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Report Card

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Six of our 2014 Student Leaders returned after a weekend of canoeing, thinking, writing and talking with Mr Standfast and Chappie Tanya. The weekend was intended to develop confidence, cooperation and leadership skills and help the students in successfully performing their roles during this year. There is more information and reflections on the camp from students inside this Newsletter and my thanks go to Mr Standfast and Chappie Tanya for their personal time commitment to the Camp. Our Tuckshop volunteers were also invaluable.

Many parents have made appointments with teachers to discuss their child’s progress and set the learning agenda for the year. If you have not replied to the appointment invitation, there is still time to do so.

Those students who are travelling at the best possible rate in all aspects of school life, will receive their Bronze at Assembly over the next two weeks. Bronze Reward will be a wet day, held on the last day of term. This has become a bit of a tradition and hopefully the weather will cooperate.

Tomorrow Miss Strachan and myself will be working on a program called Kids Matter, which is a National program to encourage the best possible practices in student’s well being in our school. This program will work with our School Wide Positive Behaviour and Social Emotional Health program. There are many resources available through Kids Matter and some of these will be coming home to families.

Thank you to parents for supporting Shave for a Cause and National Anti Bullying Day.

School Disco is tomorrow night with an Easter theme.

Regards,
Pam Liddell (Principal)
RESILIENCE IN THE PLAYGROUND. If someone is calling names or being mean, learn to tell them to “stop!” and walk away. Others should not be bystanders, do not play with someone being mean to another. Walk away. Get help from a teacher if they continue the name calling or mean behavior.

SUPPORT FOR CHAPPY TANYA
Chappie Tanya gave her weekend time to accompany Mr Stanifast on the Leadership Camp and this is one of the many aspects of school life which Chappie Tanya contributes. Life is better at our school because of Chappie Tanya being here and for that reason, we demonstrate support for the School Chaplaincy Program during this week in particular. The requested public show of support is in response to a High Court challenge about the funding of religion in public schools, which may contravene the Constitution. It is a fact that religious discussions can be arranged between families and Chappie Tanya direct, but her role in the school is about supporting our students to develop resilience. She is also another trusted adult in whom they can confide and we all appreciate her work in our school.

READING STRATEGIES
Each class is following particular reading strategies this term. The first was Predicting (using titles, front and back covers, blurbs, pictures, and the table of contents if there is one). This is being supported by Activating Prior Knowledge through which connections are made before reading begins. This can relate to vocabulary knowledge around the topic, topic knowledge generally, and the use of brainstorming. Thanks goes to Mrs Strampe, who provided training for our Rotary Readers and parent volunteers last week, helping volunteers in the best possible ways to work with our kids.

Reading Strategy 2: Activating Prior Knowledge
Prior knowledge is the unique set of knowledge each individual brings to the reading experience. It is a combination of what we already know about reading, our knowledge of words, and knowledge about the topic from things we have experienced, things people have told us, things we have read, people we have met and places we have been. Before we read we think about what we already know in preparation for the reading.

What do I already know about this topic?
* The words and pictures remind me of …….. (something else I have read, seen or experienced).
* What information is new to me?

By activating prior knowledge readers connect what they already know with what they are about to read. Activating prior knowledge gives readers a ‘head start’ to understanding new words and new ideas about the topic.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT
Over the weekend Lily, Natasha, Trinit, Lachlan, James and I went on a leadership skills camp at the PCYC with Chappy Tanya and Mr Stanifast. We first went to Smith’s Crossing where Mr Stanifast explained to us the expectations and instructions for the trip. Our first activity was canoeing. As we slowly crept into the canoes one by one everyone was a bit shifty. As we started to paddle it felt a lot easier and was a lot of fun. Unfortunately for Lily and Natasha, Mr Stanifast “accidentally” flipped their canoe. We all thought it was funny, until he “accidentally” flipped all of ours. This gave us a great opportunity to work as a team to get the canoes back up. The water was a beautiful freezing temperature so made the task just wonderful. We soon headed back to the PCYC to write speeches about who we were as a leader and a person. The time flew, mainly thanks to the comedians amongst the group, James. We ate our dinner then played a game called Beeg, Splat Elephant. We later went canoeing again, but this time, up the Ellenic River. Mr Stanifast’s daughter and another volunteer were there to help us and we appreciated it a lot. Because of last year’s flood the river had quite a few blocked paths. As a team we made our way around them by dragging the canoes over land and around the obstacles. This gruelling session was just what we needed to finish the day on a high. We really appreciated the support of everyone who made this possible. A huge thank you goes especially to Mr Stanifast and Chappy Tanya.

