FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 – Week 1

Our key priority this year will be an unrelenting focus on improving reading, writing and numeracy in all students through a whole school pedagogical approach which includes explicit instruction. This means that all students will improve in reading, writing and numeracy because we will be focussing on the best possible ways to teach.

Attendance – Congratulations!
Our year to date attendance is 95.4%. One of the priorities recognised for our school is attendance. Our attendance has dropped from the end of semester 2 total of 96.5% but is still above our target attendance rate. Our attendance fell to 89% last year and should be around 94%. Remember, every day is important.

Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day?
That’s when every minute counts the most!!

Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at


Welcome
Ms Wosomo is taking maternity leave for now until the end of 2014. It is certainly a very exciting time for her and we look forward to sharing photos of the new addition when he arrives. Please welcome Mrs Rasmussen to the school. She has a long history with the school having been a pre-school teacher aide and grounds person here previously.
Swimming lessons
Swimming lessons began today and will continue until the end of the term.

Voluntary contribution
Semester 2 contributions are now overdue. If you are not sure if you have paid please contact the office. These contributions help the school with the purchase of books, stationery and other consumables that students use each day in the classroom. As recommended by our Auditor, next year we will move to a resource scheme and families will either opt in or out at the beginning of the year. If families opt in they will be invoiced for the resource scheme levy and the school will then provide all of the student requirements. Booklists will be provided for families not wishing to enter the scheme and they will then be responsible for all student supplies throughout the year.

Workplace health and safety
Due to the workplace health and safety requirements of Education Queensland no one is to drive onto the school grounds without prior permission from the office. Please ensure that you obtain permission before entering the school grounds with a vehicle.

Naplan
Naplan results will be sent home today. If parents have any concerns or would like to discuss their child’s results, please contact the school for an appointment.

Parent and community engagement
Thank you to the parents who attended our meeting at the end of last term. If you have any comments to add to the frameworks handed out please send them into me so that I can add them to our updated drafts.

Regards
Meg Saunderson

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October
Monday, 21 October - Pupil Free Day

November
Monday to Thursday, 11-14 November - Dance Fever visiting
Friday, 15 November - Dance presentation (parents invited)
Monday, 25 November - 2014 School captain nomination speeches
Friday, 29 November - School swimming carnival - Marlborough
Friday, 6 December - District swimming carnival - Clarke Creek
Wednesday, 11 December - Presentation night
Friday, 12 December - Celebration day