Hi Parents

As you would be aware, the term is drawing to an end and the weather is heating up. This causes tiredness in children which results in snap decisions which aren’t always the best ones. Ensuring children have a balanced diet and adequate sleep will help them to manage the last couple of weeks of school. Your support with this is appreciated.

This week, Dorah, Rebecca and I travelled to Rockhampton to participate in Workshop 2 of the Age Appropriate Pedagogies. As you would be aware, this project was aimed at Prep students and we were chosen to provide feedback within a multi age perspective. I thank you all for your feedback and discussions with both myself and Dorah around this project and we were able to share this with both the department and the researchers. We received positive feedback on our presentation with the focus, for us in our context, being a range and balance. Students learn in different ways and through different means. While explicit instruction is vital for teaching new concepts and skills, age appropriate characteristics are essential for students to actively explore concepts while enhancing social and cognitive skills. We are very fortunate to have been chosen as part of this project and this work will continue next year.

Attached to the newsletter last week was an orange note about break up day. Thank you to those families who were prompt with returning this. Robyn has organised a car pool for the day and the private transport notes will be sent out Monday. Could you please return these by next Wednesday? We do appreciate your prompt attention to the necessary paperwork.

Just a reminder that the raffle tickets are due in next week. The raffle will be drawn at the P&C BBQ next Friday 4 December. Thank you for your continued support in the fundraising for the 4-6 camp in 2016. A reminder that all camp deposits are due in next week. This deposit will indicate our final numbers for flights and fundraising requirements. There will be a camp meeting on Thursday 17 March 2016 at Jambin State School starting at 4pm. This will be run by Pam Walsh, manager and tour guide from Educatours. She will run through the program, any requirements and answer your questions. Please mark this date in your calendars.

We have asked for help with some baking for this coming Tuesday. We have some parents volunteering their time to sell the last of the raffle tickets and hold a cake stall at Woolworths. Could you please drop your baking off on Monday please? Labels will be available in the office on Monday morning for you to attach.

Next week is the last week for swimming. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the parents who continually help out week after week. This has allowed us to keep costs to a minimum and ensure small instructional groupings.

Well done to our Powers Swimmers who participated in the carnival on Wednesday night. We had students from Year 1 through to Year 5 join representing Callide Valley Small Schools in this event. Well done to all swimmers.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Next Friday 4 December, students will be invited to wear sun smart casual clothes for a $2 donation, which the 3-6 class will collect for their camp fundraising. Students will receive an ice cup at lunch as part of their donation.
P-2 NEWS

This week in the p-2 classroom students have been busy learning about rhyming in writing.

The grade 2s created a couplet (a two line poem that rhymes).

Preps and 1s read a story and found rhyming words in the text.

In maths we have still been exploring patterns and students have been making patterns out of all sorts of objects including leaves and sticks.

In science we drew and then constructed our toy that pushed or pulled. All students did a fantastic job of their construction and were very proud of the finished toys.

P&C BBQ

The P&C BBQ will start at 5:30pm sharp with the student performance. We will then do the speeches and awards and be visited by Santa (if he isn’t too busy!). Don’t forget, Santa has asked for help with books so if you could please bring these in to the office early next week, it would be appreciated. Please see the table below for what to bring:

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3-5 TREAT KITCHEN

Attached to this newsletter is a Treat Kitchen order form for Wednesday 9 December. The 3-5 class will be cooking and preparing the food to raise money for their camp in 2016. All orders are due back at school by next Friday 4 December.

REPORTS

Reports will be distributed to families with the newsletter next week. All students will receive a grade based on a 5 point scale in all learning areas taught this semester. For students achieving their appropriate year level curriculum content independently, a C grade (3-5), Sound (1-2) or A Working With (Prep) result is given. This demonstrates an age appropriate level of knowledge and understanding of curriculum. When reading your child’s report card it is suggested that parents read the comment first, to know what the class has studied, then read the effort your child has demonstrated in this learning area. A child receiving an Excellent for effort is applying themselves in every instance, and something to be extremely proud of, no matter the grade awarded. If you have any questions, concerns or celebrations to share with your child’s teacher, please don’t hesitate to touch base with them in Week 10. We welcome your input.

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Year 5 students are busy preparing their leadership speeches for School Captain in 2016. Leaders will then be interviewed by the Principal and the final result will be announced on Wednesday 28 January on parade. Don’t forget to include ethos, logos and pathos in your speeches!

FINAL P&C MEETING

The final P&C meeting for 2015 will take place on Tuesday 8 December at 3:30pm. We will be discussing staffing, uniforms and 2016 priorities. We look forward to seeing you there.

In 2016 we will be looking to fill our P&C executive roles. I urge you to consider being part of our P&C. This is a great way to be involved in the school and be a part of the decision making process. I would like to take the time to thank our current P&C executive and committee who attend meetings each month and who support the local decision making processes within the school.
Students will be cooking and preparing their Treat Kitchen menu on Wednesday 9 December. We are still looking for one or two parent helpers to assist with this.

Students have enjoyed working on poetry this week and created some very creative alliterative sentences.

- How many cookies could a crazy cookie eat if a crazy could cannibalise cookies – Fraser
- The destroying dog destroys dogs at the dog park – Seth
- Persuasive pizza proudly placing peppers on other pizzas – Mackinlay
- Bad burgers becomes badly injured after being buried – Ezekiel

Clean up after the Biloela Christmas Party.

As part of our fundraising for Canberra Camp next year we are asking 3-5 families to come and help clean up after the Biloela Christmas Party on Sunday morning. For helping with the clean up Enterprise Biloela will make a monetary donation to Prospect Creek State School.

7.00am at the Lions Park, Sunday 29 November

Homework Stars!

Reward for 10 school banking deposits.

School Attendance Term 4, 2015

- Students with positive attitude towards learning and trying their best with number patterns in Maths.

- Nicholas – It is great to see your positive attitude to learning. Keep it up!
DATES TO REMEMBER

Biloela Christmas Party—Saturday 28 November (Lions Park)

Cake Stall / Raffle Tickets— Tuesday 1 December 9am Bioela Shopping World

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)

Treat Kitchen—Wednesday 9 December 11am PCSS

Last day of term 4—Friday 11 December

Frist day of term 1—Wednesday 27 January

2016 Camp meeting—Thursday 17 March, 4pm Jambin State School

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Grounds Person—Tim Boyd
Cleaner - Brenda Kororiko

P&C Committee
President—Sally Neve
Vice President—Cherie Gooding
Treasurer—Adam Northey
Secretary—Robyn Matheson

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY