IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY

A number of our students are arriving after 9:00 am. This concerns me for a number of reasons.

When your child arrives late, they interrupt the lesson that has already commenced as they get organised for the day. This not only is an interruption to the teacher, but also to the other students’ learning.

It concerns me that the student arriving late is missing out on valuable learning time. This is happening at 9:00 am most days in the classrooms:

Prep – discuss the day, weather, daily plan, children are learning about the sequence of their day and expectations for the day (1 teacher aide in the classroom)
Year 1 – explicit reading lessons (3 teacher aides in the classroom)
Year 1/2 – explicit Maths lessons (1 teacher aide in the classroom)
Year 2/3 – English with a focus on writing
Year 3/4 – English with a focus on writing
Year 5 – English
Year 6/7 – German/ English/ PE

Punctuality is a good habit to get into...... arriving on time when you have to get to work each day, attend business meetings, make appointments, meet friends etc.

A Reminder About Before School

Children should not arrive at school before 8:00 am unless early arrival has been discussed with me – I do understand working parents and bus departures. The children stay under the covered area. They do not go to the classrooms. At 8:30 am, they are dismissed and go to the classrooms to get organised for the day, do activities in the classrooms etc. They are not to be in the classroom unless a teacher is present. Often a teacher will supervise both classes while the other teacher is doing photocopying etc. The students can go outside to play handball, table tennis etc. There is no running around the school or playing on the oval etc before school.

At 8:50 the bell is rung. This gives the children 10 minutes to get ready for the day – homework handed it if not already done so, notes/money to the teachers etc. Teaching is occurring in all classrooms by 9:00 am.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ AWARD

Congratulations to Callem!

PBAs (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD)

The winning team this week is Jacaranda! Our Jacaranda PBA winner is Emalia and the Wattle winner is Ella. Congratulations!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep – Kurt for his hard work in class and his fantastic behaviour at all times.
Year 1 – Reagan for doing her best in class and producing great results.
Year 1/2 – Wade for trying hard in handwriting.
Year 2/3 – Marita for always being a hard working student with beautiful manners.
Year 3/4 – Ruby for her excellent results in spelling and her enthusiastic approach to all set tasks.
Year 5 – Debra for excellent behaviour in class and always setting a good example to others.
Year 6/7 – Mac for displaying excellent manners and always being courteous.

Music – Billy for continued engagement and enthusiasm to instrumental and classroom music.

STUDENT ATTENTIVE AWARD

Congratulations to the following students: Rohan (Prep); Tiye (Year 1); Sean (Year 1/2); Karl (Year 2/3); Josephine (Year 3/4); Chantel (Year 5) and Rukshan (Year 6/7). Next parade, they will be sitting in the best seats in the house!

SWPBS NEWS

This week we are focusing on playing in the accepted areas. For safety reasons, it is extremely important that not only do the students play in the accepted areas, but they also follow the safety rules. We have had some incidents lately where the older students are running through and playing ‘tig’ in the junior playground. With lots of Year 1 – 3 students playing on the equipment, it is extremely dangerous for older students to be running through their play area. What does this behaviour look like:

- Preps play in the prep area. Other students may play there if they ask the teacher on duty.
- Junior Playground – only students in Years 1 – 3. The Preps may occasionally go to the playground, but with supervision.
- Senior Playground – Year 4 – 7 students only.
- Other play areas, including the Exercise Area, are open to all Year 1 – 7 students.
- Out of bounds areas include – past the tree line on the oval, behind the music room and new shed, in front of the library and prep room, and past the tennis courts.

There are many activities on offer at lunchtimes – computer lab twice a week; the library is open 5 days a week at ‘big’ lunch; table tennis; chess/draughts with
the large pieces; sporting activities on the oval; and the sports shed is open daily at 'big' lunch.

FOR STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON THE BUS
The Code of Conduct for school students travelling on buses has recently been revised and sets out the expected behaviour of students while travelling on a bus and the consequences for breaching the Code. It also reinforces the roles and responsibilities of bus operators and other stakeholders who play a key role in the safe travel of school students, and provides guidelines and a framework to manage student misconduct. Changes of relevance to schools, parents and students are:

- an emphasis on the importance of stakeholder collaboration (e.g. bus operations, bus drivers, schools, parents and students) for effective implementation of the Code.

