Hi Parents

It is great to see our attendance continues to be strong as we draw closer to the end of term. We still have lots to do by the end of the school year and there is only 3 weeks to go!

Teachers are currently working hard on writing reports for Semester Two. Students will receive their reports on Friday 4 December. Our reports go out early to allow for parent interviews. We encourage all families to touch base with their child’s teacher after receiving their report.

A big thank you to those families who helped out with the car wash last weekend. It was great to have most families come and assist to help bring down camp costs for next year. We raised just over $800 and have been invited by Toyota to hold another one. Watch this space...

This semester, our school has participated in the Age Appropriate Pedagogies project which aims to balance the teaching methods used at school; to bridge the gap between Kindy and Prep. Our project was to embed age appropriate characteristics into lessons, fostering collaboration, conversation and success. These characteristics have also been the foundation of our Prior to Prep transition program. Thank you to Jacinta Philips who has worked tirelessly on this program, ensuring activities were relevant, engaging and age appropriate.

Dorah, Rebecca and I will travel to Rockhampton on Tuesday to present our Age Appropriate Pedagogy research report to the Department and Griffith University. Dorah and I will be back at school on Wednesday.

Attached to this newsletter is a permission note for our Break-Up Day activities. We will be travelling to the PCYC for activities and rotations and enjoy a movie in the afternoon. We will arrive at the PCYC for a 9:30 start and will have rotational activities until lunch at 11:00 and continue with rotations until 12:30 at which time we will enjoy the movie E.T., this movie is rated PG and has scenes which may disturb small children. If you have concerns with this movie please contact the office next week. Students will depart the PCYC at 2:15pm. Students can either be picked up from the PCYC or return to school. Please see the attached permission note and return to school by Friday 27 November (next week) so we can organise transport to and from the PCYC.

Students are continuing to work hard on their play. Practise will continue at school but we still require students to learn their lines. Your assistance with helping your child do this is appreciated.

3-5 families, if you are available on Tuesday 1 December to sell raffle tickets at Woolworths or on Wednesday 9 December to help the students prepare a Treat Kitchen, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

We still have some containers left over from the Arts & Craft Market that need collecting. If these belong to you, please collect them from the school.

Tuck shop order forms were due in today for those families involved in the Powers Swimming Carnival. All order forms and money was collected today. Just a reminder that gates open at 5:30pm for a 6pm start. I will be at a meeting and won’t arrive until later. Please make sure your child is listening for their event.
P-2 NEWS

This week in the p-2 classroom we have been writing a persuasive piece. Students had to choose between the classic version of the Three Little Pigs and The Real Story told from the wolf’s point of view. Then persuade the class why this version is better.

In maths we have been learning about number patterns.

For science this week we have been exploring sound.

CAMP 2016

Don’t forget the Canberra camp deposit is due in on Friday 4 December. At this stage we have raised just over $2300 for camp. We won’t know how much we have to raise until we have all our deposits in and can finalise numbers. We still have the Markets in the Park, the year 3-5 Treat Kitchen and the raffle coming up this term. If you still have raffle tickets at home, please remember to return these by Friday 4 December. If you are not going to sell the raffle tickets, please return the full books to school ASAP so we can give them to other families. ALL BOOKS NEED TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR in order for us to be audit compliant.

DESKS AND CHAIRS FOR SALE

We currently have desks and chairs for sale. There are approximately 6 desk & chairs sets and an extra 8 chairs. The desk & chairs sets are $10.00 each and the chairs by themselves are $5.00 each. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase any of the items. Get in quick as they will not last long.
3-6 NEWS

It was great to see the look on the students’ faces when I told them how much money they raised on the weekend. Thank you parents for your support with this. We have a couple of things coming up this term including raffles (Tuesday 1 December) and 3-5 Treat Kitchen (Wednesday 9 December). It would be appreciated if we could get some help with this.

Students are busy with assessments at the moment and it is great to see the progress students have made over the year.

Students are enjoying working with poetry at the moment. They have been typing up poems and are learning to use email. If you would like to receive some of their work via email, be sure to tell them what your email address is. You never know when some of their wonderful work will pop up in your inbox!

Tom — Doing a great job with features of a procedure and using action verbs appropriately. Well done!

Ezekiel — Taking risks in literacy.
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Vice President – Cherie Gooding
Treasurer – Adam Northey
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DATEs TO REMEMBER

Biloela Markets—21 November (Selling raffle tickets)
Year 6 Graduation - Tuesday 24 November
Powers Investments Swim Meet—Wednesday 25 November
Biloela Christmas Party—Saturday 28 November (Lions Park)

Prior to Prep last day—Wednesday 2 December
Raffle tickets due back—Friday 4 December
2016 Camp deposit due—Friday 4 December
P&C BBQ—Friday 4 December
Reports sent home—Friday 4 December

Last Day of Swimming—Friday 4 December
Carols by Candle Light—Sunday 6 December (Heritage Park)
Last day of term 4—Friday 11 December

Frist day of term 1—Wednesday 27 January