



NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

13 Feb	Swimming Commences
14 Feb	Clontarf Visit
17 Feb	Swimming Finishes
21 Feb	Early Close 2.30
3 March	Surf Carnival



We have had a smooth start to the school year in 2017. We currently have 45 students enrolled, which is less than we anticipated. We have managed to maintain the three classes with substantial Education Assistant support. This is due largely to our advanced planning and the savings we had in place in preparation for a fall in student numbers.

It has been very pleasing to see and hear of the students' renewed effort in their learning and the positive behaviour they have been displaying, making sure they start the year with their 'A Game'. Our first week was celebrated with Mrs Dennis doing a cartwheel when no one had lost Golden Time. It would be great for me to have to practice this skill every week!

The Department of Education stipulated that there was to be no transition period for junior primary students, so our Kindergarten students were thrown in the deep end this year! I note that Miss Ryan, Mrs Miller and Mrs Henke have gone home exhausted on these days!

Thank you to the parents who attended the class information sessions yesterday afternoon. It is difficult to find a suitable time for everyone, so if you were unable to make it please make the time to see your child's class teacher and find out about the information you missed.

Thank you to the many parents who have already paid their Contributions and Charges, as well as ensuring that the students have all the necessary stationery and materials. Please see Lyn or pay any money owing directly into the school bank account if you are yet to do so. Bank details: Cervantes Primary School, BSB 016760, Account 340946177, Reference - your surname.

Reminder

Contributions and Charges are now due.

Thank you

Swimming Lessons



Lessons will be held next week, starting on **Monday the 13th February** and a timetable is attached to this newsletter. The children who are in Stage 1 and 2 will need to go directly to the front beach for an 8am start. Students in Stage 3 and above may attend school dressed in their bathers (with t/shirt or rashie) and thongs or sandals.

Students will be transported to and from the beach by bus and all students will be changing into their school uniform when they return to school.

All groups will have a 15 minute break at the beach for a snack and drink, so they need to be prepared and take it to the beach with them.

If you would like to collect your child/ren from the beach to take them home for a shower, you will need to get a Leave Pass from the office on Monday morning before collecting them at the beach for the rest of the week.

Our Surf Carnival will be held on **Friday, 3rd March** so that the students can put all the swimming skills they have learnt into action.



Communication is the Key

Every child has a communication diary which can be used for messages to and from home. This diary is to go back and forth each day and teachers will endeavour to view them every day. Classes also have a See-saw account that teachers and students use to share class happenings and work. If you have not received log-on details, please see your child's class teacher.

Notices will be posted on our Facebook page. We utilise text messages and information which can also be found on the school website www.cervantesps.com. This is the last paper version of the newsletter that will be sent home. From Week 4, they will be emailed and posted electronically.

P&C News

The P&C is an important group in the context of a school and it gives us the opportunity to bring parents and the school together.

The main responsibilities of a P&C are to encourage parent participation in school activities, assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and assist in matters in which the Minister may seek their cooperation.

A reminder that the P&C hold an Insurance Policy that covers students for accidents that occur at anytime, worldwide. The cost is only \$9 and we have had several families use this cover to claim costs not covered by personal health insurance. You can make a payment at the office or directly into the P&C bank account; BSB 066519 Account 10057654, Reference - your surname.

The Executive committee has decided to run our annual cake stall on the March long weekend, due to Easter being in the middle of the school holidays. We ask every family to contribute at least one item and bring it to the shop car park by 8am on **Saturday, 4th March.**

Our first meeting will be held on **Thursday, 9th March after school At 3:30pm.** We look forward to seeing some new faces.



Natalie Dennis
Principal

Breakfast Club

Students are invited to join Audrey (Chaplain) for Breakfast Club on Friday mornings before school from 8.30am.

When students arrive at school they can make their way to the Resource Room.

Clontarf Students

Year 12 students from Clontarf Academy will be working with the students in the Junior and Senior Classes on Tuesday afternoon.

The Clontarf students will be in Cervantes for their Leadership/Employment Camp and have set aside time on Tuesday to participate in the community.



It has been great to see everyone back at school and in uniform. Our stocks for short sleeve polos are already depleted. We are therefore, asking you to express an interest if you will be requiring any uniforms as we have to order a minimum of 25 of each style.

Short Sleeve Polos are \$15 each. Long Sleeve Polos are \$17 each. We currently have in stock mostly size 10 and 12 in both styles.

If you would be interested in ordering any uniforms for this year can you please let the office know what style, size and quantity, so we can estimate the uniform needs. No money is necessary at this stage until a decision is made to go ahead with the order.

Expressions of interest to be in by **Friday, 17th February.** Thank you

