



Principal's letter

I would like to welcome back everyone to Furlong Park in 2019! I hope you all had a wonderful time with your friends and family over the summer holiday. A very special welcome to our new families. We hope that your child's time at Furlong Park will be a happy one as we all work together to provide the best educational outcomes for them.

We have a number of new staff joining us this year. Ed Arthur has worked with us previously though now he will be teaching in Room 7. Caitlin Hosken has also worked with us in the past when covering teachers who are on leave. Caitlin will be working in the ELC and teaching all the school students Auslan on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Idelia Lai and Lauren Piper join Furlong Park as Educational Support workers will be working in Room 6 and the ELC. Last year Shelley Fehring taught in Room 2 though now she has become a Leading Teacher and will support Maria Burgess and myself in the leadership team. We also welcome back Christine Nguyen into the speech team and Krista Andrews has returned for 3 days a week to teach in Room 5.

I believe 2019 is going to be a great year at Furlong Park as our dedicated staff are motivated and determined for each child to reach their full potential.

I look forward to getting to know you all more at the Family Welcome Evening – I hope you can make it.

Lee Bullock
Principal



Technology powers ahead at Furlong Park!

We are excited to announce that we have purchased an iPad for every child and staff member! These will be used within the classroom to enhance the learning of each

child. The iPads will stay at school and not be taken home. If you're interested in learning how the teacher will use them in the classroom, please contact your child's teacher.

Term Dates 2019

Term 1 – 31 January – 5 April 2019
Term 2 – 23 April – 28 June 2019
Term 3 – 15 July – 20 September 2019
Term 4 – 7 October – 20 December 2019

Upcoming Events 2019

Every Monday 9am – Assembly – All welcome
Every Tuesday – Swimming
Every Thursday 9:15am – 10:30am – Auslan classes free for families
Thursday 21 February – Family BBQ and playground 5pm-7pm @ Frontier Park
Sunday 24 February – Bunning sausage sizzle
Sunday 24 March – Signing choir perform at Hamer Hall

Family Welcome Evening

Thursday 21 February – 5-7pm @ Frontier Park
at the corner of Frontier Avenue and Woodlea Boulevard, Rockbank.

At the start of each year we have an evening where all the children and their families can come together and have fun! It's a great opportunity for parents to meet each other and the staff at the school. It's a 20 minute drive from Furlong Park. You're welcome to bring scooters, bikes, a picnic or food to share.





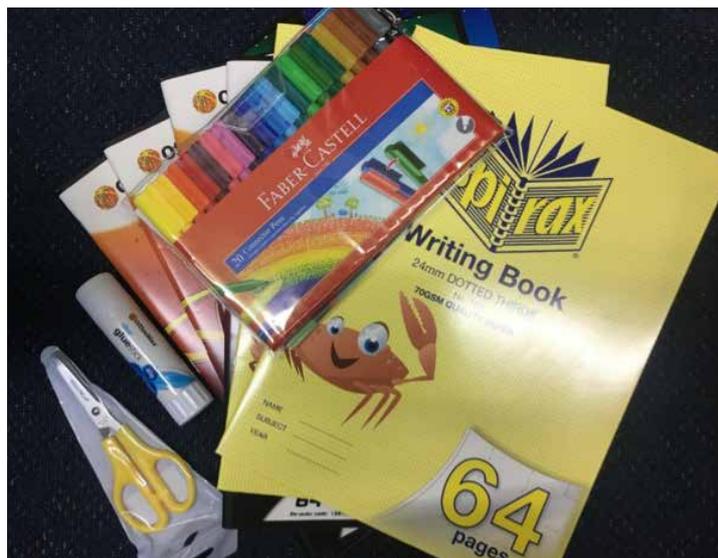
Can you help us cook some snags?

On **Sunday 24 February** at Bunnings in Sunshine we are fundraising for our school! Please complete the attached form and return it to the school office as soon as possible if you're able to come and help for an hour or two. We really appreciate the support. We'd love to see you there!



Book packs must be paid

Book pack and stationery information was sent with the student reports last year. Payment must be made for your child to receive their pack. Please phone the office for more information.



School council members needed

We have been very fortunate to have had a small group of dedicated parents who have worked hard for the school to improve the facilities and to provide opportunities for the all the children to experience high quality learning. This year we have positions open and would love for you to consider being on our school council.

The time commitment is one hour per month for the meeting and then any extra involvement is up to you. The parents usually have a special lunch twice per term and we have 2 sausage sizzles across the year where we

need to have people organizing the day with the support of the school office and myself. Other activities include the Mother's and Father's day stalls and occasionally a raffle. Attached to this newsletter is more information about the School Council and how to be involved.

If you are interested in joining School Council, just contact our Principal, Lee Bullock or our Business Manager, Janine Comte and we will help you with the paperwork. Nominations are open from **Thursday 7 February to 4pm on Thursday 28 February 2018.**