Hello Everyone

Today, Thursday 4 September, I am having a curriculum day with Richard Keene and Steph Graham-Smith. We will be off class during the day and these types of days are really important. During the day we will be reviewing our curriculum plans for next year, the new writing plan that Steph has been tasked to complete, our assessment plans and tools to analyse the data we obtain from assessment and our Responsible Behaviour Plan.

I have invited Jo Shan our Pedagogy Coach and Carol Boatwright our Behaviour Coach to assist with these reviews. It is important that our teaching is informed by the latest research and expert advice. It is also important that we work on these important areas as a productive team.

Research shows that good schools have some fundamental things in common: teaching teams that work collaboratively to improve teaching based on the latest research; effective use of data to inform teaching; and well organized discipline plans. This may give you an insight into why I think that time for teachers and experts to work together is important.

During our last staff meeting we mapped out all of the events that will be occurring in term 4. Now that will be a busy term. Amongst other things, this will include swimming, excursions and end of year functions. We have a bit of organizing to do but we will try to publish these dates in the “Whats On” section of the newsletter in week 10. This will give you time to contemplate what the term involves.

Thanks
Michael
Important news for parents

P&C NEWS
04.09.14

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)
Cadbury Fundraiser Ongoing
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 6 September
P&C Meeting 10 September
Koko’s Labels End of Term

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is on this Saturday. Please come in and show your support for our school. If you’d still like to help, please contact Karen. We are hoping for a very busy day. The more sausages we sell, the better! We will also be selling chocolates, Fathers’ Day Raffle Tickets and Recipe Books. A big thanks to Steve & Karen Dowle for chopping all the onions.

Cadbury Chocolate Boxes
We still have some chocolate boxes available if you’d like to sell some. Please call Karen Dowle if you’d like a $1 or $2 box – Ph 0409 267 384

Fathers Day Raffle
Reminder: You only have a day to get Raffle tickets from the office or shop, or to return filled out ones with the money in the P&C box at school. We will also be selling the raffle tickets at Bunnings. The raffle will be drawn at 4pm @ Bunnings. Good Luck!

N.B: Attachments
• Musical Permission Form
• Rossvale Softball Form

Next General Meeting
Wed. 10 September at 7.15 pm.

Tuckshop News
Thank you for those who have volunteered for tuckshop and who have donated homebake so far this term. Your help is appreciated. If you haven’t helped on tuckshop day yet and would like to, please contact our tuckshop convenor.

Spring Fair
We are helping out Pittsworth State Primary School with their Community Spring Fair on Saturday, 25 October. Information will be attached with this newsletter. Please spread the word to your friends that it’s upcoming. Your support will help make it a success and also raise funds for our school.

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Term 3: Yr 5-7 Camp to Hervey Bay
The year 5-7 students will be going on camp to Hervey Bay from 21st – 24th October 2014. As part of their camp they will be spending a half day whale watching and taking part in leadership activities. We have had a slight change in the accommodation plans for this camp. They will now be camping in tents not cabins due to a change in the cost factor of cabin accommodation. Please continue to make payments as per the schedule of payments originally sent home or if you prefer, to make full payment for this camp. We appreciate your support of this plan and an itinerary and ‘what to bring’ will be sent home very soon.

Student Behaviour
Focus:
This fortnight our focus will be on thinking. Perhaps the best way you can support us at school is to encourage your child to think before taking action. Our thinking expectations (values and expectations matrix) are as follows:

• Think about my actions and how they affect others;
• Think about my own and others’ learning and work;
• Think about the safety of myself and others;
• Think about my best work and my best attitude;
• Think about the task at hand.

WANTED
Book covers: We have purchased many library books that need to be covered, so if you have any spare time next week we would appreciate your help in covering these books.

Mt Tyson Library Books to be returned:
Could all library books please be returned to Mrs Cameron by Monday 8 September as she needs to scan them back into the library system before the holidays.

Wanted: Any old margarine, yoghurt or icecream containers please.

Pittsworth State School Musical—11 September
We have been invited to attend the musical titled, “We are the Other World” to be held at the Pittsworth Town Hall on Thursday 11 September. We will be departing the school by bus at 11.30am and returning around 2.30pm. Cost per student is $3.00 (payable to the school) plus students are asked to give a gold coin donation at the door to the Pittsworth State School Musical group. A permission note is attached to this newsletter and needs to be returned with money by Monday 8 September.

ROSSVALE SOFTBALL/ T-BALL CARNIVAL
On Thursday 18 Sept. the P–Yr 7 students will be taking part in a softball/t-ball carnival to be held at Southbrook State School. We will be competing against the other Rossvale Schools of Biddeston, Brookstead and Southbrook. We will be travelling by bus to and from this carnival. Cost per child in P-7 is $3.50. We will be departing school at 9.30am & returning by 2.30pm. A tuckshop meal deal will be available on the day. As soon as we receive this from Southbrook, we will send it home. A permission slip is attached and needs to be returned with money by Monday 15 Sept.

GOTCHA Winners:
Week 6: Zac Small, Ella Dodd & Casey Brown
Week 7: Sam McKenna, Liam Flett & Charlotte Behrendoff