Hello Everyone

I would firstly like to mention how proud I was of the students at the Rossvale Athletics Carnival. Although Mount Tyson did not win I saw high levels of sportsmanship, effort and enthusiasm. I also noted how our students supported each other. Thankfully it was a beautiful day and we deserved this after the terrible weather in 2015. Once again Tony Morris did a great job organizing the day and we have many students heading off to Bunya on Friday 5 August.

I have often spoken about the importance of attendance and the need to notify the school if a student is away. At Mount Tyson we have solid attendance. At the moment the school is exploring a system where parents will be sent a text when students are away and the school has not been notified. This in response to policy changes in regard to attendance. We seem to be running into a time when people are getting colds, the flu and other bugs and under those circumstances it is best that students stay at home but the school is notified.

I have spoken before about STEM. This stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This is an initiative by Education Queensland to prepare students for a rapidly changing future and workforce needs. We currently have coding lessons for students in Years 3 to 6 on Tuesday and also have maths problem solving groups. We have taken an additional step at Mount Tyson with the purchase of 8 robots that the students will eventually be able to program to complete various tasks. I would like to thank the P&C for assisting with the purchase of these robots and also acknowledge Richard Keene who has the technical skill to be of benefit to our school.

On Friday 12 August our year 6 students are invited to attend an Open day at Pittsworth High School. This is an important transition. In the coming months there will be opportunities for parents and students who will be in prep in 2017. These transitional opportunities are vital as students move through the important educational stages in their lives.

Quote of the Week: "Attitude is the little thing that makes a big difference"
Winston Churchill

Have a great fortnight

Michael
**Important news for parents**

**Student Behaviour**

This fortnight we are focussing on the RESPECT value. The following expectations are from our Values and Expectations Matrix and you may wish to reinforce these with your child at home:

- Use manners;
- Greet people in a positive manner;
- Avoid teasing;
- Include others in games;
- Ask to be included in games;
- Allow others to learn;
- Be honest;
- Express feelings calmly;
- Listen to others;
- Hands up in class.

**Social Media**

This is a reminder to be careful using social media, which is causing increasing problems in schools and other organizations. I was told recently that 50% of Queensland Teaching Union funds are used to fight social media defamatory cases for teachers. I was also told that placing something on social media can be like putting something on the front page of any newspaper. Things can spread quickly. The following are some basic tips when using social media:

- If you have issues with something at school it is best to make an appointment to see the relevant person at school. This is more productive than being critical of an organization on social media.
- Avoid using pictures of primary school children without consent. Parents can request to have these removed. It is important to note that the school has media consent to use pictures of children but individuals do not have this consent.
- Avoid threatening language towards another individual. There are legal issues associated with this.
- Avoid defamatory comments toward others. This applies to people working in a professional capacity such as teachers. There are legal issues associated with this.

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**Rossvale Athletics Carnival Results**

Even though we didn’t win any of the shields this year, two of our students won age champions for their year level. Congratulations to Tom Griffiths and Ethan Behrendorff. Well done to everyone for their great sportsmanship and conduct at the recent sports day and thanks to the parents for supporting all the students.

**Josh Arnold – Walk Together Music Project**

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 on Tuesday 23 August, leaving the school at 9.15am and returning approx. 11.30am. Cost of the bus will be $4.00/child.

The Permission slip is attached to this newsletter and needs to be returned with money by Thursday 18 August.

**Yr 5/6 Camp—Hervey Bay**

The camp for year 5/6 students is now only 5 weeks away.

As with any excursion there is a lot of organisation in booking venues and activities. Thank you to the parents who have made their deposit payments. The final payment invoice will be sent home with a Medical Form and a What to Bring list. 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.

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**P&C NEWS 4.08.16**

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**

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**TRIVIA NIGHT**

The P&C has started organising the Trivia Night planned for August 20 at a cost of $5 a person with 6/8 people per table. There will be a BBQ meal at 5 o’clock before sitting down at 6.30 pm with prizes throughout the night.

Children are welcome. We will have a movie area for the younger ones and will be asking questions suitable for the school aged. Please bring a plate to share for supper. Support your School and tell your family and friends to come and enjoy the night.

No alcohol allowed.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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*Home bake is always needed*

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**DATE CLAIMER: August 20**

***Trivia Night***

Start Organizing your tables

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**LOST PROPERTY**

PLEASE NAME ALL YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS.

Please check this regularly for anything belonging to your child.

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**Pittsworth Early Years Network**

Early Years Pittsworth brings you the Triple P Parenting Program.

Triple P is a positive parenting program that aims to promote children’s development and manage children’s behaviour in constructive and non-hurtful way.

Triple P is:

- Based on good communication and positive attention.
- Designed to give parents the skills they need to raise confident, healthy children and to build stronger relationships.
- Doesn’t tell people how to parent. Rather it gives parents simple and practical strategies they can adapt to suit their own values, beliefs and needs.

The Triple P Group program will run over a number of weeks in Pittsworth at the Function Centre.

When:

- August 2, 9, 16, 23, Sept 13 at 6.30 pm

For further information phone Mary Grebeshikoff on 46953123 or mob: 0407670928