### Term 1

#### Thurs 19 Feb
- School Captains workshop (Highfields)

#### Fri 20 Feb
- Lockyer Zone Swimming Carnival

#### Tues 24 Feb
- NOTE: no swimming this day

#### Wed 25 Feb
- Breakfast Club

#### Thurs/Fri 26/27 Feb
- Mrs Eilers at the Principals’ Conference

#### Thurs 26 Feb
- Lockyer Zone Softball Trials

#### Mon 2 March
- Lockyer Zone Basketball Trials

#### Tues 3 March
- Lockyer Zone Tennis Trials

#### Tues 3 March
- 3rd Swimming Lesson

#### Wed 4 March
- Breakfast Club

#### Tues 10 March
- 4th Swimming Lesson

#### Tues 17 March
- 5th (final) Swimming Lesson

#### Fri 27 March
- Barn Dance

#### Thurs 2 April
- Final Day Term 1

### P & C

- Tues 10 March: P & C Meeting (3:00pm library)
- Fri 27 March: Barn Dance

### To Be Returned ASAP
- Instrumental Music Hire Fee $20
- Swimming money each Tuesday

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PLEASE NOTE the following. There will be no swimming lesson next Tuesday (24 Feb) as the pool has been booked for the Darling Downs Regional Swimming Carnival. This means that swimming lessons will continue for a further week.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our target is 94% attendance. Below shows the percentage for each class up until today. This is not a weekly attendance rate, but a progressive rate over the weeks.

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If we haven’t received notification of why your child is absent, Mrs Forbes will phone to clarify the reasons for absence. The most common choices would be holiday; illness; personal reasons.

### SWIMMING

Our second swimming lesson went well. We are ‘purchasing’ 5 coaches to assist with the swimming lessons to ensure that the students are receiving quality instruction. Our teachers and teacher aides who take groups do a fantastic job, as do our parent helpers. I would like to acknowledge Sandy Topp and Irene Faulkner who have assisted with swimming lessons for many years. This assistance has been most appreciated every swimming season. If you can assist, please let your child’s teacher know.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

#### Prep – Max for being a helpful, polite and eager classmate.

#### Year 1 – Kurt for working hard and being a polite and helpful class member.

#### Year 2 – Jacob for working hard in Maths and trying new strategies.

#### Year 2/3 – Christian for being an enthusiastic learner.

#### Year 4 – Ella for adopting a hardworking approach in all areas of her schooling.

#### Year 5 – Ben for his excellent contributions to class discussions during English.

#### Year 6 – Daniella for working hard to improve in all areas of her classwork.

#### Music – Emily for being an excellent listener and participant in music class.

### TUTORING PROGRAM

Parents, please ensure that your child/ren attend each tutoring session. If your child is unable to attend, please let the school know.

### PBAs (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD)

Our PBA winners this week were Brody (Jacaranda) and Nikayla (Wattle). Congratulations! Our winning team this week was Jacaranda!

### STUDENT ATTENTIVE AWARD

During parade, the teachers choose a student from each class who has sat and listened attentively during parade. The winner gets to sit on stage next week, in the ‘best seats in the house’.

- Prep – Rachael
- Year 1 – Jade
- Year 2 – Jake
- Year 2/3 – Lucille
- Year 4 – Leah
- Year 5 – Domini
- Year 6 – Aaron

### PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

This week’s lesson was about using the amenities wisely. We want the students to use the toilets and drink taps independently, safely and correctly. What does this behaviour look like?

- Use the toilet for toileting – not a play area
- Promptly walk directly and quietly to the toilet and return in the same manner
- Leave all belongings outside the toilet – food, books etc.
- One person per cubicle
- Give privacy
- Use the toilet properly
- Use toilet paper appropriately
- Flush the toilet

Remember that ‘Everyday Counts!’
Unfortunately there have been times in the past where there have been some ‘toilet’ issues – toilet paper rolls thrown in the toilet; taps left running; soap tap turned on to allow soap to run over the floor. We have noticed with the ‘Expectation Reminders’ that few children are playing around the toilets! Well done!

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Don't forget pies and iceblocks on Friday. 50c each. Treat day will be Thursday 5 March. Order forms will go out next week.

**About Treat Day**

The school does not operate a tuckshop. Instead, the Student Council organizes 2 treat days per term. They often come up with a theme. An order form is sent home. We ask that the orders and money be returned by the Tuesday prior to Treat Day (which is a Thursday) so we can order the food. Funds raised go to the Student Council. We have a very active Student Council (thanks Mrs Sugden, Miss Coulton and Miss Hughes). So far this year, they have approved $500 towards Breakfast Club as well as the purchase of 2 sets of soccer nets – to replace the ones on the oval.

**STATE PRINCIPALS’ CONFERENCE**

All state school principals will travel to Brisbane to attend a State Conference on Thursday and Friday, 26/27 February.

**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to the following students, who have been selected to compete at the Lockyer Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 20 February – Kayleigh, Lilli, Jorja, Nikayla, Jude, Alex, Domini and Aleesha. Do your best and enjoy the day! Mrs Hobl will be attending the carnival.

**SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ AWARD**

Congratulations to Nikayla for receiving the School Captains’ Award.

**CONTAINERS**

We are in need of some containers – margarine, yoghurt (small and large), ice-cream containers etc. If you have any, please send along to school.

**EARLY LEARNERS’ GROUP**

Started today! It was a great morning. Amanda, from Kate’s Place, brought over 2 children to join in with the activities. A flyer has been sent to all households in the Helidon/Helendale area. If you know of anyone with young children, do encourage them to come along.

The refurbished shed is an ideal setting for the group. This room is also being used by the Prep students during their rotational activities.

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**FOR TENDER - ROLLER DOORS**

We have the two roller doors from the refurbishment of the Playgroup Shed for tender. These doors are green and in good conditions. They are for sale ‘as is’. The roller doors can be viewed prior to tender (phone the school to arrange a time). They are for ‘pick up’ only. There is a reserve. Tenders close on Friday 13th March, 2015. Please place the tender in a sealed envelopment and state clearly whether the tender is for one roller door or two rollers doors.

**P & C NEWS**

Thankyou to everyone who attended the meeting on Tuesday. Fundraising opportunities were discussed. The P & C is catering for the Oceania Time Trials tomorrow. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 3:00 pm in the library.

**TOOWOOMBA SHOW PEOPLE MOVER**

Again we have been asked to work on the People Mover at the show. This is a great fundraiser. The shifts are 9:00 – 1:00; 1:00 – 4:00; 4:00 – 7:00 (6:00 Saturday). Dates are 19th – 21st March. If you can help, please phone the school.