Hi Parents,

Currently I am attending the Central Queensland Regional Principal Conference and I must say, am extremely inspired. I have been fortunate enough to listen to some fantastic speakers and have been given resources and tools to enhance our pedagogy back at school. I look forward to sharing this with you. Thank you to Mrs Terwin, Mrs Norman and Mr Couchman who held the fort while I was away.

I can’t thank our parent helpers enough who have worked tirelessly to ensure our Wusty’s Run fundraiser was a success. Thank you also to those families and businesses who donated items. This all helps to increase our profit margin so a wonderful effort by all.

Don’t forget to return your tuckshop and permission form for the Small School Sports Day, on Monday. We need these forms to ensure we have enough cars to transport students to Goovigen. Please note I have already negotiated with Goovigen an extension on the Tuckshop order forms as it was so close to our sports day. We can’t extend this date any further. If you don’t return your order form with money, you will not be able to have Tuckshop.

ACCOUNTS

Unfortunately, due to many accounts not being paid, we will no longer be crediting items. All uniforms and excursions will need to be paid for in advance. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes. Larger amounts can be paid off in manageable instalments. If using BPAY, please ensure you put your surname in the reference so we can allocate the right account. Thank you to those families who have paid off their accounts. Can families with outstanding amounts please make payment.

PCSS—ATHLETICS ON FRIDAY

Please note: Slight changes to our program on Friday. We no longer race 400m events and 9 year olds will now compete in 800m at PCSS but will not race the 800m event at the Callide Valley Small Schools Sports Day at Goovigen as it has been removed from the program.

Please do not forget to bring along a chair on Friday as we will have limited seating. After the carnival we require parents to assist in the packing away of marquee and sports equipment. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

ANZAC MEMORIAL CLUB RAFFLES

Next Friday, June 6th we are up for raffles at the ANZAC Club. Please can we have two volunteers to come down for an hour from 6.30pm. It is a good earner for the school. If you are available please let the office know.

CONTACT DETAILS

It has come to our attention that some families have new contact details and it is vital that these be updated at school. It is absolutely essential that your contact details are kept up to date at school as we need to be able to contact you in an emergency. Please ensure these are returned promptly even if your details have not changed recently.

NEXT P&C MEETING

A reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th June. We will be starting this meeting at 3:15pm sharp, in the library, and will move downstairs once we have finished with the data projector. Please feel free to come along, have your say and be involved in the school.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Hi All,

We are coming up to another hectic assessment time over the next two to three weeks. We will be completing Science and History assessment projects during this time as well as still working towards English and Maths assessments.

For Science:

Preps have to make a wind ornament out of recycled materials. They will need things that will make a noise when they get knocked together by the wind and that don’t weigh too much.

Year 1 is making a boat that floats out of recycled materials such as shopping bags and paddle pop sticks that can hold marbles.

Year Two is making a lunch box out of at least two different materials that can hold a sandwich and a piece of fruit, can be easily wiped out and can be carried by the top without supporting the bottom.

For History:

Preps have to draw their family and explain how their family is the same and different from other families.

Year 1 have to explain an event/activity their family does. It could be the yearly camp holiday, visiting relatives or going to the show, etc.

Year 2 have to research a landmark or site in the local area and find out more about it.

Thank you to all that are sending their children every day and helping out with the homework. The more you practise, the better you get. Every day counts and if they aren’t here they can’t learn what they need to and they can’t work on assessment.

Unfortunately, the pumpkin succumbed to boisterous behaviour earlier this week. It will be dearly missed by all. It will however continue its journey on the circle of life and be fed to the ducks and birds. We are looking at starting up the vegie patch in the next little while. Any green thumbs out there that would like to have input into what, when and how we plant are more than welcome to get in contact with the school. We can start to get ourselves organised for a planting later in the season. On a brighter note, the ducklings continue to thrive.

Hi All,

It is great to see more students completing their homework on a regular basis. I am able to provide feedback to those students on the Monday if they require further support. Following up at home is a great way for students to demonstrate their understanding of concepts taught at school and I don’t think I need to remind you of how important reading is!

I know you all had a wonderful week and worked hard while I was away. I look forward to reading all your memoirs!

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** WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME? **

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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 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

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** WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ. **

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** School Attendance Term 2 **

** TARGET—95% **
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Michael Steger — A great start to a new school
Jordan Tappin — Improvement in writing

State of Origin
DATES TO REMEMBER

PCSS Sports Day — Friday 30th May
P&C Recognition during parade — Monday 2nd June (8.45am)
Queen’s Birthday Holiday — Monday 9th June
P&C meeting — Tuesday 10th June (3.15pm)
Small Schools Sports Day (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

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Small School Sports Day permission form
- School house list
- Trivia Night flyer