



SALTWATER
P-9 COLLEGE
wisdom begins with wonder

A note from the Principal



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of Term 1 at Saltwater P-9 College. The first week has been a pleasure, with the transition being very smooth. The Transition BBQ, even though was a very hot evening was a great success. We felt the community coming together and getting to know one another and our staff. Students spent time in classrooms with their teachers to better prepare them for the start of the school year and also to assist the nerves that some may have felt beginning at a brand new school.

The opening of the school last Friday 1st February was a moment of pride for me. I got to witness all of the students in school uniform turn up to a school that they can now call their own. The community coming together to celebrate the opening of the College, acknowledge our elders, and see a smoking ceremony take place is a moment of learning within itself. We all learnt about the Aboriginal culture and were able to be a part of something unique.

We were also fortunate enough to have a second official opening of tSaltwater P-9 College with the Attorney General, the Honourable Minister Jill Hennessy and the Minister of Education, the Honourable Minister James Merlino. This was held at a whole school Assembly and involved cutting of the a ribbon to mark the official opening of the school.

I wish all students, parents and staff a very successful year for 2019. Our community is already strong and I look forward to continuing to build a relationship with each and every one of you.

Jackie Daniali

Principal
Saltwater P-9 College



News in Brief

Playgrounds

Two more playgrounds will be installed shortly, as well as shade sails arriving this term. We expect that all work relating to playgrounds, will be completed

by the beginning of Term 2.

Student Safety

Please be aware that school starts at 8.50am. Any children arriving before that time will need to be supervised by their parents.

Staff are not available to supervise any children before 8:50am.

The school crossing is now up and running on Kirra Place.

On another note when parking please be considerate of the safety of students, parents and staff members.

School Website

The school website is currently being worked on and is due for completion in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to having this completed.

News in Brief *continued*

Introducing New Staff

It is with great delight that we announce the provisional appointments of our new staff
Diane Traianon: Principals Personal Assistant
Sharon Hedley: Finance/ Administration
Jay Bowen: Enrollments/ Administration
Sue Wijesekara: Reception/ Administration
Stephanie Day: Prep Classroom Teacher

First Aid

A reminder to all parents whose children have a medical condition that require medication.
Please bring your child's medication to the front office. No medication is to be kept in classrooms or school bags. Ensure that your child's name is clearly labeled on the medication and please see Sharon to complete a medication administration form.

Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school and a credit placed on your school fee account to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. You will need to be eligible to apply for the funding. The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

Forms are available at the office or visit <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.pdf>

Once complete please return them to the office.

Prep Interviews

If you have not yet booked your prep child's 1 hour interview time for assessment please do so following the link on the letter that was given to parents last week.

Over the next two Wednesdays, Prep teachers will be conducting Literacy and Numeracy Assessments with each student individually.

These assessments are an opportunity to get to know your child better. We are committed to giving your child the best possible start for their first year of school, and beyond.

Assessments take approximately 60 minutes and will cover both Literacy and Numeracy in the one session. These are student only appointments and parents are not required to stay for the duration of the assessment.

Please arrive at your child's classroom, 5 minutes before the appointment time and wait patiently outside the door until you are invited in. Once your child is in the classroom with their teacher, you are free to leave the school and then return to pick them up at the end of that hour.

Please note this is not a full school day, students are not required to wear school uniform, and students are only required to attend school for the duration of their assessment.

Due to the length of assessments, we ask that you provide a water bottle and a piece of fruit, for your child to bring with them. If your child wears glasses, please ensure your child brings them to the appointment.

Please note that these assessments are separate to the Meet and Greet sessions.

Performing Arts & Canteen

Unfortunately the Performing Arts space is not yet available and therefore until the building is handed over to us, we are not able to run this program. We anticipate that the building be ready at some stage this month. Until then, music will be run in each individual classroom and P.E will be held outside, weather permitting.

As the Canteen is also a part of the gym building, there will be no Canteen running and available until we have the whole building ready for use. Thank you for your understanding.

Introducing new staff



Jay Bowen- Enrolments/Administration

My first contact with Saltwater College was being asked to compose the school theme song. Within the process of writing, I was able to investigate further the vision of the school and was extremely inspired by the energy and dedication of the leadership team.

My training at Victorian College of the Arts, led me to a professional career as a film, tv and stage actor, a touring musician and published recording artist. The business and admin training and experience that I accrued over 15 years within the entertainment industries, contain the very skills that I will bring to my role within Administration at Saltwater. I also recently became a Registered Civil Celebrant, organising and officiating various important ceremonies as a civic duty to my local community. I'm very excited to be the first point of contact within the Front Office and to be able to assist with any queries whatsoever.

