Term 4 Week 3
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Term 4
What’s Happening

Fri 24 Oct 2014 Prep Visit
Tues 28 Oct 3rd Swimming Lesson
Wed 29 Oct 3rd AASC Sport
Fri 31 Oct 2014 Prep Visit
Tues 4 Nov 4th Swimming Lesson
Wed 5 Nov 4th AASC Sport
Wed 5 Nov Planning and Accountability
Thurs 6 Nov Library Van Visit
Fri 7 Nov 2014 Prep Visit
Tues 11 Nov 5th Swimming Lesson
Wed 12 Nov AASC Sport
Thurs 13 Nov Treat Day / Pet Parade
Fri 14 Nov 2014 Prep Visit
Tues 18 Nov Swimming Carnival
Wed 19 Nov 6th AASC Sport
Fri 21 Nov 2014 Prep Visit
Wed 26 Nov 7th AASC Sport
Fri 28 Nov 2014 Prep Visit
Thurs 4 Dec Library Van Visit
Fri 5 Dec 2014 Prep Visit
Fri 5 Dec Carol Night
Fri 12 Dec Final Day Term 4

P & C
Tues 11 Nov P & C Meeting
Fri 5 Dec Carol Night
Tues 9 Dec P & C Meeting

To Be Returned ASAP
Swimming Money $5 each Tuesday for lessons

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
At the moment, I am investigating the installation of an automatic bell system for the school. Not only would this be used for before and after breaks, but would be used as the alarm for lockdown and evacuation.

If you walk into the office, you may notice some ribbon on the wall. We are looking at purchasing 2 honour boards for the school – one for dunx and the other for school captains. This is where they would be placed.

Thanks to Orica, I am also in the process of purchasing some seating for the school. We would place this seating in the grassed area at the front of the prep. We would like to make this area our ‘yarning circle’.

After the Financial Audit earlier this year, I was informed that our evacuation signs did not meet the requirements of Education Queensland. I have ordered appropriate signage that will permit to our school buildings.

I would discuss these further at the next P & C Meeting.

I would like to welcome the following students and their families to the school – Kyiesha, Jack, Bailey and CJ.

STAFF NEWS
Mrs Sugden commences Long Service Leave next week. She will return on Monday 10 November. We wish her an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

We welcome Mrs Clancy to the school who will be working for Mrs Sugden.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS’ AWARD
Congratulations to CJ!

PBAS (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD)
The winning team this week is Wattle! Our Jacaranda PBA winners is Joshua and the Wattle winner is Jenita. Congratulations!

STUDENT ATTENTIVE AWARD
Next Week!

SWPS NEWS
The expectation this week is to be responsible: Do the High Five. The High 5 is an effective strategy to develop problem-solving strategies for the students. It is a 5 step problem solving strategy that can be used in the classroom, in the playground and for perceived bullying incidents. We want to teach the students the skills which will build their self-esteem and empower them to take responsibility for themselves and give them the power to practice these skills.

Do the High 5
- Ignore
- Talk Friendly
- Walk Away
- Talk Firmly
- Report

BOOKCLUB
Books should arrive next week.

P & C NEWS
P & C MEETING
The next meeting is on Tuesday 11 November at 3.00 pm in the library.

CAROL NIGHT
Carol Night is on 5 December. The P & C will be having a BBQ and full day raffle. If you can donate prizes, please leave at the office. If you are able to assist for donations for the P & C, a letter of approval is required. To obtain a letter, please see Heathier in the office.

STUDENT COUNSELING NEWS
‘Treat Day’ and the ‘Pet Parade’ will be held on Thursday 13 November. The Pet Parade is always very popular. Unfortunately the pets cannot be at school all day. The parade is from 9.00am – 10.00am. When the children go back to the classroom, the pets will need to go home (at least the living pets – the non-living pets can remain for the day)! Put this date in your diary!

PLAYGROUP
It has been decided to put Playgroup ‘on hold’ until next year. Playgroup is a great opportunity for parents to meet other parents and for the children to be involved in mixing with other students, but participating in some worthwhile activities – music, story-telling, craft etc. What will be happening while Playgroup is ‘on hold’?
- The playgroup shed will be lined and sliding doors will replace the roller doors. This will make the shed more ‘user friendly’.
- We need to find a coordinator. If you are interested in re-establishing playgroup for 2015 or would like to know what it involves, please phone the office.
- We want to survey potential playgroup participants about the best day that would suit.
A survey form will be available from the office and Post Office.
A few parents have indicated that they would like to continue with some ‘play dates’ for their children while playgroup is on hold. If you would like to take your children along, please phone Angela Maizowy on 478503138.

SCHOOL WEATHER WATCH RIVER 94.9
This week, students from the school have been reading the morning weather bulletin for River 94.9. The students have been doing a fantastic job. On Monday, Sharlee (Year 6) presented the bulletin: Tuesday Leah (Year 3); Wednesday Jude (Year 4); Thursday Cameron (Year 1) and tomorrow is Jenita (Year 6). If you want to hear Jenita, tune into River 94.9 at around 8.35am.

HEAD LICE
Keep checking for headlice!

PREP 2015
We had a great session with our 2015 prep. Miss Coulton and Mrs Johnson welcomed 20 2015 prep to the classroom. The children enjoyed the book ‘My Yummy Treats’, coloured and made a large flower to take home. Tomorrow, they will be involved in outside activities. Our current Prep also enjoyed working in the Year 1 class. They spent some time in the classroom as well as using the Year 1 – 3 playground. The Year 1s did their library lesson with Mrs Elters. We are all looking forward to this Friday afternoon.

AFL/AUSKICK
This commences on Monday (27 October) and will run for 6 Monday lunchtimes. The forms and money ($25) will need to be at school on Monday. There are more forms available from the office.

MATHS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
On Wednesday 13 November, all staff will be involved in Professional Development relating to various areas of Maths. Yvette Copley (District Office) will lead this PD. Mrs Copley was here yesterday working with Mr Clair in looking at the data from the recent PAT Maths standardized test to look at areas to include in this Professional Development.

WORKING BEE
A Working Bee has been planned for Sunday, 9 November commencing at 8.00am. Please consider helping at this Working Bee – remember ‘many hands make light work’. Some of the jobs that need doing include:
- Trimming low tree branches
- Taking out the ‘dead’ tree near the Year 1/2 office
- Pruning some of the shrubs near the Year 1 pergola area
- Removal of green waste to the dump

We don’t have working bees very often (during the last 10 years there has been only one), so put the date in your diary and ‘give us a hand’.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Another great swimming lesson on Tuesday. Thanks parents for ensuring that the children are well prepared for the lessons.

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.

Year 3/4 – Bailey for always giving his best and having a positive attitude.
Year 5 – Trixie for always having a smile on her face and being a friendly, cooperative class member.
Year 6/7 – Justin for being respectful towards the teachers in the school and his engagement in class activities.
Music – Jade for her lovely singing and involvement in Music.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!