Hello Everyone

This is the first newsletter since the holidays. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. I would suggest people read the "What's On" section as we work our way through this long and busy term.

This week I attended the Principal Business Day at the Highfields Cultural Centre. One of the key messages was that teachers, parents and students should focus on the A–E grades that students achieve. There has been much spoken about NAPLAN, but the idea is that if we focus on the standards that students achieve then this will align with NAPLAN Bands. Unlike some schools we don’t do lots of NAPLAN practice. We focus on good teaching and learning and assisting all students to achieve high standards.

This approach does suggest that we should continue to work on our teaching and learning. On Tuesday 26 Tania Leach will again be back at school to assist Steph, Richard and myself to develop a whole school strategy to improve our teaching and learning of maths. We are collectively developing an instructional routine that better caters for all our students. Interestingly we have set a goal to have more students achieve A and B grades and Tania feels she has the formula for us to do this. This aligns with the department’s focus to lift standards and to focus on A-E grades.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention Anzac Day organization for this year. Our school Anzac Service will commence at 9:00am sharp on this Friday 22 April. We need to be prompt in order to ensure that students participating in Cross Country have time to get to the Cross Country Trials at Biddeston after our Anzac Service. I would invite all parents to attend this service.

There will be a town Anzac Service on Anzac Day on Monday 25 April. I would like to encourage students to participate in the march along Main Street and Jondaryan Road at 7:45am. This will be followed by the Anzac Service near the tennis courts. Students will be expected to wear their school uniform if they attend and meet me at 7:30 am on the morning. With this I will leave you with the quote of the week.

Today is about compassion, about endurance against overwhelming odds, about mateship, it is about a 'fair go'- these are the values that were lived by our Anzacs and our Aussie boys on the Western Front and at Gallipoli

Have a good fortnight.

Michael

### What’s On

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Important news for parents

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

This week we will be focusing on our RESPONSIBILITY value. These can be found on our values and expectations matrix:

- Try my best;
- Take care of my belongings;
- Take care of others property;
- Be in the right place at the right time;
- Keep desk area tidy;
- Have books and materials ready;
- Participate fully;
- Use Pedestrian crossings when coming to school;
- Play in the designated area;
- Lunchbox away;
- Rubbish in the bin;
- Use toilets correctly;
- Report problems to the teacher.

It would be appreciated if you check with your child to ensure they have adequate essential equipment such as rulers, pencils and rubbers in particular.

Missing iPad

A brand new Apple iPad mini 2 16GB Space Gray, Model ME276XA was missing from the office in the last holidays. This item was still in the packaging. All staff, parents and the community are being informed and everyone should take reasonable steps to assist with the security of items. Any communication in regard to this should involve the principal.

Trial Homework Club

Homework club has commenced each Wednesday from 3:00 to 4:00 (3:00 to 3:40 for bus children). This is for families who have completed the expression of interest. It is important that if the expression of interest has been completed then parents should notify the school if children can’t participate on a particular day. We mark a roll. It is to be noted that participation may not ensure all homework is completed and it is suggested that parents check children’s homework regularly.

AWARDS Presented—Term 2

Week 1:
P-2: Lucy Peters, Lilly-Ann Packer, Adelle Schelberg
3-4: Chelsea McGrath, Ally Cholava
S-6: Jesse Turnbull, Brendon Packer

Congratulations to these students and to everyone else, keep trying your best at everything you do.

P&C NEWS (21.4.16)

If you have anything you wish to add to the agenda or the P&C News, please let Amanda Pollock know on 0428 285 818.

P & C Events     Date
P & C meeting—   May 3
Anzac Day March  April 25

QAST TUCKSHOP CHANGES

Queensland Association of School Tuckshops and the Qld Government have changed the date from which tuckshops are to make healthy changes to their menus, it is now Term 1 2017.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 20: Dawn & Helen
Wed 27: Jo & Sherrie

* New volunteers are needed *

Winter tuckshop menu and roster has been sent out, if you didn’t receive one please contact Donna.

UNIFORMS

Everyone is invited to pay tribute to the Anzacs this Anzac Day by marching from the front of the School to the Memorial for a service starting at 8.00 am.

Please be assembled at the front of the School by 7.45 am. Mt Tyson students are to wear School uniform.