Dear Carers and Parents,

As we settle into Term 3, I would like to take the opportunity to remind you how important attendance at school is every day. Currently we are sitting below the average attendance for Central Queensland Region. It is vital for all students to attend school every day as every day counts to improve learning outcomes.

**TERM 3 CENT SALE**

Due to the success of last year’s Cent Sale, PCSS will be hosting a Cent Sale at the **Bowls Club on Sunday 13th October**. This notice is to let you know that we would like our families to START COLLECTING, CREATING or COLLATING potential prizes for the cent sale. Whether it’s crocheting a beanie, creating an art piece or donating some wanted prizes, you can feel free to leave donations at the school. Please ensure prizes are wrapped in clear cellophane.

**UNDER 8’S DAY**

For students in the P-2 class, the Under 8s day will be occurring at Wowan on Tuesday 17th September. This will be a great opportunity for our students in the P-2 class to get together with other students in the cluster. The theme for the day is insects and creepy crawlies. Younger brothers and sisters are also welcome to attend and participate with siblings. Please return your expression of interest note ASAP so we can finalise transport. We want to find out if you want to transport your own child/ren to Wowan on this day or would you prefer the school to organise a bus. Siblings are invited to attend and participate on the day. Please note that we will organise transport based on the majority of notes returned. Please note that the bus option will only be viable if the majority of families and siblings do not wish to attend. Could you please return this Expression of Interest note on Monday so we can book the bus if need be.

**TREAT KITCHEN**

A big thank you needs to go out to our Treat Kitchen cooks today - Trudy Tappin & Robyn Matheson. The students and staff really enjoyed their lunch. Thank you for feeding us!! Our students are very lucky.

**YEAR 4-7 CAMP**

We have some very excited students who have been preparing to travel to Canberra on Sunday for the 4-7 camp. Please remember to be at the airport NO LATER THAN 8:15am. We are required to check in earlier than usual as we are a group check in. I will arrive at 7:45am so the earlier the better. We arrive back in Rockhampton at 3:00pm. Please be at the airport ready to pick up your child. Please remember to advise me in advance of any carpooling arrangements. Keep your eye out in the newsletter next week for some sneak peek photos!!

Just a reminder that while I am away, Chris Couchman will be available for any questions you have. Chris will be out and about visiting other schools on Friday 23rd August and Lana Stewart will be the teacher available here on this day.

**SUPPORT A READER**

Reading opens up a window to a new world. I aim to start Support a Reader on Monday 26th August at 2:15. Leisa will be in touch with those parents who have expressed an interest to volunteer and there is still time if you can spare an hour or two throughout the week. We still have spare spots on Monday & Friday. The aim of the program is to give children who need additional assistance with their reading, the opportunity to read regularly with a supportive adult on a one to one basis. As a volunteer, you will have the same students each week in the same timeframe, so you will get to develop a rapport with your student.

Sincerely,

Jo Northey
The students of the 4-7 class would like to say a big thank you to our wonderful families and local businesses who have helped us get to Canberra next week. We are all very excited and a little anxious as well!! We are looking forward to visiting Parliament House and are really excited about the snow! ONLY 2 SLEEPS TO GO!!

Another hectic week in the P-2 class. The students are slowly working towards finishing their science projects. Most are surprised by the amount of thinking and writing required. Fancy having to write and think at school!!

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

CHICKEN ANYONE??

Joshua Matheson
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

ZOELY JOHNSON—Hard work and focus in Maths
SHAKIRA JOHNSON—Being a multiplication whiz!

Well done!

Nick and Paige brought along their new puppies for show and tell this week. They were a big hit.

Pie drive order forms are attached for this year’s P-2 camp fundraising.

Please be reminded of the importance of school attendance...

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DATES TO REMEMBER

LIBRARY BOOKS DUE BACK FOR STOCKTAKE – FRI 16TH AUGUST

LEAVE FOR CAMP – SUN 18TH AUGUST

RETURN FROM CAMP – FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST

SUPPORT A READER COMMENCES – MON 26TH SEPT.

FATHERS DAY CRAFT – FRIDAY 30TH AUG

ANZAC CLUB RAFFLES (P&C) – 6TH SEPT

UNDER 8’S DAY – TUESDAY 17TH SEPT.

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – FRI 20TH SEPT.

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 – TUES 8TH OCTOBER

INCLUDED IN THIS LETTER:

• BSHS 50TH ANNIVERSARY INVITATION

• PIE DRIVE FORM