Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable time with children at home. Mount Tyson is certainly looking green at the moment so I hope everyone received the rain they required.

Term 4 is always an extremely busy term. Our aim will be to have normal teaching and learning as much as possible. However, there will be a number of traditional functions at the end of the school year. Also we will be organizing a whole swimming week during week 6. We will advertise everything via notes and in the newsletter. At the moment I am checking dates for some functions. Many key dates are posted in the “Whats On” section of this newsletter.

During the term we will be planning for 2017. I will keep you informed of classes and our planning.

At Mount Tyson we put a lot of thought into the way we communicate with parents. The key, in my view, is quality and relevant communication when required. With this in mind, I urge parents to make appointments with classroom teachers to discuss issues or to gain information if this is required. Sometimes teachers will contact parents with important information. This is better and more appropriate than communicating via private phone numbers. Naturally we wish to maintain the friendly, informal interaction that we have between all people at school. There will be the following opportunities to have discussions or gain information throughout the term:

- Teacher/Parent Information Evenings in the Hall on 12, 13 October;
- Term 4 Learning Statements from each teacher;
- Student portfolios from 3/4 and 5/6 and the Communication Book in P/1/2;
- Student reports at the end of the term.

Monday 17 October will be a pupil free day. During this day we will moderate work samples with teachers from other Rossvale schools. This is very important because the curriculum is a standards based curriculum and it is important that teachers assign grades based on the Australian Curriculum Standards. Integrity is vital when teachers issue grades. During this time our teacher aides will be having a workshop with other Rossvale teacher aides and this will be at Mount Tyson. They will be learning to record important literacy information on a template to assist teachers.

Art Camp will be held on 19, 20, 21 October at Brookstead State School. There were limited places and this opportunity has been offered to a group of students in Years 3 to 6. The decision to offer places was made by Beth Wheeldon, Richard Keene and myself. This followed the criteria outlined and we have our own school plan for selecting capable students for these events.
**Important news for parents**

**Jump Rope for Heart**

The “Skip Off” will occur between 12:00 and 1:00 on Friday 14 October. All sponsorship forms should be completed by this date and handed into the office. We have included new sponsorship forms with this newsletter if these have become lost. Alternatively, sponsorship can be completed online.

The Heart Foundation’s life-saving research is funded almost entirely by donations so this is a very worthy cause for us to take part in. Students will receive prizes for their fundraising.

**P-2 Visit to Emma McTaggart Workshop**

Next Tuesday 11 October our Prep-year 2 students will be travelling by bus to take part in a workshop by acclaimed children’s author Emma McTaggart. They will be leaving the school at 9.15am and return by 12.45pm. There is NO cost to parents for this trip. Please ensure signed permission slips are returned no later than Monday 10 October.

**Highfields Pioneer Village Excursion for Prep-year 4**

On Wednesday 19 October students in prep-year 4 will be going on an excursion to the Highfields Pioneer Village at Highfields. They will be travelling by bus, leaving the school at 9.15am and returning by 2.30pm. On arrival at Highfields they will be taking part in ‘damper making’ which will then be enjoyed for morning tea. Students need to wear school uniform, take own lunch, hat, water bottle and wear sunscreen.

As well as looking at all of the historical buildings and displays they will also take part in an Aboriginal Dance workshop, didgeridoo performance and boomerang painting. With the support of the P&C Assn the cost to parents for this great excursion opportunity is set at $6.00/student. So a BIG thanks to the P&C for their help.

Permission notes and invoices are attached to this newsletter. Please sign and return to school with money or payment via EFT no later than Thursday 13 October.

**Tuckshop Roster**

Wed 12: Claudia & Sue
Wed 19: Sherre & Dawn
Wed 26: Helen & Jo

Tuckshop will start again on Wednesday 12 October.

*Home bake is always needed*

**FUNDRAISER**

Koco Labels order forms are to be returned by Tuesday 18 October with money attached. These are great labels that are water proof and save students belongings from becoming lost.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted next week on **Wednesday 12 Oct and Thursday 13 Oct**. These will be held in the hall from 3.10pm until 6.00pm. An interview timetable is attached to this newsletter. Please contact the school office on 46937287 to arrange your interview times.

We will endeavour to coincide times for families who have children in each classroom.

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**Student Behaviour**

This fortnight we will be focussing on the Respect value and this can be found on our values and expectations matrix. You may wish to reinforce the following expectations with your child at home:

- Use kind words and kind actions;
- Be tolerant and fair;
- Listen to others;
- Greet others;
- Use manners;
- Wear the school uniform with a broad brim hat;
- Ask before you take;
- Hands up in class;
- Inside voice;
- Allow others to learn;
- Take turns;
- Allow others to play;
- Ask permission to join in.

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**Thank you to all the volunteers**

**UNIFORMS**

New stocks of School shirts, hats and School backpacks are now available as well as some 2nd hand items. Please contact Karen if you require something.

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Chappy News
Hi all and welcome back to the final term of the school year. May this term be a good one for you and your family!

Homework/Reading Club will resume 2nd week back (Wednesday 12th October).

On a Wednesday in the first lunch break – I will be running craft activities with any children that are interested. The intention is that we will be making Christmas gifts for family/friends. If your child is interested, they need to bring in an empty and clean tin (around 400g size), or jar of similar size. Please bring in any spares that you have as well. This will begin 2nd week back as well, and will be held in the Library.

Qld Father of the Year for 2016 – (just for anyone that may have entered this completion) was Gary Prior. Amazing Dad! Check out his story on http://qldfatheroftheyear.org.au/winners/ and also you will see the regional winners here.

Thanks everyone,

Enjoy your week! Karen.