst stocks last). All proceeds from each MHF Beanie sale will go directly to the foundation. We would appreciate if you can help us to spread the word by letting your Students and Families know so we can help to fight this awful illness.

Solar Car Challenge
For the last four Fridays four of our Year 6 students have represented our school at the Solar Car Challenge, Wallsend High School. The students all had a great time. All student showcased their skills in designing the cars. The team that attended included Jade Masters, Caleb Williams, Scarlett Holmes and Hayley Graham. I would like to thank the students and all the families that helped them participate in the challenge.
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Tickets from $15

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FRIDAY 28TH JUNE
PRE SHOW FUN STARTS AT 5:30PM
FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH PLATTSBURG P&C
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**Breakfast Club Donation Drive**

We are asking our families for donations for our Breakfast Club. We would really appreciate if you are at the supermarket and are able to pick up the following items to help us out:

- Margarine, honey, disposable gloves, paper towel, fruit

Thank you for your continued support of our Breakfast Club.
A message from our Online Canteen company, QuickCliq. My name is Yusuf Pingar and I’m the Head of Marketing at Sentral. I’m writing today to thank you for your ongoing support as a user of QuickCliq and to update you with some exciting changes that you’ll begin to see in the coming months. As you may be aware, we recently welcomed QuickCliq into the Sentral family. Sentral is Australia’s leading school management platform, helping over 3,000 schools. We’re backed by Global Payments, one of the world’s largest payment technology companies, but our head and heart remains firmly based in Australia.

To bring QuickCliq more in line with Sentral’s identity, we’ve refreshed and reinvigorated QuickCliq’s branding. This is a mark of our vision to become closer partners with our schools and parents, providing innovative solutions that change lives for the better. You’ll progressively see these branding updates roll-out over the coming months.

We’re committed to the success of QuickCliq and its customers, which is why we won’t be stopping with a brand refresh. We are also reinvesting in the QuickCliq technical back-end and bolstering our support teams to make it even easier to serve you. As Sentral and QuickCliq become further integrated, you’ll have the option of single-sign-on between QuickCliq and Sentral. This is just another way that we’re making life easier for you, with small but innovative changes.

We want to ensure you that the QuickCliq you know and love won’t change, but simply improve. You’ll still benefit from a cashless, online ordering system which is mobile-friendly and convenient. Our branding and ownership may have changed, but our enthusiasm to serve you, never will. We will continue to work hard, developing innovative solutions that make life easier for schools and parents, every day.

We’ll continue to update you as we progress our plans further, however in the meantime don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Best wishes, Yusuf Pingar, Sentral.

Interschool Chess Challenge
On Tuesday 21st May the Plattsburg Chess Team participated in the next round of the Interschool Chess Challenge at Broadmeadow High School. We had a team of 9 students attend and they all represented our team with great respect and sportsmanship. Congratulations to the Chess Team members, Hala Bani Almarjeh, Callen Cosstick, Amelia Robertson, Damon Lee, Daniel McCormack, Beau-Scott Stanbury, Phoebe Lee, Louay Bani Almarjeh and Riley O’Brien.

Thank you to the families who helped out with lifts to and from the Gala Day. It was greatly appreciated. The Chess Team have another tournament in Week 8 and practice will continue Mondays at lunch time in the library. New players are always welcome.