Hello Everyone

We have some interesting community events coming up as we seem to be rapidly making our way through this term.

On Saturday August 20 the P&C will be holding a Trivia Night in the school hall. I know much discussion, effort and enthusiasm has gone into this event. I’d particularly like to thank Amanda and Dawn for the effort and thinking that has gone into this and despite my best attempts, I have no idea what the questions will be. I’m sure this will be a great family night and I hope the hall is full of lots of fun and laughter.

On Friday August 26 we have employed the speech pathologist, Charlotte Boyd, to further assist our school community with understandings about the importance of Early Language. This includes vocabulary as well as phonemic awareness. It is vital that children have skills in these areas as they commence formal reading lessons. This has formed part of our sharp improvement focus. Charlotte will provide a workshop for our playgroup parents and other interested people at 10:00am and we will make arrangements to supervise the young children to give parents the opportunity to attend this event.

On the afternoon of Tuesday 30 August we will be having our Pet Parade and this is will be held from 2:00 until 3:00. This will be run by the project club and the money raised will go to the RSPCA. Old library books will be sold for 20c each on the day. I hope this is great fun, but I would urge parents to be cautious with animals. Dogs should be kept on leads and all pets should be kept by parents and brought at 2:00. Indeed, I will be instructing children to only pat pets when there is adult supervision. While not an animal expert, I was once told to never totally trust dogs, even the most friendly family pet, and I know how bad we would feel if there was an accident.

All of the above events, although different, are community events. A school needs to be a place where people not only learn but mix with others and feel comfortable in their community. I hope our school is seen as an open, friendly and caring place.

“Without a sense of caring there can be no sense of community” Anthony D’Angelo

Have a Great Fortnight

Michael
**Important news for parents**

**Student Behaviour**
This fortnight we will be focusing on the Responsibility Value. The following expectations come from our “values and expectations” matrix and you may wish to reinforce these with your child.

- Walk bikes in school;
- Play within the designated area;
- Use toilets appropriately;
- Wash hands after using the toilet and before eating;
- Sticks and stones down;
- Avoid rough play;
- Rubbish in the bin;
- Look after own equipment;
- Care for the property of the school and of others;
- Have equipment ready to learn;
- Be prompt for lessons;
- Try my best with my learning.

**Josh Arnold – Walk Together Music Project**
On Tuesday 23 August, Mt Tyson State School has been invited to attend the launch of “The Country Connection” video of which some of our students took part in. An acoustic version of “The Country Connection” will be performed with Josh Arnold and the 16 vocalists (representing each school) and the completed video will be shown for the first time.

We will travel to Pittsworth Town Hall by bus leaving the school at 9.15am and returning approx. 11.30am. Permission slips and money need to be returned a.s.a.p. please.

**Countdown—Yr 5/6 Camp—Hervey Bay**
The camp for year 5/6 students is now only about 3 weeks away.

The final payment invoice along with a Medical Form and a What to Bring list was sent home this week with your child. If your child will be needing medication whilst on camp, please collect a form from Lorraine at the office.

Please see Michael or Lorraine if you need to set up an instalment plan to help with payment for this camp.

This will be a great camp with a visit to Australia Zoo, ten pin bowling, whale watching, fishing, swimming and water fun.

**RSPCA Pet & Cupcake Day**
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**School Beautification**
Today, Thursday 18 August we have had the garden beds in front of the library and prep-year 2 classroom edged with terracotta kwik-kerb edging. This has greatly improved the look of these gardens and also making it safer for the students as we have removed the old worn out sleepers.

**Homework Club**
Now resumed!! I enjoy doing this – I hope that myself along with the volunteers can help a little bit to develop a love of reading in your child.

**Triviso Night**
I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the successful day at St Stephens Centenary. The Mt Tyson P&C has developed an excellent reputation for catering for these functions.

The P&C has been asked to cater for a morning tea for a Historical Motor Cycle Club on September 11 in the school grounds.

We will be catering for up to 100 people. The P&C will require morning tea donations. A donation request will be sent out closer to the date.

I am looking at beautifying some gardens around your school (with the Project Club) and as the weather warms up, we’ll be working on this soon. So – I’m looking for donations!! Do you have any old wheelbarrows/plant vouchers from TCC/ donations of soil ever/old bike/old plough – etc! You get the idea – anything that you think we could use we would gratefully accept!!

**Triviso Night**
The Triviso Night is coming around quickly so please organize friends and family for a night of fun! Contact Dawn or Amanda for catering purposes.

**Tuckshop Roster**

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**Fundraiser**
A major fundraiser idea for 2017 is a School Calendar. The P&C is after ideas for photos eg: My parents at work or photos the students have taken through school. Contact P&C members if you have an idea or can help.

**Camping**
Year 6—going into year 7 at PSHS in 2017

Please find attached to this newsletter a brochure regarding the enrolment information for next year. Interviews opened on 15 August and close on 15 September 2016.

**CHAPPY CHATTER**
Hello everyone and welcome to Term 3 – I know – a fair bit late, I’ve been away for a week in Brisbane for my final Diploma training (will finish this study at the end of the year)!!! AND then I had Chappy conference which took me away for another 4 days. Chappy conference is a wonderful opportunity to grow our skills as Chaplains. We get to talk to many other Chaplains all over Queensland and share our challenges and ideas – but most of all we all come away from these days very tired and yet very inspired by stories of how schools/children/staff/parents/community have benefited from this service.

Hopefully I can help to make a difference in your community.

Old Father of the Year has not been announced yet!! Keep your eyes on this space!!

Bottles of Apple Juice are now just about all sold – thanks for your support!!

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See you around the school grounds – have a GREAT weekend!!