Information regarding:
- fare evasion and the consequences.
- the responsibilities of parents and carers regarding their children having the correct bus fare.
- the collaborative role drivers and operators have with schools in managing bullying situations.

Information sheets for parents/caregivers are available from the school office or the TransLink website.

ATHLETICS’ DAY
What a fantastic day we had on Athletics’ Day. Congratulations to Jacaranda for winning the Athletics’ Trophy and to Wattle for winning the Ballgames Trophy. The weather was perfect, good behaviour by the students, lots of visitors supporting the students, a great job organizing the tuckshop (thanks P & C) and finally a fantastic job teachers and teacher aides!

We must also acknowledge Nikayla who broke the 9 year old Shot Put record.

Fifty-one students attended Ropehill last Friday. Thanks to the parents for taking their children and a big thanks to the parents for taking other students across to the venue.

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent the Upper Lockyer District at the Lockyer Zone Athletics to be held at Ropehill on the 22 August.

Cormac, Ella, Jude, Caleb, Ben, Domini, Daniel, Kyahna, Nikayla, Abby, Ben, Michael, Alex, Josephine, Maria, Danny, Rose, Trixie, Isaac, Cody, Justin I, Natasha, Colby, Tanikka and Matthew.

Mr Clair and Mrs Dorge will be accompanying the team.

HELIDON CRICKET CLUB
Helidon Cricket Club has invited local schools to nominate for the 8th Annual Helidon Cricket Club Super 8s Cricket Carnival to be held on Friday 29 August from 9:30am to 2:00pm. Once again, representatives from Queensland Cricket and the Helidon Cricket Club will run the day and provide all the equipment. School staff and parents will assist. The aim of the day is for children to learn to play cricket and have plenty of fun along the way.

GERMAN NEWS
Great News! On Thursday 31 July, several students travelled to Toowoomba to complete in a German Poetry Competition and a Tipp-Kick Competition. Megan came first in the poetry competition and Sharlee came second. Colby and Teegue came third in the Tipp-Kick Competition. Well done to our winners and to all who competed.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
The Minecraft competition is still on the drawing board. Mr Fifoot is still working on this. Education Queensland does not readily allow for web-based programs such as Minecraft to be easily played on school computers.

Treat Day is happening on Thursday 28 August. Also on that day, you can dress up as you favourite book character. There are lots of great prizes.

Thanks to everyone for donating for the ‘Bottle Stall’ at the Heritage Fair. Between the Sno-cones and bottle stall, about $270 was raised. There are lots of items left over for next year’s bottle stall.

BOOKFAIR
Monday 25 August – Friday 29 August
Lots of great books for purchase.
The more books we sell, the more books we can buy for the library.

HELIDON HERITAGE FAIR
Thanks to our students and parents for participating in the parade. The maroon and blue balloons certainly add to the festivities. It was a little disappointing that some children went to the fair, but didn’t walk in the parade with the school……….maybe next year.

ASBESTOS TRAINING
At the next P & C Meeting (9 September), there will be a 30 minute session on Asbestos in Schools. This is an interesting session about asbestos in schools and procedures involved in the removal of asbestos and the do’s and don’t’s of suspected asbestos in a school setting. All schools must provide an Asbestos Training session for P & Cs each year. This has only come in recently.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
We are in urgent need of second hand uniforms, particularly polo shirts and boys’ shorts. If you have any uniform items that you could donate to the school, it would be much appreciated.

HEAD LICE
There have been some cases of headlice recently. Please keep checking your children’s head and treat appropriately if found. Children should not attend school with ‘nits’. As soon as they have been treated, they can attend. Please don’t keep the children at home for the day if you treat them in the morning.
HELIDON COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP
Tuesdays 9:00 am – 11:00 am.
Come along and enjoy the morning. Singing, dancing and craft activities will be happening next week.

Come along and enjoy the morning with fun interaction for you and your child. For more information phone the school on 46129222.

P & C NEWS
The next meeting is on Tuesday 9 September at 3:00 pm in the library. Thanks to everybody who helped out with the Heritage Fair on Sunday. We raised approximately $1300 which was a great effort.

Fathers’ Day stall will be held on the 4/5 September. A note will go home closer to the day.

Recipe books are now for sale at $12. Lots of good, easy, family recipes……..a BIG thanks to Mylie. The compiling of the recipe book has been a mammoth task.
Thanks to everyone who contributed recipes.

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11 September