Term 4 Week 1
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Term 4
What’s Happening

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To Be Returned ASAP

- Swimming Permission Notes – Mon 13 Oct
- Swimming Money - $5 each Tuesday for lessons
- AASC Permission Notes – Mon 13 Oct
- Bookclub – Tues 21 Oct

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Welcome back to another extremely busy term with lots of exciting things happening as the end of the year approaches.

The P & C Meeting is next Tuesday (14 Oct). I would encourage your attendance as there are a number of items that I would like to discuss at the meeting including:
- Student numbers
- Classes for next year
- Staffing arrangements for 2015
- Playgroup
- Swimming carnival
- Asbestos in schools
- Discipline Audit results – commendations, affirmations and recommendations

Your input and suggestions are valued ... we need a greater turnout at our P & C Meetings. Meetings commence at 3:00pm. Your children are welcome to stay. The meetings are usually finished by 4:15 – 4:30.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ AWARD
Next Week!

PBAs (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD)
Next Week!

STUDENT ATTENTIVE AWARD
Next Week!

SWPBS NEWS
The expectation this week is to be a learner by ‘following instructions’. We want our students to work cooperatively, to listen to others, improve their concentration skills and to ask for help when needed. We encourage ‘whole body listening’ – sitting still, mouth closed, ears open and looking at the speaker. We want the children to acknowledge and understand the directions given.

Thanks Mrs Graves for organizing our poster and lesson each week.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Next Week!

YEAR 6/7 CAMP
The Year 6/7 Campers and Mr Clair arrive back tomorrow, so we will have to wait until next week’s newsletter to hear all about their adventures.

PREP 2015
The ‘Transition into Prep Program’ commences next Friday afternoon. This program runs for 8 weeks. We look forward to welcoming our future students to the school. Our current Prep students go to the Year 1 classroom to familiarise themselves with the ‘big school’. Ms Younger and Mrs Dorge will work with the children for the afternoon. They will return to the prep classroom to be collected by their parents/guardians/siblings. Our Year 1 students will work in the library with Mrs Eilers.

This program has been running for several years at the school and it has proven to be very effective in getting our new preps familiar with the school as well as our current preps learning about school life beyond the prep classroom and grounds.

We invite parents to the staff room for a ‘cuppa’. Tea/coffee etc will be supplied.

SWIMMING LESSONS
School swimming lessons will begin next week. Notes have gone out today. Please return the notes to school on Monday morning as it is important that we have an indication of numbers attending and not attending to
ensure transport to the pool, as well as the number of teachers required to remain at the school.

As the swimming note states, there will be 5 swimming lessons. The dates are on the note, as well as the ‘What’s Happening’ section at the start of the newsletter.

The Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 18 November. The ‘beginner swimmers’ will not participate on the day. They will have their ‘fun activities’ during their last swimming lesson on Tuesday 11 November.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
If you have any uniform items that you could donate to the school, it would be much appreciated. We particularly need boy’s shorts, sizes 4 – 8 and polo shirts.

GIRLS’ LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES
On the last Friday of Term 3, the girls joined Mrs Forbes, Mrs Hobl, Mrs McLean and Mrs Eilers for some ‘Girls’ Only’ time in the library.

The girls enjoyed being pampered – footspas, nails and hair done and lots of general chatter.

HEAD LICE
Keep checking for headlice!

SAFETY REMINDERS
Just a few before and after school safety reminders.
- Please encourage your child/ren to use the crossing. Set an example and use the crossing with your child/ren.
- When picking up / dropping off children, please don’t park over driveways.
- The staff carpark is for staff only. Please do not pick up or drop off your child in this carpark.

It is great to see so many students riding their bikes or scooters to school. Please remind your child/ren to:
- Wear a helmet.
- Ride on the edge of the road or the footpath.
- Give way to cars and pedestrians.
- Wheel the bike or scooter out of the school grounds and continue wheeling until the footpath is clear of students/parents.

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub went out today. Due to our Bookfair, we haven’t had a bookclub for a few months. I have had a look at the catalogues and some good value books include:
Busy Bee – ‘Aussie Jingle Bells’ ($2); ‘See You Later Alligator’ ($5) and ‘All I Want for Christmas’ (book and CD $7)
Wombat – ‘The Twelve Cats of Christmas’ ($2); ‘The Mem Fox Favourites 3 books’ ($15) and the $5 and Under books on page 7
Lucky – ‘EJ Spy School The Test’ ($2); ‘Double Trouble Value Pack’ (4 books $20) and ‘Ivy and Bean’ ($3)
Arrow – ‘My Story Titanic’ ($9). The ‘My Story’ books are very popular. ‘A Christmas Carol’ ($3)

Star – The Last Thirteen Books are popular ($12 each);
‘Christmas Crafts’ ($14)
Extra – ‘Very Cranky Bear Collection’ (4 books $24);
‘The Wizard of Oz’ ($3) and ‘She’ll Be Coming Round the Mountain’ (CD and book $5)

Orders need to be returned by Tuesday 21 October. There will be another Book Club later this term.

AASC SPORT
This commences next Wednesday. Notes went out today. Please return by Monday 13 October. If you are able to help, please let us know.

P & C NEWS
The next meeting is on Tuesday 14 October at 3:00 pm in the library.

RECIPE BOOK
Recipe Books for sale! Only $12. There are over 170 tasty recipes to try. Each class has illustrated a title page in the book, which will make it a lovely keepsake.

COMMUNITY NEWS
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. The morning promises lots of fun interaction for you and your child. For more information phone the school on 46129222.

EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY
Emergency Services Day is being held on Sunday, 19 October at Ferrari Park, Whites Road, Laidley from 10:00am – 2:00pm. This is a free community event to showcase emergency response and support agencies promoting connectedness, disaster/emergency resilience and preparedness in the community. There is a colouring in competition. Forms are available from the school office.
Term 4 Library Van Visits
6 November
4 December

Ice Blocks and Pies
Friday
50c each
In aid of the Student Council

P & C Meeting
Tuesday 14 October
3:00pm Library

Playgroup
Tuesday 14 October
9:00am – 11:00am
Stories
Craft
Music

Have a cuppa and a chat with other parents