Principal’s Message

Hi Everyone

I hope everyone had a happy holiday break with their children.

I am currently putting the finishing touches to our school’s inclusivity action plan. My feeling is that any school should strive to be inclusive because this is all about supporting all our children and ensuring they achieve the best outcomes they can. I have tried to enrich the improvements we are currently working on rather than include separate things that need to be done. An improvement agenda that becomes very broad can become meaningless.

Our inclusivity action plan aims to ensure that we strive to make our assessments are even more meaningful to better assist our teaching. I’ve said this before: “Work out what the kids need to learn and teach this so it sticks”. We will ensure the changes made to managing student behaviour are real and are proactive in nature and not reactive. This is at the heart of being inclusive. Finally, we will be reviewing student reports to ensure these are inclusive. I will be presenting our plan to a group of principals on Monday 28 July.

Safety is always a chief consideration in our practices. I would ask that parents and carers pay particular attention if they are dropping off children on the Jondaryan road in the morning. It is best if children are dropped off on the school side. This means they don’t have to cross the road.

I would also ask that people drive slowly because this a busy time and there is a need to be mindful of the children who cross the road from the Arnold’s bus. These children are dropped off near the old hall. We all need to model best practice in regard to driving and pedestrian safety around schools.

Finally, I would encourage your participation in the school surveys. This assists us greatly and details have been provided with this newsletter.

Thanks
Michael.
Important news for parents

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Student of the Week Awards

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STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

During week 2 we focused on wearing the Mount Tyson shirt with pride.

GOTCHA WINNERS: for week 2 are: Christopher Maas, Talita Cann & Zac Small

During week 3 to week 4 we will be focusing on the safety expectation. Most of these apply to outside behaviour. We will explicitly teach the following expectations: hands and feet to myself; rocks and sticks on the ground; stay in the school grounds; climb only on play equipment; walk on concrete and up steps; follow adult directions; wear hats and shoes outside; drink lots of water; wash hands after play; wash hands after going to the toilet; sit when eating and eat my own food.

We will also be discussing pedestrian safety and using the zebra crossings correctly.

Reminder: Dates for your calendar

8 August: Free Aus Tag Clinic, S.E.A.T talk (person in a wheelchair to address the school), and Year 7 transition to Year 8 at PHS 9:00 to 12:00. A program for parents has also been organised if you would like to stay and then pick up your child at 12.00 noon.

15 August: Free Aus Tag Clinic and Year 6 Transition to Year 7 at PHS from 9:00 to 12:00. A parents program has also been organised for those parents who wish to stay in Pittsworth and then pick up their child at 12.00 noon.

ROSSVALE SPORTS RESULTS:

Last Thursday the Rossvale Athletics Day was held at Bridgeham Oval in Pittsworth. A great day was had by all and it was wonderful for Mt Tyson to take out some of the trophies.

Mt Tyson was successful in bringing home the trophy for Average Points Overall, as well as these individual age championships:-

Hayden Cann 10yr boys
Amy Sturgess 11yr girls
Ryan Geran 11yr boys
Zac Small 13yr boys

Congratulations to these students and to everyone for a great effort overall. Thanks to all parents for transporting students and supporting our school on the day.

School Opinion Surveys

This surveys is undertaken each year by the department’s State Schools Division to obtain opinions of parents/caregivers, students and staff about important aspects of schooling.

The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve. This year all surveys are to be conducted online. With this newsletter is the instruction for completing the survey. Log on to the web address listed and use the codes supplied—this is your confidential coding for you to complete your survey.

If you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to arrange to use one of the computers at the school. On-line Surveys must be completed by 3 August.

Pre-prep Playgroup Dates

We will be running the pre-prep/playgroup days again this term. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Friday August 1, Aug 15, Aug 29 and September 12. This runs from 9.00am—11.00am in the old tuckshop building.

Please bring along a plate of eats to share for morning tea. Look forward to seeing everyone again on Friday 1st August.

P&C NEWS 24.07.2014

Our next meeting is coming up on 13 August, 2014. If you have anything you wish to add to the agenda or the P&C News, please let Jilliene Ruhele know on 4693 7285. We will be sending out a copy of the agenda with the newsletter prior to the meeting (7th August). If you need more information on items to be brought to the meetings, contact any of the committee and we will let you know what is happening. We, as a committee, value all parents ideas/concerns and want to make your experience (and our children’s) with Mt Tyson school an enjoyable one.

P&C Events

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Cadbury Chocolate Boxes

Because the chocolate boxes have been such a success, we have decided to keep selling them until the end of the year. If you wish to sell more boxes for the F & C, $1 or $2 chocolate boxes are available. Please call Karen Dowe if you’d like a box-0409 267 384. Thanks Karen for doing such a great job!!

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and Father’s Day Raffle

Don’t forget to contact Karen if you are able to volunteer your help at the Bunnings sausage sizzle. Many hands make light work and we were hoping to get extra volunteers so that we would be able to sell Fathers Day raffle tickets, chocolates and our leftover recipe books. Thanks to Dawn and Karen for donating 2nd & 3rd prizes in the Fathers Day Raffle. Tickets ($1 each) are available for any people interested at the school office and at the shop. 1st prize 4.5kg Tobilrone bar, 2nd prize $50 Coles/Myer Voucher, 3rd prize $30 BCF Voucher.

Next General Meeting Wed 13 Aug at 7.00 pm.

Uniform News:

Our new uniform shirts will be ready during third term. We viewed the sample shirt on Friday afternoon on the 18th and it looks great. Many thanks to Michelle for all her hard work liaising with the Brisbane supplier. Don’t forget that there is still old stock on hand at reduced prices. We will have new shirts available in a few weeks for parents to try on their students for correct sizing – these will then be available for purchase.

Tuckshop News

At our recent P&C meeting, it was discussed whether tuckshop volunteers would be happy to stay until 3.00 and use the time between tuckshop finishing and 3.00pm to whip up some homebake for the tuckshop. We could have some basic ingredients on hand or if you wanted to make something like pikelets etc for the day that would also be great. Alternately, those who wish to bake at home and supply homebake to the tuckshop could let Donna know when they could supply homebake (ie: a homebake roster). Any number is appreciated.

Thank you to our tuckshop volunteers and to those who have donated homebake this fortnight. Our children are lucky to be able to sample these homebake goodies!!

Donna Schultz - 4693 7138

Your P&C Committee

Cathy Cronin (president) 4693 7228
Dawn Schelberg (vice president) 4693 7155
Lyn Brown (treasurer) 4693 7258
Jilliene Ruhele (secretary) 4693 7285
Meg Kumerow (publicity officer)

If you can help Meg with photos at any time, please email her on meg.kumerow@gmail.com or Ph: 0427 606 983

REMINDER: IF YOU HAVEN’T RETURNED MONEY FOR CHOCOLATES FROM BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (IN P&C BOX OUTSIDE OFFICE) THANK YOU.