Term 1 Week 8
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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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REMEMBER THAT ‘EVERYDAY COUNTS!’

SWIMMING
It was a great swimming session. Thanks parents for sending the children along to classes with the necessary items. The next round of swimming lessons will be in Term 4.

BOOK CLUB
The order has been sent. The books should arrive next week!

A LOOK INSIDE OUR PREP CLASSROOM
Our preps have settled in very well. Week 8 and they are learning letter sounds, counting, rhyming, learning about maps, plants and living things and also having fun.

They are a very independent group who follow the routines of school well – they know where they eat their lunch and morning tea and get themselves very organised at the end of eating time for some well earned play time.

Morning time is always ‘group rotation’ time. During this time, the children are involved in 4 activities – Miss Coulton, Mrs Johnson, Miss Thornley and an independent activity. During group rotations, they also find time for a quick fruit snack to keep them going until morning tea.

After morning tea, the children work with Miss Coulton and Miss Thornley while Mrs Johnson works with individuals and small groups on speech programs. Mrs Johnson also works with some of the students from the other classes around the school.

In the afternoon, the children work with Miss Coulton and Mrs Johnson on their Geography, History, Art/Craft……. Tuesday afternoon is always Art/Craft afternoon. The students love having some of the mums and grandmas come in and help.

BARN DANCE
We have been very busy getting ready for the Barn Dance. Still need PLANKS to place across the hay for seats. If you have any that you could loan the school for the night, please phone the office.

We are having a ‘whole school’ practice on Friday afternoon from 2:00 – 3:00. Come early on Friday afternoon and join in – 5, 6, 7, 8; Cotton-eyed Joe; Nutbush, Chicken Dance… Next week we will practice the Pride of Erin; Barn Dance; Heel and Toe Polka.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Prep – De’Jae for his excellent work in class.
Year 1 – Josiah for doing his best and working hard in writing and homework tasks.
Year 2 – Jack for his fantastic listening and cooperation during class activities.
Year 2/3 – James for consistently getting 20/20 in his spelling tests.
Year 4 – Brody for always putting in a fantastic amount of effort in all learning area.
Year 5 – Domini for her positive attitude to all aspects of school.
Year 6 – Chantel for her excellent work with her Maths assessment task on data.

Music – Johannah for a good behaviour and participation in class.

PBAs (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD)
Our PBA winners this week were Jesse (Jacaranda) and Mia (Wattle). Congratulations! Our winning team this week was Wattle!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING
Schools should be safe and supportive environments for everyone – students, teachers, staff, families and members of the community. The commitment and involvement of the entire school community is needed to create a safe, supportive and disciplined school environment that reflects high standards and expectations for positive and respectful behaviour and allows all students the opportunity to be successful learners.

We are committed to create and nurture safe, supportive and disciplined environments, where students can learn and achieve.

This week we are teaching about caring for the play environment. We want the students to use all play areas and equipment properly. The equipment needs to be used safely. School and personal belongings need to be treated with respect – return the items to where they belong and keep them in a clean and tidy condition.

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe
Be a Learner

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 – Ryan
Year 1 – Kurt
Year 2 – Taylor
Year 2/3 – Sean
Year 4 – Johannah
Year 5 – Ben
Year 6 – Wyatt

SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ AWARD
Congratulations to Jude Broderick for receiving the School Captains’ Award.

SPORTS’ NEWS

There was no interschool sport this week. We are training for the carnivals at the end of next week. Helidon will be sending a softball and kanga team and 6 students to play cricket as part of the Caffey team. Notes went home yesterday with the following selected students:

Caffey Cricket Team: Jude, Alex, Aaron, Cody, Jacob, Wyatt
Softball Team: Kayleigh, Lilli, Chantel, Trixie, Ari, Lucas, Noah, Riley, Billy, Mia,
Kanga Team: Michael, Karl, Jay, Mason, Sam, Lachlan, Ky, Domini, Rose, Connor, Reece, Aleesha

Nomination cost is $3 per student.

STUDENT COUNCIL TREAT DAY
Order forms were sent home today. They must be returned by Tuesday as an order needs to be placed for the Hot Cross Buns and Hot Dog Rolls by lunchtime on Tuesday.

SHOWCASE 2015
Next term, the students will be ‘showcasing’ their work to parents/guardians etc. How does this work? The classrooms are open from 5:30pm – 7:30pm for you to come along and have you child/children show you what they have been doing. The teachers will be in the room, but it will be your child/ren telling you about the work. There will be a free sausage sizzle (thanks P & C) during the evening. There is no specific starting time, just call in between 5:30pm and 7:30pm to view the happenings of the classroom. The free sausage sizzle will be between 5:30pm and 6:30pm.

DOMINOES FROM WOOLWORTHS
At the moment, Woolworths is doing a promotion for ‘Stars Dominoes’. If you shop at ‘Woollies’ and collect these dominoes (and your children don’t want them), the school would appreciate them. They are great for maths activities for the younger students (addition, subtraction, matching etc).

LOCKYER VALLEY LIBRARY VAN VISITS
Next visit is 23 April.

P & C NEWS
Thanks to those involved in the people mover and it’s been great to have some new faces helping out.

Parent survey - in the coming week we will be sending home a P&C survey. We would like as many as possible filled in and returned so we can make a solid plan for 2015. Look out for it!!

Barn Dance - if you can help out with some preparations on Friday morning or on the night, please see Donna or Angela. Many hands make light work!

Ride the Range - donations of ingredients are needed by Thursday. We need rolled oats, coconut, SR Flour, white sugar, golden syrup, cocoa, eggs, butter, brown sugar, plain flour, dates (pitted), mixed fruit.

P & C Membership Forms – are attached to the newsletter. Please return these forms. By being a member of the P & C, you are covered by insurance when assisting with P & C activities.
Pies and Iceblocks
50c
Fridays

Early Years Group
Wednesdays 9:00 – 11:00
No Cost
Lots of Fun

Barn Dance
Friday 27 March
6:00 pm
Come Along for a Great Night of Dancing