

Important Dates...

- ✓ **Monday 12th November P&F Meeting 7.00pm**
- ✓ **Thursday 22nd November – Swimming Carnival, 4.00 – 8.00pm**
Weipa Town Pool
- ✓ **Wednesday 28th November – Starry Starry Night**
- ✓ **Thursday 29th November – Year 6 Graduation Dinner**
- ✓ **Friday 30th November – Last day of Term 4**

**PLEASE READ IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN OUR NEWSLETTER
REGARDING A MUMPS OUTBREAK IN OUR COMMUNITY!**



TERM 4 FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Will you be here in 2019?

Planning for our 2019 school year is well underway. As our enrolment vacancies are limited and to aid prospective future families in providing certainty on possible enrolments for the new school year, we urge any families who will be exiting at the end of the year to please notify us accordingly.

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MUMPS OUTBREAK

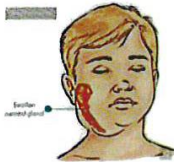
Prevent mumps in your community
Protect you and your family



Healthy child

Child with mumps

**Vaccination is recommended to anyone
aged between 8 and 52 years**



What is mumps?

Mumps is a viral infection and some people will not become unwell at all. Symptoms commonly include fever, swelling and tenderness of the parotid glands (see picture), sore throat, headache and tiredness. Occasionally serious complications can occur but this is usually rare.

It is spread through droplets or saliva (spit) from sneezing or coughing from an infected person. A person with mumps can spread it to over a few days before they even become unwell and then for another (9) nine days.

If someone has mumps they must stay away from work, school and day-care during this infectious time.

Vaccines are available at:

WEIPA HOSPITAL OUTPATIENTS: 40823900
WEIPA CHILD HEALTH NURSE: 40823676
NAPRANUM CLINICS: 40823500
PRIVATE G.P.: 40823700 MAPOON CLINIC
* BY APPOINTMENTS 40829400

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Mumps

Dear Parent,

There has been an increase in the number of suspected and confirmed cases of mumps in several districts and communities in Far North Queensland, this includes recent cases in a community near Weipa.

National recommendations are that routinely everyone born during or after 1966 should receive 2 doses of Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine.

The reasons for the increased number of cases are not clear but may be due to weakening of protection from vaccines a person has had previously.

Because of the recent cases of mumps in your area, I recommend for Napranum, Weipa and Mapoon that until further notice all people older than 8 years and born during or after 1966 are offered a dose of MMR vaccine, including those who have already received 2 doses in the past (provided the person is not pregnant or immunocompromised).

Although MMR may not prevent mumps immediately after exposure, it will prevent cases after subsequent exposures and top up immunity to measles and rubella.

Further information on mumps is available with the attached QH Mumps factsheet
<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/media/pdf/14/217/99/mumps-v6>

Yours sincerely,

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SEL Celebration with Snacks



Dear Parents,

This Semester in SEL we have focused on the keys Organisation, Resilience and Getting Along. To celebrate the students hard work, each class is having a **SEL Celebration with Snacks.**

On Thursday the 15th of November we will be watching a G rated Movie that focuses on these keys and will continue watching it on Thursday the 22nd of November. The children may bring in some kind of snack to munch on while watching the movie.

We ask that you please remember that we are an Allergy awareness school.

Regards,
Melanie Turner.

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