Achieving and Improving

Key Priorities
Our key priority this year are an unrelenting focus on improving reading, writing and numeracy in all students through a whole school approach which includes explicit instruction. We also have an unrelenting focus on attendance.

Capricornia district representative
Well done to Henry Gray who received a first in High Jump and a second in the 800m at the recent Capricornia district carnival in Emerald on Monday. He will now go on to Brisbane as the 11 year old boy representative for 800m and high jump.

Mayors visit
Last week we had a visit from the Mayor of Livingstone Shire Council. He came with a representative of the Yeppoon RSL to talk to us about an art project we are taking part in to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Gallipoli. The produced works will be displayed at the Yeppoon Town Hall and will be available to travel in sets to other community centres for display over the course of the year 2015.

ARD visit
Earlier this week, we were visited by the Assistant Regional Director, Paul Wood. Mr Wood presented me with our school “report card”, our Headline Indicators, and it was certainly exciting to see how we as a school are performing. The indicators compare us to 60 like schools and it is certainly a cause for celebration and a commendation for our teachers, students and school community. I look forward to sharing our “Report Card” at our next P&C meeting and I urge you all to attend to help celebrate our successes.

Classroom news
Science – Mr Holmes
The year P-2 students have broadened their investigation of forces for our physics unit to explore the ways that air can be a force and move objects. They experimented with straws to see how much moving air was required to move an object. They also built a model boat to demonstrate that twisting a rubber band paddle can store energy and when it was released the force moved the boat. Year 3-7 students used a discus to demonstrate how energy could be stored in a twisting movement to move an object (ie discus). The question they need to answer is how much does the twisting movement influence how far the discus is thrown while keeping as many variables as possible constant. The responses to this question have been placed in their science journals.
PE – The 3-7 students helped construct our new soccer goals last week and they were a hit. The students are busy dribbling, passing and head butting the soccer balls during PE lessons and lunch times. They are getting quite good at tackling/stealing the ball from an opponent. Sophie and Clayton seem to be the soccer stars at the moment.

Design Technology – The junk yard sculptures are well under way. Most students had a clear goal in mind at the start of the term. They have planned, collected junk, planned some more, welded, glued and wired together their creations and they are looking fantastic.

P – 2 Classroom Update
Maths – for the past few weeks we have been looking at measurement, chance and patterns. All students have been measuring their height, weight, head circumference, foot length and using rulers to estimate the length and width of everyday objects. We have been measuring volume with teaspoons and cups. The students enjoy chance and the fun games that we play in class. Greedy pig is a dice game that they LOVE. This week we are looking at patterns. All students have been making physical patterns using actions such as drinking, sitting, hopping etc. The prep students are working hard on learning the teen numbers and recognising and matching up the teen numerals to the words.

English - We are looking at how stories are structured. We are sequencing the stories we read in class and breaking them into characters, setting, beginning, middle and end. The students are also learning about what a blurb is and how to write one. This week we are all looking at the ph sound and constructing a word list.

Library – the students last week worked in pairs to read to each other. The 3-7 students all got the chance to read to a P-2 student and they all really enjoyed it. The 3-7 students talked about the blurb, characters and the front and back cover before reading the story.
Community Announcements

**Felt Making Workshop**
The Livingstone Shire Council is holding a Felt-Making Workshop at The Caves Showgrounds on Thursday 11 September from 9.30am to 2pm. Participants will learn the basics of felting and discover creative ways to use their own handmade piece of it. Opportunities also to create a felt picture using pre-felt pieces. Tutor Carol Nicholas is a textile artist based in Yeppoon who has worked with textiles of many forms for over 30 years. This interest has included spinning, weaving, dyeing, quilting, machine embroidery, felt scarves and machine enhancement. Materials $10 BYO Lunch Bookings 4939 9998.

**Father’s Day Stall**
This year Father’s Day is on Sunday, 7 September. Once again the craft ladies from the Marlborough Museum have kindly organised to make some crafts specifically for sale to the students. On Friday 5 September at 1.30 we will walk students down to the museum to purchase items for someone special. We will return by 2.30. Items will range in price starting from $2. Please do not send more than $10 per student. If you wish to send your money in earlier, please put it in an envelope and clearly mark it with your child’s name. Permission form next week.

**Student of the Week Awards**
Awards this week went to:
- **Charli White** for Being Responsible student in and out of class.
- **Wade Armstrong** for Being Responsible member of class and consistently applying himself to his school work.

**AUGUST**
- **Wednesday 27** – Wombat Stew – P-2
- **Friday 29** – LOTE Visit

**SEPTEMBER**
- **Thursday & Friday 4 & 5** – Soccer Clinic Clare Polkinghorne & Tameka Butt
- **Mon – Fri 8th – 12th** – Canberra Camp
- **Tuesday 16th** – Discipline Audit
- **Friday 19th** – Soccer Carnival
Character Day

Year 3-7 winners: Tonto, Cinderella, and Sean the Sheep

Miss Polly, Cruella, Where’s Wally, Lighthouse keeper, Madeleine, and Peter Parker

P-2 winners: Fancy Nancy and Harry Potter
Art Auction and Wine Tasting
P & C News

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ART EXHIBITION/WINE TASTING: What a wonderful night was had by all last Friday evening. The hall was sparkling, a great crowd of people were in attendance and the promise of rain only added to the excitement. While any P&C fundraiser is very much a team effort of organisation, special mention must be made of Mandy and Rachael who spearheaded this event and saw it run smoothly and successfully. Well done to all involved and special thanks to Mrs Lisle and Mrs Rath who contributed beautiful artwork to be auctioned. A profit figure will be published as soon as it comes to hand.

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SCHOOL CAMP: Less than three weeks until many of our students jet off to Canberra for what will be an incredible experience. The P & C is proud to be able to provide funding to assist with these ventures.

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MEETING REMINDER: Our next meeting will be Tuesday afternoon (26/8/14), commencing at 3:15pm. Discussion will include the 2015 Calendar and the forthcoming Soccer Carnival to be conducted at our school on Friday, 19/9/14. Please come along and share your ideas.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE: If you haven’t already done so, be sure to check out and bookmark our school’s fabulous internet presence. With photos of school activities, listings of news items and upcoming events, the website is a wonderful information resource as well as a great reflection of our school.

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MEETING MINUTES: will be pinned on the noticeboard in the school stairwell for anybody wishing to catch up on what was discussed at a previous meeting.

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PUB RAFFLES: Don’t miss out on your chance to take home one of four meat trays, a six-pack or bottle of wine every Friday night of term at the local Hotel. Many thanks to the families who volunteer to sell tickets and Bob & Annie at the Hotel for their continued support. Please take note of the roster and if you are unable to make your date, feel free to swap or contact Matthew to make alternative arrangements (Ph. 0439 356 222).