Dear Carers and Parents,

You may have noticed we are focusing on attendance this term in an effort to reach our target of 95%. With every day missed at school, students miss out on valuable learning, hindering their success. Please see our attendance graph for this term. This will be updated each week. If, as a school, we reach our attendance of 95%, every child will receive a prize on Friday! Prizes will vary depending on the week. An attendance raffle will be drawn at the end of each term. Every day your child is at school, they will receive a ticket in this raffle. I have also attached a letter identifying your child’s individual attendance for term 3. Remember, EVERY DAY COUNTS.

Next Wednesday I will be travelling to Goovigen for our final Explicit Instruction network meeting for 2013. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the success our school has had with explicit instruction over the past 18 months. A strong focus of this meeting will be around our Pedagogical Framework, as this is required on our website by the end of this year.

You may be aware that the Australian Curriculum Geography is being taught in all schools in 2014. Chris will be travelling to Moura to work with the region’s Geography Project Officer on Monday next week to learn more about the teaching of Geography in our school context.

Don’t forget to continue checking out our website as updates are occurring all the time. News items will come through on your phone if you have downloaded the QSchools app. This is a great way to keep informed of the major happenings of the school.

Sincerely,
Jo Northey

WORLD TEACHER’S DAY

Today we are celebrating the great work of our teachers on World Teachers’ Day. The quality teaching in effect in our classrooms every day has a powerful effect on students’ performance. Visit http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/world-teachers-day.html for more information.

PREP ORIENTATION

It was great to see our future preppies come and enjoy a morning at school. Thank you to the P-2 class for helping out your future classmates! Students received a tour of the school and got to see what it is actually like in the classroom. We look forward to having you with us next year. Don’t forget to return your enrolment pack!!

AUSKICK

We had a lot of interest in AFL which is fantastic. Students were very prompt, being at school on time and ready to participate and learn some new AFL skills. Just a reminder, if you haven’t already paid, money is to be paid directly to AFL Queensland. This can be done online by going to the Auskick website or paid to Ben directly. Also, Ben is in Brisbane next Thursday so Auskick will not be happening. It will resume again Thursday 7th November and will run every Thursday until week 9.

DAY FOR DANIEL

It was great to see students wearing red today to support the Day for Daniel. The visit from our local police officer gave us some tips on how to keep safe in the community. Don’t forget to talk with your child about the key messages from Constable Christie!

Well done Prospect Creek families – We raised $58 for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation!

GET READY WEEK

The Queensland Government has developed a website Get Ready Week, which promotes the development of disaster resilience. Factsheets are available to help students and their families prepare for and recover from disaster events. A factsheet is included with this newsletter. It is important that you read the information and be prepared.

www.disaster.qld.gov.au/getready

CHAPPY SELMA

I made a mistake in Chappy Selma’s return date in the newsletter last week. Chappy Selma will be returning next week. We are looking forward to her returning to our school.

P-2 CAMP

It was great to see so many of our families at the camp meeting yesterday. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to ask questions and have the itinerary explained in more detail. Thanks Chris for organising this. If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Chris at school.

P&C END OF YEAR BBQ

Don’t forget to keep the 6th December in your diaries for the end of year BBQ. Students will have an item to perform for you and awards will be given for attendance and achievement. Watch this space for further updates and information.

YEAR 7 GRADUATION

This will take place in Goovigen on Thursday 28th November. An official invitation will be sent home soon.
A short but busy week. I am looking forward to the sleep over on November 15. It should be a lot of fun and good practice for the real camp in December. Thanks to Jo for helping me get that organised. Thank you to all the parents that have sent in camp forms despite a bit of a cryptic cover letter. You have made my job organising the camp that much easier.

Please look at this week’s homework grid. I have included a request for the students to bring a toy next week as part of our science unit that moves, makes sound, lights up or is a combination of these. We will look at a few each day, so expect them to stay at school for a couple of weeks. Obviously something small and inexpensive would be best and if they have already brought one along, please disregard this request.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Mackinlay Marxsen — Improved Editing
Kahu Norman — For Excellent work with money concepts.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Doin' the Nutbush!
DATES TO REMEMBER

SWIMMING EVERY TUESDAY 1PM-3PM
PREP ORIENTATION DAY – FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
DAY FOR DANIEL – FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
P&C MEETING – TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
P-2 CAMP OUT – FRIDAY 15TH – SAT 16TH
P-2 CAMP MEETING – THURS 21ST NOVEMBER
LAST WEEK OF SWIMMING – TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 7 GRADUATION DINNER @ GOOVIGEN – THURS 28TH NOV
LEAVE P-2 CAMP – MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER
RETURN P-2 CAMP – 4TH DECEMBER
YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAY – TUESDAY 3RD-4TH DECEMBER
P&C END OF YEAR FUNCTION – FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
LAST DAY TERM 4 – FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

INCLUDED IN THIS LETTER:

- EKindy Flyer
- Get Ready Flyer