Date: 17 February 2017

Date Claimers:

Monday 20 February
Basketball P-2 2.45-3.45pm
Tuckshop Open!!

Tuesday 21 February
Meet The Teacher—2-2.45pm Prep, Prep/1, Yr 3 & Yr 4
Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30am & 2.00-3.00pm
Basketball Yr3-6 2.45-3.45pm

Wednesday 22 February
Tuckshop Open
Cross Country training Yr4-6 7.30-8.15am

Thursday 23 February
Meet The Teacher—2-2.45pm Yr 1/2, 2/3, 4/5, 5/6
Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30am & 2.00-3.00pm
Soccer 2.45-4.00pm

Friday 24 February
Tuckshop Open
Student Banking before school

Wednesday 22 March
Cross Country / Fun Run

From the Principal’s desk...

Meet the Teacher Next Week!
Can’t wait to see you all at our ‘Meet the Teacher’ sessions next week. We are running these sessions so that you can see what is happening in your child’s classroom, meet the teacher and other parents and to show your support for your child/ren and their learning. Each session will be in the afternoon from 2-2.45pm. Please go straight to your child’s classroom and sign in (there is no need to sign in at the office). An evening session will be run for working parents/carers but you will need to ‘book in’ for those evening sessions. Please, if you are able to, make the time to join us and see for yourself the great things our students are doing and are planning to do. See their goals and learn how you can help them achieve them, particularly with reading. It is also a time to get to know the teachers. These sessions are not parent/teacher interviews. However, your child’s teacher will arrange a time or a phone call to discuss each individual child’s progress early in Term 2.

Swimming Lessons
I’d like to outline for all parents/carers why we are not doing swimming lessons in Term 1. I made an assessment of the time, the cost and the disruption to classes and teaching at the beginning of a new school year. Taking all these factors into consideration I decided to only offer swimming lessons in term 4 of each year. This is in keeping with practice at most state schools. All children need to learn to swim and the school dedicates considerable time and money towards that and will continue to do so in Term 4. Parents can access the excellent programs that are offered after school at the pool if they are concerned about their child’s swimming proficiency.

Cross Country:
Training for Yr4-6 students interested in participating in this year’s Cross Country event is held each Wednesday mornings, beginning next Wednesday 8 February 7.30-8.15am. Activities will include stretches and warm-up exercises including walking and running. Please make sure your child/ren bring water, hat, deodorant (if necessary) and their school uniform to change into.

P&C News:

Tuckshop:
Re-opening this Monday, Feb 20!! Opening hours are Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 1st and 2nd breaks. Menu’s have been sent home this week and will be available on the school website. All food is to be pre-ordered on paper bags (available at the Tuckshop on opening days) - separate bag for each break please. Volunteers are still required, please contact Co-ordinator Carla on 0424376111.

Fun Run:
Students have been given parent letters and student sponsorship forms for the School Cross Country / Fun Run to be held on Wednesday 22 March. All money and forms are to be returned to the office by Friday 31 March. This will allow prizes to be ordered over the holidays, ready for Term 2. Any questions or problems please contact Co-ordinator Meg on 0478740057.

Soccer News:
After School Soccer is back in full swing on Thursdays. We are trying to build Club Soccer on Saturday mornings from 9.30am at the new Sports Complex Oval and Under 5’s Soccer is Thursday mornings from 9.30am, so spread the word so we can grow! For more details phone Mick on 0401483079 or like us on Facebook bayislandsunitedfc.

Russell Island RSL Family Fishing Club
Do you enjoy wetting a line???
We are seeking members for the all new Family Fishing Club... Sign up day this Sunday 19th February 2pm at the RSL Club, ANZAC Parade, Russell Island
*Membership fee is $10 per adult, children are free to join (you will also need to be an RSL Club member)
*Sausage sizzle provided with free drinks & ice-creams for the kids
*Music by Mick
Come along if you are interested in learning more, we are aiming for a fun fishing year!! Tight lines...
Congratulations to all our student leaders who were presented with their badges at parade this week. It was great to have so many parents, carers, friends and family to share the moment with. Thank you to Mr Anthony Gleeson President, Russell Island RSL for attending and awarding the badges to the students. We are most grateful for your presence and the ongoing support from the RSL.

Congratulations to:

School Captains Kaitlyn Mionnet & Jewel Connor and Vice Captains Madeline Sim & Shavonne Robert

Sports House Captains Bailey J, Joshua M, Seth N, Allie M, Caitlyn T & Tiarna R