26/06/2014

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Hopefully you have received your student reports by now and I thank staff for their dedication in the completion of these documents. Some reports are more than three pages of writing. Once again I invite you to discuss the progress of your child with their classroom teacher. We want to work collectively to ensure opportunities are maximised for all our young people.

During the last couple of weeks we have had some well attended community events at school including Gala Night and our School Athletics Carnival. I would especially like to comment on our athletics carnival where we have had mainly positive feedback. Our aim during this carnival was for our students to compete but also to participate and to have fun. At various time all our students were involved in an event and were enjoying themselves. There were very few students who left without a ribbon and a smile on their face and that alone made the carnival a success. I coached children to play cricket at a reasonable level earlier in my career and I am always mindful of the need to take some of the pressure off, to teach new skills and to ensure that any sport remains enjoyable for kids. This philosophy is perhaps reflected in the approach we take here in regard to sport.

Some of you may not have heard that the P&C has successfully gained a grant to build a new outdoor play area. We are going to build this new facility between the main building and the old outdoor play area. We have chosen a supplier and we are currently going through the process of gaining feedback from teachers, students and parents in the P&C. We will be choosing a playground option at the first P&C Meeting in Term 3 and I will keep you posted in regard to the building of this exciting new structure.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for making a contribution during Term 2. I know our students and staff are ready for a rest and I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Thanks

Michael.
**Important news for parents**

**P-2 Medieval Day**

The students of prep-year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their Medieval Day on Tuesday. It was great to see them all dressed in costume to celebrate the theme. Even Mrs Graham-Smith came dressed as Boudicia the Queen of Ireland!

All the students of the school were lucky enough to see weapons dating back to the 14th Century from our special guest Mr Alex Hughes. They were fortunate enough to see a demonstration of sword fighting between Mr Hughes and Mr Lance Peters. Mr Hughes also had on display some very precious books and glass pens that dated back centuries. I am sure everyone gained a lot from this once in a lifetime opportunity. Students were able to dress up in various items of clothing that a knight would have worn a long time ago. I can’t wait for next Term prep, 1 & 2. I wonder what we will be doing? Should someone call the doctor?

**BEHAVIOUR**

Focus of the week to be announced early in term 3.

**GOTCHA WINNERS** for week 8 & 9:

**SAFETY**

- Tyson Packer, Sophie Sturgess, Ella Dodd, Mikealee Vonhoff, Chloe Reen & Christopher Maas.

**Prep Reports**

There are no music reports for prep on the report cards. This is the case with other schools in the district. I apologise for any misunderstanding this may have caused.

Michael

**ABC Studio Recording**

On Friday 20th June, Jordan, Amy, Gemma, William and Zac had the privilege of recording the names of 50 fallen soldiers from the WWI. This saw the children travel to the ABC Studios in Toowoomba where local ABC announcer Vicki Tompson recorded each individual child whilst they read out 10 names. The recordings will be used for upcoming Australian War Memorial centenary celebrations throughout 2015. The children did a fantastic job and are to be congratulated for their great effort.

**Next General Meeting**

Wed. 16 July at 7.00 pm.

**Uniform News**

Our new uniform shirts will be ready in third term.

**SALE–UNIFORM SPECIALS!!**

Our current school shirts are now $10 each but there are limited sizes available.

**School Uniform shorts are also selling for only $10. Please contact uniform convenor Karen Dove on 4693 7063 or 0409 267 384 if you are interested.**

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**rowing for hats etc. are available for $4.00 each.**

**Publicity Officer**

A big thank you to Sheree Robinson, the outgoing school publicity officer. We appreciate the valuable time spent that goes into organising photos and write-ups to promote our wonderful little school and a warm welcome to the school’s new publicity officer, Meg Kummerow. If you can help Meg with photos at any time, please email her on meg.kummerow@gmail.com.

**WANTED: More Tuckshop Volunteers!!**

Please call Donna on 4693 7138 if you are interested.

**Cadbury Chocolate Boxes**

Don’t forget the Cadbury Chocolate boxes. There is a choice of $1 chocolate boxes or $2 chocolate boxes, so please help us by selling as many chocolates as you can. If you could return all monies by the first week of term 3 that would be great. Anyone interested in obtaining a box can let Karen Dow know on 0409 267384.

**Your P&C Committee**