AYSA As Year 7

THE BOX - TERM 1 ARTS COUNCIL
Last week the students and staff of Burnett Heads State School were delighted to see Ben and Beatrice the clowns doing a funny and enjoyable performance which made everyone in the hall break out in laughter, including the teachers. These clowns had one job to do, move the box. We learnt however that nothing is simple in life, especially when clowns are involved. This hilarious duo was loved by the staff and students of our school. I thought their performance was fantastic and I congratulate them for all the hard work they put into it. Besides the laughter we were able to see just how important getting along and team work is when people come together to do a job.

By Shania Gardner, Year 7

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
Congratulations to our school Community who helped Lilly Crook raise $168.30 in Shave for a Cure.

CHAPPY NEWS
I was away last week at professional development for Chaplains. It was a very worthwhile time networking with other Chaplains and hearing about topics such as being part of community and empowering students. Over the weekend some of our school leaders participated in a canoeing trip to further develop their leadership potential. These students faced real physical, mental and emotional challenges both on and off the water and I’m looking forward to seeing how they step up into their roles and continue to develop into great leaders throughout the year. Although our local Beck our Chappies event will conclude after today, you can continue to show your support for chaplaincy by getting your friends and family to sign statements of support online at www.backourchappies.com Thanks for your continued support. God bless, Chappy Tanya.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE REWARDS 27 March
Yr 1 - Jordan Taylor
Yr 2 - Finn Sugar
Yr 3 - William Hugh
Yr 4 - Samantha Phillips
Yr 5 - Brydon Jones
Yr 7 - Tyron Kyzer

SCHOOL AWARDS
Year 1: Miowo Awards
Ashlin Bullock - Orange, Special 1st 100 words
Trinityn Glover - Red, Blue
Jordyn Hardy - Blue
Blade Lucas - Blue

Year 2: Miowo Awards

Dolch Words - List 1
Jack Madden, Abby Driscoll, Ronny Lee, William Meldon

Year 4: Spelling Achievement Award - Lacey Street, Pearl Pears

Number Facts Award 4, 6, 7, 8 - Lacey Street, Nicholas Voysey, Peter Flinoff, Cody Jones

Instrumental Music
Clairion - Book 1 Cert 1 - Lacey Street
Flute - Book 1, Cert 1 - Samantha Phillips

P AND C NEWS
EASTER RAFFLE
Donations are needed for your Easter Raff- le, big or small we appreciate them all. Raff- le tickets will be sold over the weekend at IGA. The Raffle will be drawn on our final Parade, Wednesday, April 2. Easter crafts will be on sale in this year in the last week of Term. $1.00 per craft pack/$1.00 to decorate your own Easter Basket.

NEWSMAIL IPAD TOKEN COMPETITION
The collecting of Ipad tokens is coming to a close. If you have been saving them up please deliver them to the Tuck- shop or Office as soon as possible. Thank you.

TUCKSHOP DAYS
We still need committed volunteers. Please phone Sam on 0478 640 668 or Kim on 0407 709 664 to provide your commitment to volunteer.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Wed - Sheree Doorley, Linda Portelli
Thurs - Sheree Doorley, Linda Portelli, Catrina Payne
Fri - Sam Petersen, Tanya Jessop
Sam Petersen, President, 0478 640 668

COMMUNITY NEWS
LIFE EDUCATION
Life Education, Bundaberg is forming a sewing group to sew up Harold Ginger puppets. It will be on a Thursday morning for a couple of hours. If you are able to help, please leave a message on 4152575 or ring Wendy on 041528073.

Do you care about the health and safety of young people? Come and join us at Life Education, Bundaberg, we are looking for helpers and supporters to continue on this good work. We gather at 37 Woongarra Street (back of the City Centre) on the third Thursday of each month at 5 pm or call us (Wendy or Barbara) and leave a message on 4152575.

Nick

SIGN UP
Run down to BARGARA IGA to SIGN UP for the 2014 LITTLE ATHLETICS WINTER SEASON Saturday 26 March 2014 8.00am till 2.00pm

Competition Starts 4 May 2014 at 10.00am at Neilson Sports Ground
Aqua: TINY TOTS U17

0419 383 621 or 0475 695 167 or 4150 1881

School Wide Positive Behaviour Expectations

Confidence Getting Along Self-Esteem Participation Responsibility Respectfulness

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