Hi Parents

Only one week to go and students are keen (and ready) for their first holiday break of 2015. Due to the short week next week (and the 3-6 class being in Wowan on Thursday), the newsletter will be sent home on Wednesday and it will contain a showcase of photos from our term.

Thank you to the P-2 parents who have scheduled their meetings with Mr Couchman next week. This is an important time to discuss your child’s progress early in the year. Come report card time, there should be no surprises so please keep the lines of communication open with your child’s teacher. You don’t need to wait to a formal interview period to have a chat!

A huge thank you to those parents who have volunteered to transport children to Wowan next Thursday. Without your support, our interschool sport days would not happen.

Well done to all our runners today who competed in the Small Schools Cross Country event. It was exciting to host our first cluster event of the year and thank you to Mrs Gardiner who did a lot of work behind the scenes to make it successful.

Congratulations to Fraser Blyton, Mikalah Wormington, Sam Steger and Kahu Norman who will now compete in the Port Curtis event early next term. I believe the event will be held on Friday 8 May at Ubobo but I will confirm this when I receive the information. Thank you to those families who donated cakes and slices for morning tea. This was appreciated by the parents and a great way to raise a few extra dollars for our P&C.

WUSTY’S RUN

We have just been informed that Wusty’s Run will be held on Saturday 23rd-Sunday 24th May. Please mark this date in your calendar and keep your eye on the newsletter for more details. We will be seeking donations of food items as well as helpers to help with this event. This is one of the two major fundraisers for our school so we are asking all families to help out in some way. All students benefit from the money raised.

Please find attached a slip for you to return to school. We are looking for donations of time at the event and/or food to sell on the night. Please return your slip next week. We will be asking for support from all families so please return your slip or you may end up with what is left.
HOMEWORK

I am aware that homework continues to be a topic of conversation within our community. While we have many of our students participating in important after-school activities and jobs at home, the research shows that short bursts of continued learning or homework, where students are autonomous, shows a positive relationship to learning and achievement.

At present we have a blurb on homework in our Prospectus, but we need to develop a homework policy. I ask that all families have their say on homework in our school. This will then be discussed at our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 12 May. Our Assistant Regional Director, Kay Kirkman, will then sit with me and all the feedback we have received will help develop a Homework Policy that suits our context.

The survey is attached to this newsletter. Please return it next week if you can.

3-6 SOCCER DAY

Thank you to you all for returning your notes. If your child is travelling in another person’s private vehicle, we require the attached form signed and returned on Monday. If you are travelling with your child and/or others, we require your vehicle registration information for insurance purposes, as per DET policy.

FUNDRAISING—PIE DRIVE & MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE

The Pie Drive has raised roughly $1000. Thank you to the families who supported this fundraising effort and to Mount Murchison for their ongoing participation in our drives. It took over 9 hours of “manpower” to put together and deliver the orders yesterday. A huge thank you to Trudy for all her hard work organising the pie numbers and money.

Each family will receive a booklet of raffle tickets with this week’s newsletter. These are for our Mother’s Day raffle and 1st prize and 2nd prize are Tupperware collections, 3rd prize is a Body Shop pack and Reiki treatment voucher and 4th prize is a Reiki treatment voucher. Thank you to Nicole Holmes for her donations for this raffle. Please sell these tickets and return the money and ticket booklet to School by Friday 1st May. The winners will be drawn the following Friday. If you need more tickets, please contact the School.

Writing of the week from the Year 2s

The large storm was freezing cold with snow and ice.

Boom! The ball went into the goal.

Smash! The brick wall fell down and a two headed dragon flew across the giant village.

“Nee Naw,” went the fire engine as it flashed past the house to get to the fire.
Hi All,

This was the last week of official homework for the term. You may have noticed that a copy of their sight words test results was included in their homework folder this week. The circled words are the words which your child didn’t spell correctly. I will send these home again next week, could you please have a look at the sight words and keep this sheet for your reference? Perhaps some work with these words during week 10 (or even the holidays) will help fix up these simple errors. Don’t forget to keep reading! Our students have access to books from our school library as well as the mobile library van which visits every second Tuesday. The library in town is an option in the holidays.

Thank you to Nicole Holmes who kindly donated choc chip biscuits on Tuesday. As of Tuesday afternoon, we now have $50 to put towards camp. Nicole has kindly offered to continue making these biscuits for us to sell once it becomes too cold for ice cups.

Students have already started designing and constructing pieces of artwork to be submitted into the Callide Valley Show. Any budding photographers - please start sending in your submissions for this section.

We are also chasing timber off-cuts for the children’s next technology project.

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3-6 NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Ilyssa Marxsen — Being a more responsible learner by improving work completion

Ezekiel Jackson—Improved focus in the classroom with excellent work produced

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Small School Soccer Day Wowan — Thursday 2 April (Years 3-6)
Last day of term—Thursday 2 April

Term Two starts—Monday 20 April
Mobile library visit—Tuesday 21 April
Science Day—Wednesday 22 April
ANZAC Service—Thursday 23 April—9.00am service
Biloela ANZAC Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 24 April
Mobile library visit—Tuesday 5 May

Port Curtis Cross Country (qualifying students only) - Friday 8 May—Ubobo
Biloela ANZAC Memorial Club Raffles—Friday 8 May
NAPLAN—Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 May
Callide Valley Show Holiday—Friday 15 May
Mobile library visit—Tuesday 19 May
Wusty's Run—Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 May
Prospect Creek Athletics Carnival—Friday 29 May

Smalls School Athletics Carnival Prospect Creek—Friday 12 June
Under 8's / Year 3-6 Sports Day—Friday 17 July Goovigen SS
Rugby League Gala Day—Friday 18 September PCSS (Years 3-6)