But most of all, I am thrilled and honoured to play an active role in the educational journey of the students of this revolutionary new school. It has been wonderful meeting the families from the surrounding area and I look forward to strengthening our bonds further as Saltwater becomes the centre of this fantastic local community.

Jay Bowen



Sharon Hedley – Finance/ Administration

My name is Sharon Hedley and it is with great pleasure to introduce myself to the Saltwater Community. I am very excited to be a part of the Saltwater P-9 Coolege team, working in Administration as the Finance Officer.

I have worked for DET at various schools for 10 years now and with this experience and being a mum and grandma myself, I feel I understand the needs of families regarding their children's education.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

Sharon Hedley



Diane Traianon – Principal's Personal Assistant

I have recently joined the team here at Saltwater P-9 College taking on the role as Personal Assistant to the Principal, Jackie Danilai.

I have a teaching background of over 10 years. After completing my Bachelor of Education at Deakin University I landed my first teaching position as a Performing Arts Teacher at Seabrook Primary School. I then took on a classroom teacher role at Seabrook and continued for 8 years. During this time I completed a Master of Education in PYP. This gave me the tools to take on a PYP coaching position at Alamanda College for 1 year, I have since been on Maternity leave.

I have always been very passionate about education and children and although my main role is to assist Jackie, I will be seen in and out of classrooms keeping in touch with what is happening in the lives of the children, staff and the community. I believe that teaching is a partnership between students, parents and the whole school and it is essential that open communication exists to maximize student learning opportunities at school and beyond. Collaborative partnerships are essential to me; and therefore I look forward to being an active staff member at Saltwater College and making connections with students and the wider community.

Di Traianon



Sue Wijesekara- ReceptionAdministration

Dear Saltwater community,

My name is Sue and my background is Sri Lankan. I completed my tertiary education in Australia graduating with a Bachelors Degree double major in accounting, banking and finance.

Prior to working at Saltwater College, I have worked as a Community Liasion Officer for Wyndham City Council. I always enjoy interacting with people in the community and especially in a child centred environment.

I was lucky enough to get to know the Principal, Jackie Daniali while I was working at the local community centre. This led me to applying for a position at Saltwater College in which I was lucky enough to be appointed. I enjoy having the opportunity to interact with the students, parents and staff of Saltwater P-9 College on a daily basis and hope that I can be of assistance to all in my Reception/ Administration role. I look forward to working in a great team and also being a part of this fantastic community.

Sue Wijesekara



Stephanie Day – Prep Classroom Teacher

Dear Saltwater Community,
My name is Stephanie Day and it is with enthusiasm that I introduce myself as one of the newly appointed classroom teachers at Saltwater P-9 College for 2019.

For the past 3 years I have been teaching grade three and one at Kororoit Creek Primary School, where I have been developing my knowledge of the Primary Years Programme of the IB. I am passionate about creating life-long learners who can collaborate, create and communicate.

The classroom I strive to achieve is that of a community of learners; an environment where students feel safe, supported, challenged and included.

Prior to my career in education, I completed a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Journalism. Following the completion of this degree, I worked within the Local Government sector in community relations and development. This enabled me to work with people of all ages, empowering them to have their say within their local community. This taught me a lot about the power of fostering positive relationships and enabled me to utilise my passion for literacy.

I am thrilled to have been given this opportunity and I am excited to support and encourage all learners to reach their full potential.

I look forward to meeting the Saltwater Community and cannot wait to embark on this exciting journey with you all.

Kind Regards,
Stephanie Day
Classroom Teacher, Saltwater P-9 College

News from the Preps

Welcome to all Prep students and their families. We look forward to a very exciting and productive year. Parents, if this is your first child to commence school, be assured they will be very well cared for.

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The Prep Team



News from the Grade One's

WOW! What a great start to the year the year 1's have had in their brand new school. We are very proud of the way the students' have settled into the routines at Saltwater College. The year 1 students' have begun to look at the what attributes make up the learner profile and have started to develop their essential agreements. They are also in the process of creating their writer's notebook – filling it with seeds (ideas) to spark their creativity. We encourage you to assist your child to bring in any artefacts from home such as photos, newspaper articles to add to their writer's notebook, to help prompt their writing.

They are learning to choose a 'just right book'. To further develop the students' love of reading, we encourage them to read at home every night and get them to share with you the title, characters, setting and whether or not they enjoyed the book.

Just a few reminders:

- Please make sure your child brings a hat every day.
- Bring whole book pack to school as we will be storing the extras for later on in the year.
- Ensure all items of uniform and book packs are clearly labelled with your child's name and grade.
- Keep an eye out on classroom windows for any notices.
- Please ensure you pack enough fruit for 2 'fruit breaks' throughout the day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come in before or after school.

