

## From the Principal

Week Beginning 29th August, 2022

It was a great week as we head into our final week in Winter and the start of Spring. 1 September is our official changeover date for Summer uniform but as the cold weather does continue we want our students to stay warm so either uniform is acceptable.

Congratulations to our Athletics district carnival student representatives. Our final position in the district was second place which is an amazing effort from our students.

RYKA ALI

On Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August the students participated in a spectacular experience with Ryka Ali. Ryka Ali's heritage stems from the Wuthathi tribe of Shellburne Bay, Cape York and from the Torres Strait Islands. He engaged the students in Indigenous song and dance and demonstrated many traditional musical instruments including the didgeridoo. Ryka was able to create amazing sounds including mixing more modern sounds of the DJ and beat-boxing! Ryka even introduced the Aboriginal culture of "painting up" with white ochre and explained the significance of the designs on student models!! Everyone had so much fun including some very brave teachers who got up on stage to dance with Ryka. Our SRC members thanked Ryka at the end of his performance and asked him to come back another time!

Join us for Dad's Big Breakfast!

Please return the paper RSVP slip and make payment online by Monday 29th August. Details of the event below:

When: Friday 2nd September 2022

Time: 7:45 am to 9:00 am

Where: Oatley Public School (canteen)

Cost: \$4 Sausage Sizzle or \$5 Bacon & Egg roll (inc. Tea, Coffee or Juice)

Payment: Online via school website or via payment link sent to your email

RSVP: Payments close Monday 29th August (for catering purposes)

Tickets: Paid names marked off at the door.

The teachers look forward to seeing you there!

### Top Tips

- 1. Demonstrate a positive attitude towards your own challenges.** Talk about them as opportunities to learn and improve.
- 2. Build coping skills.** Talk to your child about how to develop strategies for dealing with difficult situations.
- 3. Allow them to take on healthy challenges and risks.** Provide opportunities for them to build confidence by taking on challenges and encourage them to work through problems and dilemmas.

## **Attendance Matters**

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

## **Congratulations to our ethics teacher Sandy Grekas**

Sandy Grekas who teaches ethics at our school, has been nominated for a prestigious new award. The Kinghorn Award will honour an ethics volunteer who is an inspirational role model. It brings substantial prize money of **\$4000** for the recipient's school. Simply being nominated is an honour and shows in what high esteem SANDY GREKAS is held. The winner will be announced in late November.

Read more about it: [primaryethics.com.au/](http://primaryethics.com.au/)

Regards  
Debbie Hunter  
Principal