Hi Parents

Today our P-2 students travelled by bus to Goovigen where they participated in the Under 8s Day with other schools from our cluster. I have heard they have had a wonderful day and we can't wait to see the photos!

Thank you to those families who have offered to help with our Market Day. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and with only a small number of families in the school, it is vital that we have all hands on deck. Having said that, we understand that some of us do have prior commitments. We are hoping those families may be able to help out in other ways. We have lucky dip prizes to wrap, food to prepare, jars to be covered, cakes and slices to be baked and we are still after a lot more jars filled with goodies (stickers, lollies, marbles etc.). We also have asked for helpers on Saturday to promote our Market Day at the Markets on the Park to sell raffle tickets this coming week at Woolworths and booklets of raffle tickets will be coming home to sell too.

We have had a focus on our school rules this week. Be responsible, be respectful, be safe and excel are the rules that students know both in and out of the classroom. A fair bit of time has been spent unpacking those and students are well aware of what this looks like. I have attached the matrix which forms part of our Responsible Behaviour Plan for your convenience. At times we do require to touch base with parents and we thank you for your continual support with us ensuring that all students can learn and achieve in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Parents who were able to stay for the P&C meeting this week have been taken through our Age Appropriate Pedagogies Project action plan. This project is facilitated by Griffith University and includes visits from the research team and face to face meetings with other schools and regional support staff. Our project is about developing a balanced set of cognitive, social and emotional skills within our classrooms. Research shows that developing confidence, resilience and responsibility with children will impact positively on their learning. We look forward to showcasing our results with you at the end of the year.

Congratulations to our NAPLAN stars who performed extremely well in this year’s NAPLAN. Students should be very proud of themselves in what they have achieved. Their hard work has paid off! If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s NAPLAN report, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Camp

Don’t forget we have an early start for our campers next week. Please be at school by 6am with your medication and paperwork (if you have not already returned this). An electronic copy of the itinerary will be emailed home for your convenience. If you require a paper copy, please contact the office on Monday. A reminder that no lollies or electronic devices are allowed. A selection of G and PG movies have been sourced for watching on the bus. A packed lunch must be packed in their school bags to take on the bus and don’t forget a water bottle. All other food will be supplied. A maximum of $20 spending money is allowed but no more please. Students will be responsible for their own money.

Swimming

Just a reminder that we are after some parent helpers to assist with swimming in Term 4. Please contact the office if you can help us out. A permission note will go home with the newsletter next week.
**P-2 NEWS**

This week in science we have been looking at the weather in different environments and in maths we have been exploring time and how long things will take. Our geography unit on “our special place” is coming along nicely. Students enjoyed creating their special place out of blocks.

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**MARKET DAY**

As we are going with the country fair theme these are the types of items we will need to sell on the day so as we can package them nicely and make the stall look ‘nice’!

- Toffee apple
- Rocky road or other treats like that
- Date loaves or other forms of loaves
- Bar cakes
- Banana breads
- Biscuits (kisses etc)
- Marshmallows
- Slices
- Choc balls
- Jams/Pickles/Lemon butter etc (we will put those cute little rounds of material over the top and tie off with ribbon to give them the country feel)

Any other old fashioned country treat that can be packaged in theme

There will be a Market Day meeting on Wednesday 19 August after school to finalise more details for Market Day.

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**RAFFLE TICKETS**

Hi everyone, we are sending home a book of 10 tickets for you to sell to help fundraise for Market Day. By law we are required to have all tickets returned to us whether or not they are sold. If you are unable to sell your tickets please return the unsold booklet to the school. If for some reason you misplace the tickets we will need you to fill out a statutory declaration. Please return by Wednesday, 26 August.

Thank you and we are now on the countdown – only 2 weeks to go!

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

We are asking you to COLLECT! COLLECT! COLLECT! Our families are already doing a terrific job in collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. The more you collect, the more our students get! So please encourage family members, extended family members, and super-extended family members to collect on our behalf as well!
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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Market Day meeting**—Wednesday 19 August 3.15pm at school

**3-6 School Camp**— Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August

**Out of uniform day**—P-2 Friday 21 August

**Mobile Library**—Tuesday 25 August

**Market Day Fair & Open Day**—Saturday 29 August

**Persuasive Speaking**—Prospect Creek State School - Monday 31 August

**Persuasive speaking competition**—Monday 7 September Goovigen SS

**Mobile Library**—Tuesday 8 September

**School Photos**—Wednesday 9 September

**Persuasive speaking competition**—Monday 14 September Moura SS (Finals)

**Rugby League Gala Day**—Friday 18 September PCSS (Years 3-6)

**Last day of term**—Friday 18 September

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Tane Norman—15 August