Thank you and looking forward to a great year!

Denae Vines and Sheridan Jennings
Year 1 Teachers

"What we like about Saltwater"

- The classroom Library
- Bright Displays
- Playground
- Learning new things
- Teachers
- Apple Tv
- Friends
- Essential Agreement
- Books
- Learner Profile
- School
- BBQ family fun day



News from the Grade Two's

Learning the School Song in Year 2

A big welcome to the students, parents and guardians of Year 2! Both Year 2 classes (2A and 2B) have settled in nicely and have been practicing the school expectations. One of these expectations is learning Saltwater College's school song. Students have been closely working together with our fabulous performing arts teacher, Mr Lapina to practice their singing voices. Our students have been demonstrating amazing listening skills, persistence, respect and cooperation in learning the school song together, as demonstrated in the photos.



REMINDER

Students are given two fruit breaks in class – one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Can parents/guardians please ensure that students have enough fruit, vegetables, or any other brain food packed for school so that can students can refuel during class.

We are so excited to work with and empower each and every one of our year 2 students.

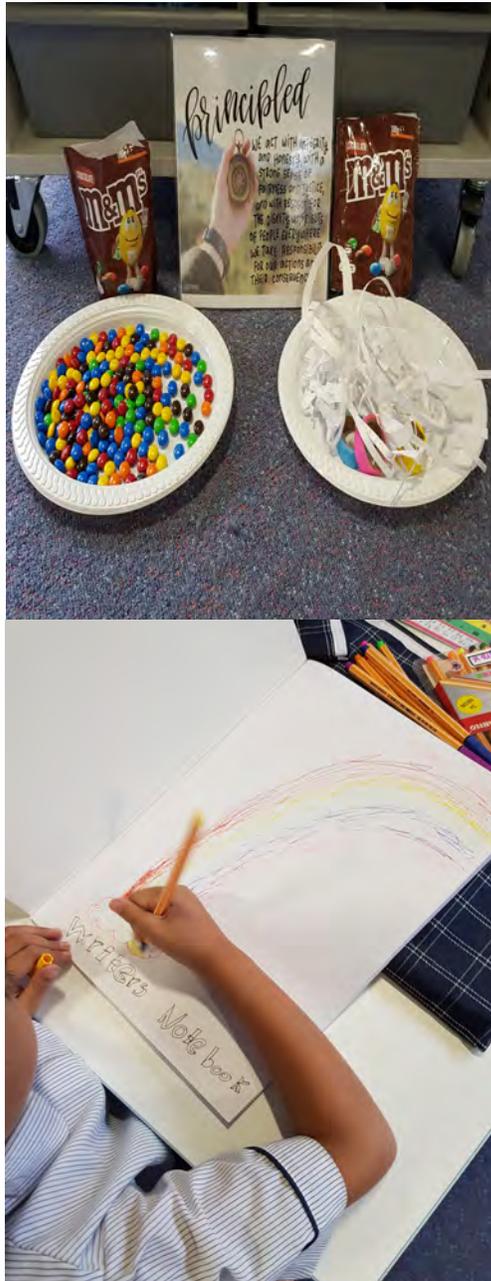
Miss Nardella and Mr McIntyre
2A and 2B Teachers

News from the Grade Three's

The Year 3 team would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and their families as we begin a new school year. We are very excited to be part of your child's education at Saltwater College, and we look forward to all the fun and exciting things we have planned for your child throughout 2019.

We are pleased to inform you that both teachers and students have settled well into their new classrooms, and have begun to establish their classroom routines and Essential Agreements. This work lays the foundations for a cohesive and structured classroom environment, which will in turn promote and maximise both teaching and learning in the coming terms. Over the past two weeks, students have been having conversations with their teachers and peers around writing habits and have been setting up their Writer's Notebook. This will be something they will engage with throughout the year and be a place where students are able to gather and document ideas and inspiration to write about, with each student's Writer's Notebook being special and unique to them. Students are encouraged to bring in artefacts or images from experiences outside of school to add to their Writer's Notebook. This will be discussed more in the coming weeks.

During class time, students have also helped with the set-up and organisation of their classroom libraries where they have already had the opportunity to read and enjoy a wide variety of books. Students have been having discussions around how to choose a 'Just Right' book, which they are encouraged to practise when selecting books at home or at the library as well. In mathematics we have been looking into how we use maths in our everyday life. We are now beginning to explore a range of problem solving strategies to unpack and solve worded problems, helping students to build on their knowledge of place value and the four operations. This work will continue on throughout the remainder of the year to ensure students continue to practise their recall of basic number facts.



