Hello Everyone

Term 4 has commenced and I don’t know where the year has gone. Once again I invite you to read the “What’s On” section of the newsletter to gain a picture of the many events that will be happening. The most pressing thing for many of us will be the 5/6/7 camp next week.

Next Monday 20 October will be a pupil free day. During this time the teaching staff will meet with other teachers in the Rossvale cluster to perform moderation. We will be discussing assignments and samples of work from our classes with teachers of similar grades. During this time we have frank and open discussions about the standard of work presented and the grades given. The idea of this is to ensure we are giving fair and consistent grades based on the Australian Curriculum. It is to be noted that teachers in other schools will be teaching the same or similar C2C units. It is really important that we maintain high levels of integrity when grading students and reporting to parents and this is why moderation is an important process.

In a couple of weeks we will be having a Discipline Audit. This will be held on Thursday November 6. All Queensland state schools will have had an audit by the end of 2014. At Mount Tyson we reviewed our Responsible Behaviour Plan at the end of last year and made some moderations as recently as September this year. This involved consultation with parents, staff and our behaviour coach. The plan is based on research and in particular the Christine Richmond “Balance Model: Minimalism in Behaviour Management”. The plan has many aspects and naturally relates to our pedagogical framework or the way we engage students in the classroom. I have discussed the Responsible Behaviour Plan at meetings, in this newsletter and with students. Please contact me should you require further information or have concerns. Like any good plan it can be modified and made even better as we move forward.

Recently we spent some money and have upgraded our school library and we are ensuring that all students have the opportunity to borrow books. I would invite parents of students in play group to borrow books. Indeed there are plenty of books for our younger readers and I have mentioned before the importance of reading to children before they come to school.

Lastly, there will be plenty of infrastructure projects occurring in the school this term. The new outdoor play area and the garden in front of the hall are two of the bigger projects. There will be some working bees so keep a look out for dates and your help is always appreciated.

Have a great fortnight

Michael
Important news for

Student of the Week Awards

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Yr 5-7 Camp to Hervey Bay
Well it is nearly here... the year 5-7 camp to Hervey Bay running from Tuesday 21st to 24th October 2014.

- Tuesday 21st Oct: departing school at 7.00am
- Wednesday 22 Oct: “Tasman Venture” Whale Watching Tour (1/2 day) departs 8.15am
- Wednesday/Thursday: activities will include swimming at beach, fishing, walking, leadership activities and maybe ten-pin bowling.
- Friday 24 October: arrive home approx. 5.00pm

Reminders:
- Students need to have their own packed lunch for Tuesday. All the rest of the food will be supplied by the school.
- Parents to supply homebake for morning /afternoon teas
- Ashley Schelberg has kindly offered to drive the bus for us as Mrs Cameron has an injury, but she will still be accompanying us on the trip to help out.

Pre-Prep Orientation Days for 2015 Prep students
We will be running two (2) orientation morning programs for our prep students who will be joining us in 2015. They will be held on Thursday 6 November and Thursday 20 November from 9.11.00am. These orientation mornings are only for the 2015 prep students NOT playgroup. An information flyer will be sent to you at a later date.

Excitement is mounting as the new Play equipment is being erected in the playground

P&C News 17.09.14
If you have anything you wish to add to the agenda or the P&C News, please let Jilliene Ruhle know on 4693 7285.

P&C Events Date (2014)
PITTSWORTH STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING FAIR
WANTED: VOLUNTEERS for ROSTER for BBQ’ING AND SERVING AT THE SPRING FAIR ON 25 OCT.
Roster hours are 3-5 pm & 5-7pm.
Please contact Dawn and let her know when you can help. (4693 7155 or schelbergfarms.com.au) We have committed to this event and it’s a great chance to fundraise $$$$ for our school, which benefits our kids!! Homebake (uncut) will be needed for this – please drop this at school on Friday 24 October by 3pm.

BUNNINGS THANKS:
Thank you to Dowe’s for organising the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, and to all the families who helped out on the day. It was a successful day and a great fundraiser.

WOOLDRIDGE (FRENCH’S) CLEARING SALE THANKS
Thank you to all families who helped at the Clearing Sale on 21st October. It was a success. Thank you to Nothdurft’s who helped organise, to all the families who helped out on the day, those who provided homebake, and to the Smith’s who donated sliced onions. Also thanks to French’s for giving us the opportunity. Clearing Sales are a great fundraiser, and if everyone pitches in, it is easier for everyone.

Student Behaviour
Please note that parents will now be invited to celebrate the receiving of awards at our weekly parade. Invitations will be sent via text messages.

Focus of the Fortnight: Responsibility
Expectations that may be reinforced at home include: Caring for own and others property; Being punctual; Organization of class books, Equipment and homework; Use the pedestrian crossings, Being careful with electronic devices; Rubbish in the bin; Correct use of toilets; and Solve problems with words.

GOTCHA Winners:
Week 1: Gemma Cronin, Aamarie Dodd, Courtney Dowe

SWIMMING—TERM 4
We will be travelling to the Pittsworth Town Pool for three “Learn to Swim” days this term on Thursday 30 October and November 13 & 27. We will travel by bus to and from the pool departing the school at 9.30am and returning by 2.30pm. When students are not having lessons in the pool they will be taking part in class activities and music. Costs for swimming days will be sent home at a later date.

Extra-Curricula Program
We will be running the “Options” program again this year at the school from Nov. 24—Dec 3. Some of the activities that will be undertaken will be garden construction in front of the multi-purpose hall, re-painting of the murals in and around the school and further beautification of the P-2 garden area.

Next General Meeting Wed. 12 November at 7.30 pm

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Thank you for those who have volunteered to help on tuckshop for this term. Your help is appreciated. If you would like to help on tuckshop days please contact our tuckshop convenor. (Donna Schultz – 4693 7138)

KOKO’S LABELS
Koko’s labels forms and payment is due tomorrow, 17th October. This is great way to name your children’s belongings and raise money at the same time. If you haven’t received a form, please contact the school office. Labels will be returned mid-term.

UNIFORMS
Our new uniforms (shirts) are back and they look great! They sell at $26 each and are made in Brisbane. If you would like to order a larger number, or put an order in for next year, please contact Karen Dowe, as we will be doing another order within a couple of weeks. Don’t forget we also have shorts with our school logo available for sale at $10 each. Phone Karen on 0409 267 384.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE UPDATE
We have about 15 boxes of $1 & $2 chocolates left to sell, so please contact Karen Dowe if you would like to sell some for our school fundraising.

WORKING BEE
Working Bees for the new playground currently being erected, and for the new garden will be upcoming. Your help is needed! Please keep posted for more details.

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