Hi Parents

The weather is certainly heating up and the students are starting to feel it – perfect timing to go for a snorkel and swim on the Great Barrier Reef!

It was great to see a few of our families walking in the Day for Daniel event this morning. There was a sea of red as we made our way through town. A great initiative to remind us of being safe in the community.

Next Friday we are involved in the Capricorn Rescue Helicopter’s Yellow Day. Students are asked to wear yellow for a donation to this worthy cause. It costs six million dollars to keep the helicopter flying in the air. The rescue helicopter attends to many farm and road accidents around the Biloela community so an extremely worthwhile cause.

Keep your eyes peeled for a Treat Kitchen menu next week. The P&C has kindly offered to donate all profits of the Treat Kitchen next Friday to Yellow Day. Thank you P&C.

Thank you to Stacy Jones who has volunteered to work with students in our Support a Reader program. There are still vacancies so if you are able to volunteer some time, we would appreciate it.

RSL Raffles are next Friday and we are still seeking support. The raffles take place on Friday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and can be a fun evening out. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

When we return from camp I have a couple of meetings to attend (17 and 18 November). The first is a Principal Business Meeting and the second is a Qld Curriculum and Assessment Authority PD on unpacking and utilising writing data effectively. Sarah Osborne will be taking the 3-7 class on these days.

Camp

Camp payments were due in today and a sincere thank you for your cooperation in ensuring this was paid on time. We have 33 students attending the camp with the following adults:

Supervisors on the camp will be Jo Northey, Chris Couchman, Belinda Gardiner, Sally Neve, Chappy Selma, Roger Searle (Principal NKIEEC), Andrew Gill (Teacher NKIEEC) and Eric Cech

Parents attending will be Craig Rowe, Gavin Muller and Kylie Wormington.

On Monday 10th November, Students must arrive at school by 7.30am. Staff will be available to collect medication from students at this time. This will allow us time to pack the bus.

The bus will depart school at 8:00am. We time to stop for morning tea at Westwood (approximately 10:00am). We will arrive at Rosslyn Bay Marina at 12:00pm and meet the North Keppel Island Crew. We will depart for North Keppel Island at 12:30pm as per the itinerary. I have attached a copy of our week to this newsletter in case you have misplaced the original.

For those of us who were not able to make the camp meeting, there are NO PHONES (as per North Keppel Island’s Responsible Behaviour Plan – we have plenty of adults with phones), NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES (we are only travelling to Yeppoon and we will be very busy throughout the week) and NO LOLLIES ALLOWED (due to the environment awareness component of the trip – trying to minimise rubbish). Shampoos, conditioners and soaps must be environmentally friendly (the Dove variety is perfect) and most people have decided not to worry about cameras. We will be taking a lot of photos and these will be put on a disc after we get back. A disposable waterproof one might be ok if you wish (sand and water friendly and not devastating if it gets lost or damaged). A reminder that students will need to pack their own morning tea in a zip lock bag and place this in their carry-on bag for Monday morning. Wet shoes must also be placed on top of their carry-on bag for wearing on the boat as we have a beach landing when we arrive at North Keppel Island.

A reminder that ALL medication (including Panadol and travel sickness tablets) must have a sticker from the pharmacist or doctor with the child’s name and directions. We cannot provide ANY medication to students without this label.

A reminder to check asthma puffers for expiry dates and ensure these are current. It would be fantastic if you could supply 2 puffers, one for the child and one for our first aid kit. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Emails and Facebook posts will be sent regularly throughout the week to keep you updated on what we are doing. If you don’t receive our newsletters via email or you haven’t liked our Facebook page yet, you may wish to organise this so you receive our updates!

A reminder that North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre has a direct line to the Royal Flying Doctor service. The staff at North Keppel Island are trained to manage all risks with staff available 24 hours per day.

Transition Programs for Year 6 and 7 students

Chappy Nigel from Biloela State High School will be visiting us to predominately work with our Year 6-7 students as part of the transition program to Junior Secondary in 2015. He will be here for 90 mins to not only discuss moving up to the high school but also associated issues and challenges by using outdoor activities and debriefing sessions. To complete the transition program, students have one full day with all schools (2nd December for Year 6 and 3rd December for Year 7 – to be confirmed) and one day with just the small school students (date to be finalised) to become more familiar with their new environment. Please keep an eye out for these dates which are still to be confirmed.

29th October – Plugged in - WHO AM I - Introduction to program and team building.

19th November - Building a stronger me – RESILIENCE - Choice of strengths.

28th November - WHO’s in CONTROL and ANGER- Practical ways to deal with anger and conflict resolution.

10th December - Good Friends - Friendship- What is a good friend how to become one?
Hi All,

This week we started construction on our environment dioramas. It was good to see the students working well together.

Hi All,

Camp has dominated all conversations as the dates gets closer. Students will be writing an information report on the Great Barrier Reef as part of their English assessment.

A reminder that Year 5 students will need to be thinking about the leadership speech for 2015. Our Year 4 students will also need to think about a speech for sports captains in 2015. These will be presented on parade on Monday 1 December (week 9). Results and badges will be handed out on Friday 12 December.

P&C Meeting

The next scheduled date for our P&C meeting is Monday 3rd November. This had to rescheduled due to camp. Sorry for any inconvenience the change of day may make this month. As this is our swimming day we have decided to meet at the Lions Park at 3.30pm.

BREAK UP DAY

Break up day this year will take place on Friday 12th December. This is the last day of school and a great way to finish up the school year. Please mark this date in your calendars as we will require help with transportation. Activity to be confirmed.

Day for Daniel.

You are the best Teacher in this world. Wherever I may go in my life, I will always remember that I had an excellent guide in the form of a teacher, you.

Happy World Teachers Day.

Thank you our scratch and sniff stickers...
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Quaid Blyton — Working hard to improve his writing everyday
Charlley McQuade-Hall — Continuing to excel in all learning areas

Premier's Reading Challenge.

School Attendance Term 3

TARGET — 95%
DATES TO REMEMBER

Ready Readers Program — Wednesday 5th November 9-11am
Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Day — Friday 7th November
RSL Raffles — Friday 7th November 6.30pm
School camp — Monday 10th to Friday 14th November
Year 6 & 7 Graduation — Monday 24th November at Jambin
Coo-Inda Kindy Orientation Day — Wednesday 26th November
Powers Swimming Carnival — Wednesday 26th November
Reports sent home — Friday 5th December
P&C End of Year BBQ — Friday 5th December 5.00pm
Last day of term — Friday 12th December

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Powers swimming carnival nominations
- Camp itinerary