To begin the term, students have been actively involved in a 'Learning to Learn' unit to ensure they begin to foster good study and learning habits both at school and at home. The Year 3 students have been thinkers by questioning how their brain works, in order to develop an understanding into the brain's memory systems. This will prepare each child for later in the term when they will begin to identify their strengths and weaknesses in order to select the learning goals they would like to achieve over the course of the year. These goals will be a fantastic starting point for the 'Meet and Greet' Interviews that will be held next Tuesday. Bookings are now available to be made, so please check the school's Facebook page for more information. We are looking forward to formally meeting all of our families, as we acknowledge the importance of your child's education at Saltwater College.

The Year 3 teachers would like to take this time to remind families that during Term 1, all students are required to wear a hat to play outside. Please ensure all hats and uniform items are labelled clearly with your child's name and class. Both Year 3 classes have begun to use their book packs so we would appreciate if all families could ensure all items from the book packs are brought to school as soon as possible. All spare stationary and books will be stored with your child's classroom teacher and any unused items will be returned at the end of the year.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to your child's classroom teacher. Please keep an eye out for the Curriculum Overview coming out later in the term, as there will be more detailed information in regards to your child's learning.

Likewise, please regularly check the outside of the Year 3 classrooms as all notices will be posted in the office windows.

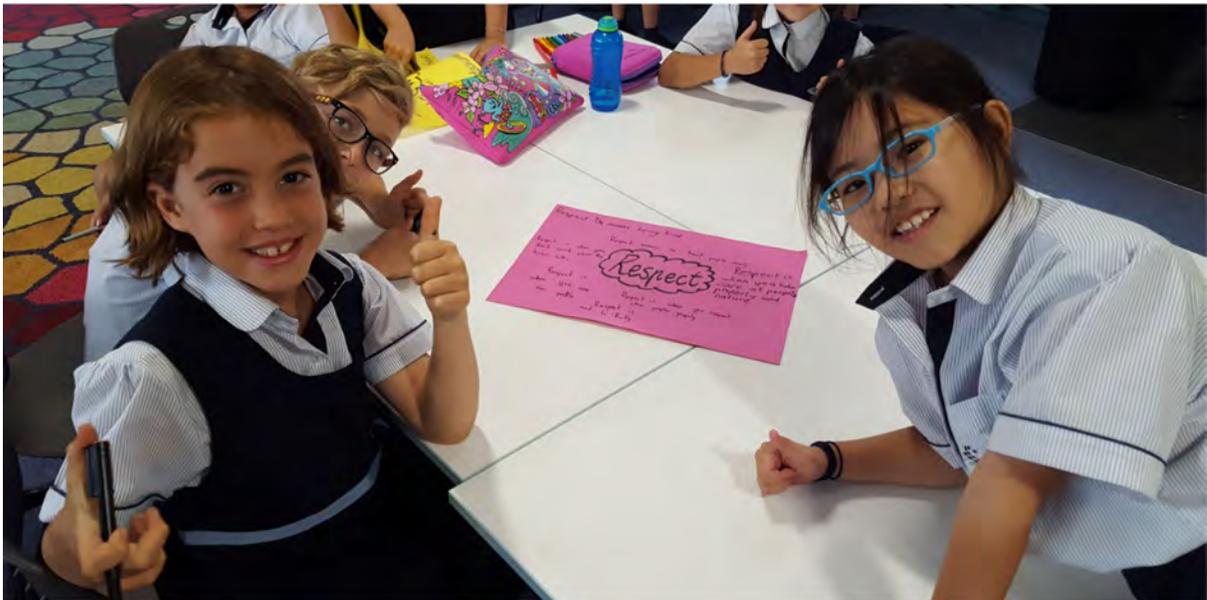
Thank-you for your support and we look forward to working closely with you this year,
Danielle Colling and Emily Goegan
The Year 3 Team

News from the Grade Four's

The year 4 team have been learning about the IB Learner Attributes and why they are important in building a community of curious, caring and driven learners. We have explored what each attribute encompasses and how each member of our community can implement and practice them each day.

The year 4 students came up with a definition and action for each attribute and presented their thinking to the year level. An example is Empathy; it is defined by the ability to understand or share the feeling of another person. You can show empathy by caring for one another, encouraging someone not to give up, helping another person and giving a hug to someone in need.

The Year 4 Team



News from the Grade Five's

It has been a busy and exciting start of the year, for the first ever grade Five students at Saltwater College. It's been nothing but smiles, and wonderings as we explore our new school and the amazing facilities and enthusiastically discuss the year ahead. Students and teachers have both begun to get to know each other and discover how best we learn.

