Hi Parents

Thank you all for your help last weekend with our Market Day. Feedback from the community was that it was a lovely day, and would not have been possible without the many hands here to help, including those who helped with set up and pack up. It was wonderful to see families who don’t have students currently enrolled at the school also here to help and be a part of our community.

We had a lot of support for our community in the way of donations. Another big thank you to:


We have had many illnesses over the past few weeks and thank you to those families who call in to inform us. A reminder that we need a phone call, note or email from a parent or guardian in order for us to explain the absence in the system. Please remember that Every Day Counts. If your child is well, they should be at school. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

Congratulations to our 3-6 students who participated in the persuasive speaking competition on Monday. The 5-6 students competed for a first, second or third place and the 3-4 students practised presenting a speech in front of an audience. They were all very nervous but did a wonderful job. Kahu, Sam and Ezekiel will go on to compete at Goovigen on Monday afterschool. I look forward to hearing their revised speeches (after their feedback from the judges) on Monday.

It would be appreciated, when picking your child up from school, if you could please collect them from the gate. Children get excited when leaving school and often run to the car without looking. The front gate is a busy place and we would hate for an accident to occur. In future, students will not be dismissed until collected from the gate.

Can you please chat to your child about appropriate bus behaviour? Feedback is that students are standing up, moving about and playing games which are dangerous when the bus is travelling. There is a Code of Conduct for bus travelling and students are required to remain seated at all times.

Thank you families for returning your 3-6 Nethall note. Attached to this newsletter is your permission form for private transport. Please return this by next Wednesday to finalise all paperwork.

A reminder that school photos are next week. Please have your best uniform ready for Wednesday and be sure to have all money in the office ready for collection. Emma from Beaumont Photography does a wonderful job with photos – you won’t be disappointed!

Attached to this newsletter is a swimming note. Our swimming program will be $45 per student and this will need to be paid prior to the commencement of the program. All money will need to be paid by Wednesday 7 October.

If you have a child who is enrolling in our school next year, could you please return enrolment packs ASAP? If you know of anyone in our catchment area who is interested in enrolling their child, could you also please ask them to return their enrolment packs or contact the school if they haven’t already done so? We are wanting an indication of numbers so we can start planning for 2016.
P-2 NEWS

It has been a busy week in the P-2 room and we have had lots of fun learning.

In Maths, we have been learning about Money. We identified Australian coins and notes, we counted money and had fun shopping at our class shop. The Preps looked at patterns and read ‘The very hungry caterpillar’ to see the growing patterns.

In art we have started constructing our ‘special places’ for Geography and would like to thank parents for sending our material to help us achieve that.

In Science we were very excited to learn about Snow and we are looking forward to making our snowflakes.

The visit from the Fire Services on Tuesday was very exciting for us as we had an opportunity to try on a Breathing apparatus and also got to watch the Fire crew demonstrate how to use Blazer’s safety measures such as ‘don’t hide, shout and scream’.

Earlier this week we sent home sight word folders for Prep to Year 1’s.

This will help with home practice. We have also started new sight word rotations in the our literacy block and consists of:

♦ Sentence writing
♦ Blends
♦ Sight word games

We look forward to our students meeting their targeted goals.

P&C MEETING

Our September P&C Meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 September at 3:30pm. We would love to see you there. We will be debrief after Market Day, set a date for our P&C BBQ and discuss our swimming program options for 2016.
The past few weeks we have been learning about creating smooth and rhythmic flow in texts. We have focused on correct use of pronouns, prepositions and utilising conjunctions to create cohesion with our sentence structure. We have been doing this while focus on writing recount texts. Diaries, recounts and letters. Students completed a recount of camp and highlighted and reflected on the types of sentences they were using. Most found that they were using either simple sentences (sentences without any extra detail), or simple compound sentences (sentences adding extra detail using conjunctions including and, or, so).

Students will be continuing their work on letter writing next week and will use details to expand their ideas. This will force students to use more complex conjunctions (for, nor, but, yet, whenever, also, since, because, if etc.) and propositions in their writing.

In Maths, students have been learning about fractions. In Year 3, students have learnt what a fraction is and how to represent it, Year 4 have learnt about converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and Year 5-6 have learnt to add fractions with related denominators.

Our Year 4 students really need to be learning their times tables. They should be able to recite these as it is a key component of their Mathematics for Semester 2. All students have received a disk with songs and if you can put a poster up behind the toilet door or somewhere suitable it would be appreciated. Otherwise, writing times tables in the fog of the mirror after a shower, rainbow chalk on the concrete, games with cards such as multiplication memory, fish, bingo or even saying them together in the car driving to weekend sport will help.

Science – Separation, filtration and how to decant different materials.

Art – 3-6 cubism using basic shapes.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Persuasive speaking competition—Monday 7 September Goovigen SS

**P&C Meeting**—Tuesday 8 September 3:30pm  
Mobile Library—Tuesday 8 September  
School Photos—Wednesday 9 September

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

_3-6 Interschool Netball Carnival_—Wednesday 16 September  
Rugby League Gala Day—Friday 18 September PCSS (Years 3-6)  
**Last day of term**—Friday 18 September

**First day of term**—Tuesday 6 October  
Final payment for swimming—Wednesday 7th October  
Swimming starts—Friday 9th October

**Pupil free day**—Monday 19 October

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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**

Nicholas Wickham—08 Sept