Hi Parents

We started this week with a Student Free Day and feedback from the day indicated staff were engaged in productive days, whether it be resource making in preparation for 2016 or quality professional learning. I personally travelled to Gladstone to participate in the CQ Inclusive Education Conference. The keynote address was by Michael Hardie from Kidsmater. Kidsmater was the website recommended in the Chappy Chat in last week’s newsletter. Building a strong social/emotional foundation is essential for students to feel like they belong, which forms part of our research base in our Age Appropriate Pedagogies Project.

On Saturday we are holding a stall at the Rotary Art and Craft Market. A big thank you to Emma Corfield, Trudy Tappin and Linda Marxsen, who are overseeing the fundraising and products to sell at this stall. Fairies Cleaning Service in Biloela have kindly donated an iPod Air to raffle off, raising money for the Canberra excursion next year. Tickets will be sent home with the newsletter next week. Tickets will be $2 each. Please, if you are not willing to support this raffle, please return the book of tickets back to school immediately so we can pass them off to other families, and ensure we are audit compliant.

Don’t forget to pop down and help out with our stall tomorrow. Even if you give us an hour, it all helps raise money for our camp next year.

This week we had our third visit from Griffith University. Thank you to those families who have returned their paperwork for this project. We have attached it again for those families who are yet to return this important information. We are travelling well with the project and are almost ready to put together our final report. This will be presented to the Griffith University team and the Department of Education in November.

Please mark Wednesday 25th November in your diaries. This is the date of our 2015 Powers Swim Meet. Students will be nominated based on our Friday swimming lessons. These students will represent Callide Valley Small Schools in the swimming trials at Biloela Pool.

On Friday 30 October, we will wear red to school to commemorate Day for Daniel. We have organised a talk from a local police officer and will participate in learning activities focusing on student safety in our local community. The time for our police officer visit is to be confirmed at this stage.

Our school rules, be respectful, be safe, be responsible and excel are reiterated to children often. We have a Responsible Behaviour Plan, which is available on our website, which promotes a positive and safe learning environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school.

I have been selected to participate in a 2 year, state wide leadership program which involves me travelling to Brisbane on Wednesday 11 November. As a result, I will be unavailable for our scheduled P&C meeting on Tuesday 10 November. The November P&C meeting will be moved forward to Tuesday 3 November at 3:30pm. We will be discussing swimming options for 2016 as well as sport shirts options (as discussed at our previous meeting). Please come along and be a part of the decision making as we prepare for 2016.

A big thank you to Mitch from TyreMax who has kindly donated a cricket set for the students to use. We had lots of fun at play break…
In P-2 we have been working hard in our writing with the year 2s doing their Persuasive and learning about interesting sentence starters.

The year 1s and Preps have been very excited to do a character description from their favourite story books.

In Maths the Year 2s have been adding fractions while the Year 1 and Preps did a lot of hands on activities on fractions.

Our Science unit on ‘Move it’ is coming along well and the students enjoyed an exercise in which they had to classify objects into how they move.

We are also having a lot of discussions in Geography about the position of Australia in relation to the rest of the world.

Mrs Baird has started preparing students for the play to present at the P&C BBQ on Friday 4 December. Students will need to learn their lines in preparation for the event. While we are doing everything to ensure they learn their lines at school, we may require some help from home as the time gets closer. Last week we attached outfits of what students would be required to wear on the day. Please have a look at home for anything that will be suitable. We do not want outfits to be an expense for families.

We have been notified of a couple of cases of head lice in our school. To prevent the spread, could you please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary. This can be a real problem if all parents don’t take action. If you notice lice in your child’s hair, sheets, hats, pillow cases etc. will all need to be treated as well. Students have been asked to not swap hats at lunch time so if your child has lost their hat, they will be required to play under the building or in the library.
This week we welcome Mrs Katrina Anderson to the classroom as she begins her 2nd practicum with our class. Mrs Anderson has been taking the class for reading and writing this week. I think Mrs Anderson has some fantastic students to work with as she develops her skills as a teacher!

This week in writing we have been thinking about our word choice and have been trying to up the ante with verbs. Banish the boring verbs has been the focus as students continue learning about procedural texts.

Comprehension, both literal and inferential is our focus at the moment for reading. Currently, students read texts but aren’t self-monitoring and rereading if a paragraph doesn’t make sense. While our students are independent readers, it does help with their self-monitoring if they read aloud on occasions. The listener can then ask some questions about the text (who, what, when, where, why questions are perfect).

In Maths place value and operations are our focus with students working on partitioning (including numbers in the hundreds of thousands for the older students). Year 3 have begun the written algorithm for 2 digit by 1 digit multiplication, Year 4 are dividing with 3 digit dividends and Year 5 are rounding to subtract larger numbers.

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Jordan — Doing your best at writing and showing enthusiasm in your learning. Well done!

Sam — Being a great role model for other students both in class and out in the playground.

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**School Attendance Term 4, 2015**

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Staff
3-6 Teacher: Jo Northey / Patrice Baird
Prep – 2 Teacher: Dorah Mutandwa
Teacher Aides: Belinda Gardiner/ Sally Neve & Jacinta Philips
Admin Officer: Robyn Matheson
Administration days: Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Grounds Person – Tim Boyd
Cleaner - Brenda Kororiko

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Rotary Art and Craft Market—Saturday 24

World Teachers Day—Friday 30 October
Free Dree Day—Friday 30 October (wear red)
Day for Daniel— Friday 30 October

P&C Meeting—Tuesday 3 November (3.30pm)

Biloela Anzac raffles— Friday 6 November
Year 6 Graduation - Tuesday 24 November
Powers Investments Swim Meet—Wednesday 25 November

Prior to Prep last day—Wednesday 2 December
P&C BBQ—Friday 4 December
Reports sent home—Friday 4 December
Last day of term 4—Friday 11 December

HAPPY BIRTHDAY