SCHOOL PRIORITIES FOR 2017
Thank you to the school community that have supported the development of the school improvement agenda for 2017. The school will have a direct focus on three improvement areas that build on the previous year’s success and considerations.
These areas will be

- SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS
- QUALITY TEACHING AND OUTCOMES
- ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

These agenda items build directly onto the priority areas from this year and therefore provide the opportunity for the school to build our students learning capacity together.

PREP OPEN MORNING
This week the school held the final Prep open morning for our new Prep students for 2017. They came and spent time familiarising themselves with the new school environment. The school looks forward to sharing their journey into a formalised school setting in the New Year.

PREP TO YEAR SIX ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Enrolments for 2017 have commenced. By law, children must be born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 to enrol in Prep 2017. Please visit the Enrolment tab on our website for the required documentation and Application for Student Enrolment. Enrolment interviews for successful prep applicants are still taking place. Please contact the school office if you require an interview.

REPORT CARDS
At present the teachers are in the process of completing the report cards for this semester. It is anticipated that they will be printed and ready to go home on Wednesday 7 December.

CLASS LIST ALLOCATION
The organisation of classes for next year has almost been finalised. They will be released on Thursday 8 December. These class lists will be not subject to change unless the school feels it necessary.
WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY
In 2005 the UNESCO General Conference established World Philosophy Day which is celebrated every third Thursday in November to honour philosophical reflections around the world. It is a day for people to share thoughts, openly explore and discuss new ideas and inspire public debate or discussion on society’s challenges. As a proud Philosophy school, East Brisbane State School celebrated World Philosophy Day with 3 workshops in which parents were invited to join in a Community of Inquiry with their children. The upper school group was led by Mr Simon Banks; the Years 1 to 3 group by Ms Julie Navruk and the Prep group by Ms Bronwyn Greatbatch. All three groups discussed the concept of “happiness” with a series of questions facilitated by the group leaders. Thank you to all those parents who came along to get a taste of how Philosophy is implemented in a primary school. We hope that you enjoyed your experience and that you might have been still thinking about the discussion and various ideas after our session.

CELEBRATION NIGHT
As the year is quickly coming to a close I would like to remind you all to please save the date for the Celebration evening on Tuesday 6 December at 6pm. This year we have moved back to the Legend Room at the Gabba. I am really looking forward to show casing our student’s talent and sharing the journey of 2016 with you all. Parking will be available on the oval.

GRADUATION EVENING
Graduation is for our year 6 students that will be moving on to high school next year. All our graduating students will have received an invitation last week. Could you please RSVP by Friday 25 November through the school office for catering reasons.

PE NEWS
Our Senior Swim carnival was held Thursday November 24th and we look forward after our Junior Swim Fun Day Friday 25th to announcing our age champions for the Seniors and winning house for our two combined days. Our students will be participating in the School for Schools Sport Baseball Clinics next week Monday to Wednesday. I look forward to hearing of the students progress and enjoyment of a new sport to the school. 2017 will see Milo Cricket offer after school programs in Term 1 weeks 4 (15 Feb) -10 (29 March) on Wednesdays afterschool 3.10-4.10pm for years Prep - Year 4. The cost will be $99 which will include the 7 weeks of cricket and a MILO in2Cricket pack. Milo Cricket will visit parade next year in week 2 to hand out flyers for children to enrol for the 7 week clinic, put this date in your calendar if you are interested in 2017. A big thank you to all those parents who have helped me out in sport this year, Budgie Cups, Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country - this takes a team effort, thanks from myself and the kids.

Thoughts Till Next Time: "The standard you walk past is the standard you accept." OR "It's not a problem to make mistakes, everyone does, but it is a problem if you don't learn from them."

Yours in Sport
Karen Florager

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The Mustard Seed is a new non-profit community space coming to 861 Stanley street, Woolloongabba. We will offer a variety of activities including art and craft activities, homework help, board game play-offs and physical and mental health seminars, just to name a few! Our soft opening is coming up on 10 December with a Kokedama workshop at 10am and a Board game play-off at 3pm. Register your place at gabbamustardseed@gmail.com, visit our facebook page www.facebook.com/gabbamustardseed/ or grab a flyer from the office.

Looking forward to meeting you there!

Anna Yum, Community Liaison Manager for The Mustard Seed

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**If you have any changes to Students’ details on the school system, Please Update Student Records**

We need to ensure that all of our records are up to date in case we need to contact you for any reason. Please complete the information below and return to the office in a **sealed envelope**.

Student Name __________________________ Class __________

Address________________________________________________________________________

Email Address __________________________________________________________________

Parent/Caregiver 1: Name __________________________ Home __________ Work __________ Mobile __________

Parent/Caregiver 2: Name __________________________ Home __________ Work __________ Mobile __________

Emergency Contact 1 (other than parent) Name __________________________ Home __________ Work __________ Mobile __________

Emergency Contact 2 (other than parent) Name __________________________ Home __________ Work __________ Mobile __________

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**P & C Meeting**

Wednesday 30th November

In the Library @ 6pm

All Welcome