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'Strive to Achieve'

Respect	Effort
Safety	Self-Responsibility
Behaviour Expectations	

2015 School Improvement Focus: Numeracy Skills & Reading Comprehension

Dates for Diaries

September 9 Wednesday	Pie drive forms to be returned to school
September 11 Friday	Disco
September 11 Friday	Support Staff Day – to acknowledge the magnificent efforts of all support staff at school.
September 15 Tuesday	P&C Meeting 3.30pm in library
September 15-18	Mr Coleman on Long Service Leave to Attend Australian Primary Principals Association Conference
September 16 Wednesday	Special food day
September 17 Thursday	Pie orders ready to collect at 3pm
September 18 Friday	Last day of Term 3
October 5 Monday	Public Holiday
October 6 Tuesday	First day of Term 4
October 19 Monday	Pupil Free Day – Staff professional development
October 20 Tuesday	Golf for Y2-6
October 27 Tuesday	Bundaberg Children's chess tournament
October 29 Thursday	Prep Orientation for Parents
November 3 Tuesday	Golf Years 2-6
November 10 Tuesday	(Pre) Remembrance Day Service with Woodgate RSL at Goodwood 9.00am
November 12 Thursday	Volunteers Day Morning Tea
November 30 Monday	Yr 6 High School Transition
December 1 Tuesday	Yr 6 High School Transition
December 4 Friday	Yr 6 Graduation 5.30pm – Late!
December 9 Wednesday	Concert and Awards Night
December 10 Thursday	School Fun Day
December 11 Friday	Last Day of School for 2015 Farewell Y6!

Awards



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Congratulations to Ruby, Jack, Dakota, Craig, Abigail, Ebony, Kaleena, Nic, Thomas, Bella, Ella, Charlotte, Isaiah, Matthew and Steevie on their meritorious awards.

Well Done!! ☺

Maths Challenge Recount

Last week Ethan, Caleb, Bailey, Asher and I attended the Maths Team Challenge in Bundaberg. As we arrived we saw hundreds of students in a large hall from many different schools. We had ten minutes to get ready as we sat at table 46 before they issued the questions. There were two forms of challenges. The first one we could work the questions in any order with any member of our team. The second challenge we had to form two teams of two with a spare. The first team is given the question to work on, and if the question was worth 4 points and the team had an incorrect answer, the question would be given to the second team and it would become 3 points. After every 4 questions everyone would move around one seat so that people had a go in the different roles. The competition was very loud because all team members in the hall were excitedly discussing possible solutions. The questions were quite difficult and it was a fantastic learning experience. Our supervisor was very nice who was from another school. Mrs Hawker had to supervise a different school. We all had a wonderful time and look forward to attending next year if we are selected. Thank you to Mrs Hawker for driving us in and looking after us during the day.

New Additional Resourcing Announced by Minister

In my capacity as State Secretary and Chair of the Small Schools Committee of the Queensland Association of State School Principals, I have been actively advocating for improved resourcing for schools to improve their capacity in delivering service to students. While in Cairns I met Minister Kate Jones who advised that she had been listening to our needs and would be allocating additional resources. As part of the advocacy of my committee over many years, we have received additional resourcing for Teaching Principals to enable them to have more time to work with curriculum and fill the role of instructional leaders.

Letters have now been sent to both Principals and P&C Presidents informing them of their likely allocations for 2017.

Prep Enrolments

Please pass the word around that we are now taking registrations for Prep in 2016. It is important for our planning to have an accurate account of our enrolments for resourcing requirements. It is also important for families beginning the journey of enrolling their children into school, to be informed and prepared to best support their children in the educational journey.

Stove for Tender

The P&C have recently purchased a much larger stove for the Tuckshop. We currently have a Chef Supreme Electric stove for tender. Although it was purchased in September 1998 it is only used approx. 10-12 times per

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year and is in good condition. Please place your tender in a sealed envelope addressed to The Principal 'Stove Tender' Private & Confidential. Tenders close on Friday 18 September 2015.

School Camp

It is important that I share with you the wonderful comments that I received while we were on Fraser Island camp. Most of our meals were enjoyed in the Maheno Restaurant which was always full of people from many parts of our world. On many occasions I was approached by guests who expressed their amazement of how wonderfully behaved our children were. Being the largest group with two long tables in the centre of the restaurant and the group being made up mostly of children, certainly attracted everyone's attention. The manners and conduct of our children was impeccable! And I wanted for you to share this pride that I enjoyed as guests from around the world approached me to give praising comments. ☺ Good on you Y4-6!

A selection of photos taken on school camp are now available for you to view on the school website. Any students who attended camp and would like a copy of our camp photos may bring in a USB. Please give these to Mrs Hawker.

Numeracy/Reading Snippet

This fortnight our reading focus is visualising. When authors write, they use words to describe things. The words make a picture in your mind. Creating a picture in your mind or drawing the picture on paper can help you understand what you are reading. This strategy is called visualising.

Messages from P&C

Pie Drive

Just a friendly reminder for those who are still wishing to place an order through our Pie Drive, that order forms and money are due back to the school this Wednesday 9 September. Thank you to those families who have supported the P&C with this fundraiser, your pies will be available for collection on Thursday 17 September from the school library at 3pm! Enjoy!

Disco

Don't forget the P&C are hosting a Disco this Friday evening, 11 September, 5.30pm - 8.00pm to be held at the multi-purpose court. The P&C will be selling the usual yummy snacks, drinks etc and additionally for your convenience have decided to offer Eagle Boys Pizza as an option for dinner for those that pre order by Wednesday 9 September. To capture all the fun, the Photo Booth will be set up again with an array of props for you to dress up in and all pictures will be available to purchase, 3 photos for \$1.00. Parents are welcome to stay and students may invite siblings and friends. Children under 4yrs will need to be accompanied by an adult. Entry is \$1 per child. Parents, please ensure all students are collected from the multi-purpose court. For more details or to pre order a pizza, please see the information sheet that was sent home last week.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held Tuesday 15 September at 3.30pm in the library. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Special Food Day

Our next Special Food Day will be conducted on Wednesday 16 September. Order forms were issued last week. If you are yet to receive one or have misplaced yours, let us know. Please return order forms by Friday 11 September and payment by Tuesday 15 September. Many thanks to our parent volunteers, who make these days possible!

Cash for Cans - Aluminium Can Drive

This fundraiser benefits both the school and the environment so your support and participation are greatly appreciated by all. The location of the recycling bin is in the top end of the Woodgate Road car park. All the P&C ask is that only aluminium cans are to be placed in the bin, crushed or uncrushed but please no plastic bags or no food scraps. Thank you.

Karen Blain - P&C President

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