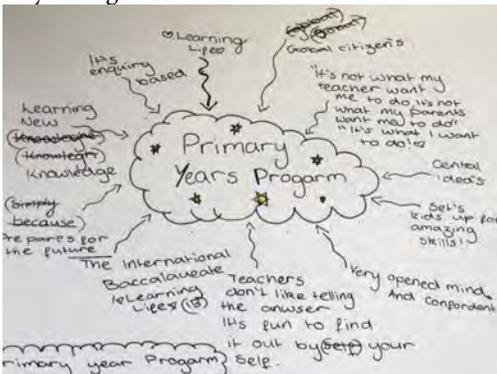
On Tuesday next week, we have our Meet and Greet. It is a fantastic chance for teachers, parents and students to continue to form a stronger partnership as we get to know one another. So please ensure that you book in to discuss the exciting possibilities for our year at Saltwater.

In term 2, the year Five students will undertake the State-wide assessment NAPLAN. NAPLAN consists of Four assessments assessing students Numeracy, Writing, Reading and Language Conventions skills. As we want our students to reach their full potential in term 1 will be holding extension workshops for year Five students wishing to attend. More information will be coming out shortly.

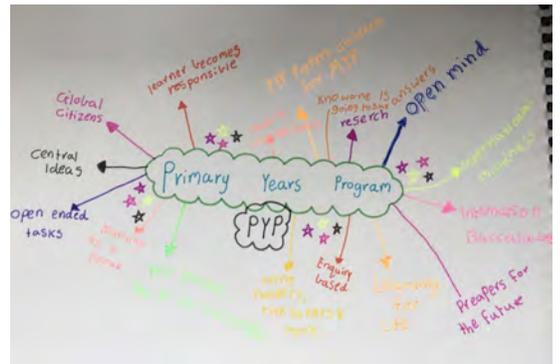
MY FIRST IMPRESSION...

When I first started, I was excited, I saw my friend Ava who I hadn't seen in 2 years. I can't believe she was in my class at my new school. The very first thing was a school tour, so we knew where everything was. I really enjoyed setting up our classroom library with Mr. Robinsons class and got to sort it out how we wanted. Next, we learnt our school song with our music teacher Mr. Lupin. He has a great voice and I enjoyed learning the lyrics.

-By Georgia and Ava 5A



Student work samples



NUMERACY

In 5A, we have been learning different problem-solving strategies like drawing a table, drawing a diagram and acting out, as everyone learns differently. We also have been extending our vocabulary in Numeracy for the different operations. I have enjoyed doing our times table challenges, it makes it exciting to learn.

-By Simone 5A We have been looking into problem solving strategies. As a class we looked into writing a reflection and how we can extend a problem to show our understanding. We looked at if this was the best solution to use or could use another strategy. The activity was helpful because it will be useful for NAPLAN. I enjoyed it as it was very creative and imaginative

-By Vismaya 5A

EXPLORING THE PYP

The PYP stands for Primary Years Program and it is an international program for kids around the world. The PYP helps kids go to school and learn to be life-long learners.

On behalf of the year Five team we would like to congratulate the students on the first two weeks of this school year. We look forward to setting goals with you, working hard and achieving success.



News from the Grade Six's

IMPORTANT DATES

- 12th February
Meet and Greet – Please book a time to meet classroom teacher
- 5th August – 8th August
Proposed camp to Mt Buller Ski Camp

It has been an exciting time for the Year 6 students at Saltwater College. The leaders of the school have begun the school with enthusiasm and a determined attitude. It has been extremely pleasing as the classroom teacher to see all students approach tasks with positive mindset.

As leaders of the school, the year 6 students have an added responsibility. In the coming weeks, they will meet their prep buddy class where they will begin meeting weekly or fortnightly to engage in learning tasks with younger members of the school.

Year 6 is an important year for our students as we prepare them for secondary school. Already in the first few weeks, I can say that the leaders of our school have demonstrated respect for each other, integrity and a caring attitude towards other students whilst in the schoolyard.

We have been engaging in 'The first 20 days of Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy' where structures and procedures have been designed.

This week, students engaged in an IB workshop where we examined the Vision and Mission of the International Baccalaureate and the students collaborated with each other where they made clear links to the vision and mission of Saltwater College.

I was most impressed with the way our leaders ran our first official Assembly. They were principled when presenting in front of our Minister of Education 'James Merlino' and our Attorney General 'Ms Jill Hennessy'. They have certainly started the year off brilliantly and are excited for the year ahead.

