Hi Everyone

Welcome back and I trust everyone is ready for a busy and enjoyable term. At the end of last term many staff members had the opportunity to attend the Anita Archer conference on Explicit Instruction. This was an inspiring, helpful and highly useful conference that outlined the most effective ways to teach students. Our staff are now highly committed to this approach which focuses on ensuring that the key and often complex things are learnt by our students. This approach is combined with effective use of data to determine the things unknown in maths and English. Research indicates that this approach will ensure that each student reaches their maximum potential – something we strive to achieve at Mount Tyson.

Staff planning and working collaboratively is the key to real improvements in teaching and learning. It is my responsibility as principal to ensure this occurs. A purposeful teaching team working together on teaching and learning is one of the 5 indicators of outstanding schools and I will be talking about these other indicators in future newsletters. After all, we do want to develop Mount Tyson School from a good school to an outstanding school.

This term we have the NAPLAN tests in week 4 and these will particularly affect students in years 3, 5 and 7. This year we are going to reduce the practice times. Also in week 2 we will be having our internal monitoring assessments. These are extremely important because we measure the growth of all our students in key areas of maths and English. We also use these tests to work out things that are known and not known and this influences our planning. Our aim will be to make these events as stress free as we can.

In week 5 we will be holding our annual bookfair and children will have the opportunity to purchase books. In fact reading books will be the theme for this whole week. On Monday 19 May parents will have the opportunity to attend workshops held at school to assist students with home reading. Parents of students who are below PM level 30 will be invited to attend. On Tuesday 20 May there will be a book character parade where all our students will be able to dress up as their favourite book character. More details will be provided in regard to both of these events. There is nothing more important at school than children learning to read and we hope this promotes something that is very important.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and students who attended the march and service on ANZAC Day. Also the student’s behaviour during our school ANZAC service was excellent.

Thanks

Michael
Important news for parents

Rossvale Cross Country—was held on Thursday 24 April. Here are our students who competed on the day. Well done everyone for your efforts and sportsmanship—you should be proud of yourselves.

Bunya Cross Country—5 May
Ryan Geran & Tom Griffiths were successful in securing a place to compete in this cross country event to be held at Dalby State School. We wish them all the very best.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES
We held a school service on Tuesday 24 April at 9.00am to celebrate ANZAC Day. A big thanks to Mr Noel Cass from the Oakley RSL who attended this service and addressed our students and for the books that the RSL presented to our school—they will be a wonderful addition to our library.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE—25 April
It was really wonderful to see so many of our students attend the service on Friday 25 and to take part in the march from the school to the lest We Forget Memorial. Thank you to our leaders who spoke so well and for the laying of the wreath on behalf of the school.

School Audit Visit—postponed
Our financial internal audit that will be performed by Mrs Kellie Reid, Internal Auditor for Education Queensland DDSW is now May 13-15.

BOOK WEEK PARADE/ QLD CANCER BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA—Tuesday 20 May
To celebrate book week, students are asked to dress up as their favourite book character. A parade will be held at 1.15pm (if parents wish to help dress their children, you need to be here at 1pm. 2nd break lunch will be from 12.45-1pm. You will be provided with further details later.

BIGGEST AFTERNOON TEA — QLD CANCER
Afternoon tea will be served from 2pm-3pm at a cost of $5.00 per person (this includes afternoon tea & Lucky Door ticket). Raffles will be available for purchase on the day and all proceeds go to the Qld Cancer Fund. Please support this by attending and getting family members to come as well. Everybody is welcome!!

SUPER 7 SOCCER at Jondaryan—Friday 23 May
Our whole school, Prep –Yr 7 will be taking part in this event. We will travel by bus and details will be sent home soon.

School Performance Group—30 May
“You Can Do It Too” : This performance is for P–Yr 7 and will be held at Brookstead State School starting at 10am and running for an hour duration. We will be travelling by bus as arranged by the school. Combined cost of the performance and the bus will be $9.00 per student. Invoices will be sent home closer to the date—PLEASE DO NOT PAY BY EFT until you receive your invoice as you need the reference number on your invoice so it matches up.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—Tuesday 27 May
A photographer from SilverRose photography will be taking our individual and class photos on Tuesday 27 May at 9.00am. Envelopes will be sent home as soon as we have them.

Mother’s Day Stall: P-Yr 2 classroom. This stall will not be running tomorrow but will be operating again next week from Monday-Thursday.

Project Club Meal Deal—29 May
On Thursday 29 May the Project Club will be offering a Meal Deal for 1st break. Costs and order forms will be sent home soon.

Pre-prep/Playgroup Dates—Term 2
We look forward to seeing you all on May 9 & 23, June 6 & 20 from 9-11am. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

P&C NEWS 01.05.14
We hope you have all enjoyed a restful break and are well into the swing of things once again. We have a few things on our calendar already for this year, so please remember to keep checking your newsletters for further information or let us know whether you are available to help. Also, as our next meeting is coming up on the 14th May, if you have anything you wish to add to the agenda, please let Jilliene Ruhle know on 46937285. This goes for the P & C News or if you have any other queries.

UNIFORM CHANGE
Could all uniform feedback forms be returned by the 2nd May. This feedback will be collated and another change of uniform meeting will be on 8th May at 3.00 pm. This will be your last chance prior to the P & C meeting to give your input. For further information, please contact Michelle Smith @michellesmith70@hotmail.com or Mob: 0409 475 184.

BOOKCLUB & BOOK FAIR
Bookclub catalogues have been attached to this fortnights newsletter. All orders will need to be in by the 12th May, 2014. Book fair has been booked for the week 19th to 24th May. In the past we have opened bookfair before and after school so that parents and or the public can come and take a look. The proceeds from these fundraisers goes towards library books, prizes for any bookfair competitions and the end of year books given to the children by the P & C. If you can help out, please let us know so that we can add you to our roster.

SALE!!! School Uniform shorts selling for only $10!
(Normal Price $17) Please contact uniform convenor Karen Downe on 4693 7063 or 0409 267 384 if you’d like to buy some shorts.

Next General Meeting Wed. 14th May at 7.00pm.

CADBURY CHOCOLATE BOXES
Boxes of Cadbury chocolates will be available to sell at the end of term. If you are interested in selling a box or if you have a business and are willing to be responsible for a box, please let us know. All help in raising money is appreciated.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
A Bunnings sausage sizzle has been pre-booked for Sunday 31st August 2014. The proceeds for which have been allocated to go towards the Year 5 & 6, 2015 Canberra trip. If you have a child in these classes, especially, your help would be appreciated as it means that the overall cost will be kept to a minimum. In the past, the children (and I hope the teachers!) have had both an educational and fun experience that they will always remember.

URGENTLY WANTED FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATORS!! We need fundraising co-ordinators to help organise P&C events. This doesn’t mean you have to do everything, just help organise. If we can get two or three people to help, it would be fantastic!

We’ve just received news that our grant application for new playground equipment has been approved. A very big thank you to Dawn Schellberg for overseeing this project!

TUCKSHOP:
We need a few more people to offer to supply home-bake for tuckshop days, so if you can help please let Donna know. A big thanks to those people who already supply home-bake.