Hi Parents,

We are already at the end of week 4 - the year is moving very fast. Students are well and truly into routines and are aware of classroom expectations.

You may notice students practising for Cross Country. We will continue practising on Tuesday 24 February, Thursday 5 March, Friday 6 March and Tuesday 10 March. This will be leading up to our school event on Friday 13 March. We are asking for parents to assist with training out on the track on Friday 6 and Tuesday 10 March. You won’t need to run, just supervise around the track, make sure kids don’t get lost and keep an eye out for snakes.

Students who are trying to increase their fitness ready for the event will need to be practising after school as well. Ray Robbins has offered a FREE training session on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Lions Park at 4:00pm for any interested students.

Thank you Trudy Tappin for doing Treat Kitchen on Wednesday. I prepared a meal on Tuesday evening and Trudy served both her and my meal. This is a great option for our working parents. If you are able to cook something at home and bring it in for someone else to serve, please let us know.

Thank you to those families who returned their RSL Raffle slip. This is a great help. We still require many more families to put up their hands. Mary Steger and I had a wonderful evening last Friday night and raised $243 for minimal effort. Please help us fill these other dates in the year.

On Tuesday 3 March we have Eric Frangenheim visiting our school to model higher order thinking strategies in the classroom. Our teachers and teacher aides will be observing along with some other teachers from our cluster. Parents are more than welcome to be a part of the day also. What a great way to find out more about encouraging higher order thinking skills at home.

Well done to Sam Steger who presented his leadership speech on Monday. He worked on this by himself and presented a very persuasive speech. Sam will receive his leadership badge on Monday.

This week we welcomed our eKindy students to school. It was great to see them engaging with their Early Learning Framework within the school setting. We look forward to seeing them back in a fortnight.

Don’t forget to keep your phones close by on Friday afternoon (or sometimes the weekend). Students who are receiving the Student of the Week award will get a phone call home to inform their family of their wonderful achievement.

Swimming

A text message was sent to parents who are yet to make payment for swimming. Thank you to those families who have paid promptly. We receive weekly bills and require contributions from families to ensure this activity continues on a weekly basis. The school heavily subsides the swimming program, but we require parent contributions to help with weekly costs. These costs include pool entry for students and helpers, bus hire and the lifeguard. It was decided at P&C last year that students who do not pay, do not swim. This will come into effect next week. If you have any issues with making payment, please contact the school ASAP.

3-6 Camp

Thank you to those families who have already returned their camp note. A reminder that this note, with a $50 deposit is due on Friday 13 March. The camp is not compulsory and any students not attending will remain at school for the week.

Cross Country

Cross Country will take place at 9am sharp on Friday 13 March. This should have the event concluding by 11am. All students will participate in this event. Prospect Creek State School is then hosting the Small Schools Cross Country event on Friday 27 March at 9.30am. This event is only for students who are 9 and older. Students who are 10 and older are eligible for selection at the Port Curtis event. Only students who make the distance without stopping will be eligible for selection.

Traits writing

We are starting to create a writing wall in the library to celebrate the wonderful achievements our students are having with writing. Be sure to check out the work samples when you are next in the office. Next week we will look at applying strong verbs to our writing. Strong word choices clarify and expand our ideas. Building a strong vocabulary will help make students’ writing stronger, by clarifying and expanding their original ideas.

Smoking banned 5 meters around school grounds

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a boundary.

Smokers are asked to put out their cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before they reach the school boundary.

Hi All,

For history this term, Prep students need to sequence 3 events in their life and also talk about an important event in their life. They will need 3-4 pictures to help them with this. The important event could be a birthday party. They need to remember it, so a recent one would be best.

The year one’s are doing a similar project sequencing 4 significant events in their life. One of the significant events has to have some type of tradition involved in it, so a birthday would be also good for this or perhaps Christmas. They will need 4-6 photos of things they have done in the past with at least one of them being an event they know a lot about.

The year two’s will be sequencing 5 significant events. One of them needs to be of them participating in a commemoration or ceremony. The ANZAC march springs to mind, but if they have been involved in something else then that will be good also. It needs to be something they can talk a lot about. They will need 6-8 photos so they have something to work with.

If they are all electronic, please email me them and I can print them off here, or you can send them to school on a USB stick.

Ivy

"Mum, I need an orange for school." She got her piece of fruit and got ready for school. For Tribals, she said she was happy, then WOOSH! her fruit was alive and happy. She fainted and woke up at the doctors.

"Are you ok?" Her mum cried.

"Yes but my head hurts," I replied.

The next morning she did not have a piece of fruit, instead she had a sandwich.

Fraser

He gets the football. He runs at the try line……

It all started when Josh turned up for football. It was his first game and everybody laughed at him. Josh was embarrassed and didn’t want to be on that team……
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Ryan Northey — Building Brilliant Bold Beginnings

Kahu Norman — Stepping up and being a great leader for your school

School Attendance Term 1, 2015

TARGET — 95%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joshua Rowe - 21st Feb
Zoey Johnson - 26th Feb
DATES TO REMEMBER

Principals Conference—Thursday 26 & Friday 27 February
Cross Country—Friday 13th March 9-11am
Small School’s Cross Country—Friday 27th March (Years 4–6) 9.30am
Last day of term—Thursday 2nd April

Biloela Anzac Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 24th April (volunteers needed)
Biloela Anzac Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 8th May (volunteers needed)

INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- Pie drive form
- Colouring in competition