Hi Parents,

We are now at the end of week 8 and I am not sure where this term has gone. As I write the newsletter this week I am reflecting on how busy we have been: NAPLAN, Callide Valley Show, Biloela Eisteddfod, Sports Day and tomorrow we have the Small School Sports Day. This on top of normal teaching and learning – no wonder the students are feeling tired! I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that although we are feeling the effects of a busy term, we do still have lots of learning taking place in the classrooms. Students are working hard to finish up assessments and complete units of work before we break for the holidays.

As I shared some school data with our P&C last night, I was reminded of how our attendance is improving overall. The entire community needs to be commended for this as every day your child misses at school is a day that your child misses out on concepts and instruction. Recently however, we are starting to slip away from our 95% attendance target. I have broken down the attendance proportions for 2014 into the pie chart below.

As you can see from the larger dark green piece of the pie we have almost two thirds of our school coming to school almost every day. A huge congratulations to those students. The next largest piece of the pie is the red piece. These students are coming to school less than 85% of the time. It would be great to see this red piece decrease as we move through the remainder of the year to ensure every child has maximum success in reaching goals and improving learning outcomes. Please see the table below.

**RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR PLAN**

Uploaded on our website is an updated copy of our Responsible Behaviour Plan. A few things have changed since our previous plan was rolled out. A few salient features are our expected behaviours: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Excel. These behaviours outline our Schoolwide Expectations Matrix on page 2. Our positive reinforcements are outlined on page 3 and consequences for minor and major behaviours take place on page 7. You will notice some attachments in the documents outlining the policy for personal devices and cyberbullying. A paper copy of the Responsible Behaviour Plan has only gone home in hard copy to those families not on the email list. Those families on the email list have received their copy via email.

**SEMESTER REPORTS**

A reminder that reports will go home next Friday 20th June. All students will receive a grade based on a 5 point scale in all learning areas. For students demonstrating a sound understanding of the curriculum content, being able to apply understandings independently, a C grade or equivalent is given. Thus, a student receiving a ‘working with’ in Prep, ‘sound’ in Years 1 and 2 or ‘C’ in Years 3-7 are demonstrating a satisfactory level of knowledge and understanding of content for their age. Only students demonstrating a high level of understanding and application receive an A or B equivalent in semester reports. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school.

**SPORTS DAYS COMING UP**

A reminder that students will be required at Goovigen this Friday by 8:15am ready for an 8:30am start. Please remember to wear orange school shirt, black pants, black hat and bring a water bottle.

Students who are successful at Goovigen on Friday will compete in the Callide Valley Sports Day to be held at Redeemer College on Friday 20th June. Notes will be handout to these students at Goovigen.

**CURRICULUM AND DISCIPLINE AUDIT**

Our audit will take place on Monday 29th June. This will be a combined curriculum and discipline audit. This is a positive process that highlights the successes we have at school as well as helping us identify areas we could improve. The auditor will be selecting a few random parents to phone or have a chat to throughout the course of the day.

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**Student percentages**

- 95%-100%
- 90%-95%
- 85%-89%
- <85%

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**Being away from school for 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much BUT...**

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<td>1 day a fortnight</td>
<td>20 days a year</td>
<td>4 weeks a year</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>Equal to finishing in Year 11</td>
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<td>1 day a week</td>
<td>40 days a year</td>
<td>8 weeks a year</td>
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<td>Over 2.5 years</td>
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<td>2 days a week</td>
<td>80 days a year</td>
<td>16 weeks a year</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>Over 5 years</td>
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<td>3 days a week</td>
<td>120 Days a year</td>
<td>24 weeks a year</td>
<td>40%</td>
<td>Nearly 8 years</td>
<td>Equal to finishing in Year 4</td>
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Another exciting week in the P-2 class. This week we finished our science experiments using physical changes. The Preps made a wind chime, Year 1 made a boat and Year 2 made a lunch box. Thanks to all that helped out with materials.

School Banking

Friday is school banking day each week. If you are interested in opening a Youthsaver account, please go into the Commonwealth Bank with your child’s birth certificate. There are great rewards for the students after they have made 10 deposits and deposits can be as little as 50 cents to qualify. As a fundraiser, the school also benefits from any deposits made.

MARKET DAY - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The fundraising committee are seeking expressions of interest for a committee to hold a Market Day/Open Day next term. The purpose of the day would be to showcase our school, open up the classrooms and share our successes with the local community. A meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th June at 3:15pm to start making arrangements. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please come along and help ensure our Market Day is a huge success.

I sent home an outline of the History assessment with students for homework this week. I have asked those students with access to the internet to start looking for sources (maps, photos, pictures etc.). The school website has a link to their webmail so any sources can be emailed to themselves either by attachment or pasting links into the email. This can then be accessed at school to help them collate information. Students who do not have access to a computer can access the school library or the Biloela library for information and can complete this at school. The assessment will continue over the next few weeks so students do not need to rush, they can work on it as they get a spare chance.

Target — 95%

School Attendance Term 2

TARGET — 95%
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Tane Norman — Consistent effort in all learning areas
Ilyssa Marxsen — Improving her writing through learning to edit

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ivy Neve—14th

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

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<th>Student A Reads</th>
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<td>20 minutes per day.</td>
<td>5 minutes per day.</td>
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<td>3,600 minutes per school year.</td>
<td>900 minutes per school year.</td>
<td>180 minutes per school year.</td>
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<td>1,200,000 words per year.</td>
<td>282,000 words per year.</td>
<td>8,000 words per year.</td>
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❖ Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. ❖ Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests. ❖ Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 68 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Book club orders returned – Thursday 12th June
Callide Valley Small School Athletics Carnival (Goovigen) - Friday 13th June
School Reports sent home— Friday 20th June
Last day of term 2 – Friday 27th June
First day of term 3 – Monday 14th July
Betty Bawden’s luncheon — Saturday 19th July
Anzac Memorial Club raffles— Friday 1st August

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Betty Bawden’s luncheon invitation
- Responsible Behaviour Plan
- Cotton farm excursion note