Hi Parents

Week 6 is down and we have sent home a number of excited students who will be busy finalising their suitcases ready for Canberra next week.

**Notifications of Absences**

We have been travelling quite well with our notifications of absences since our policy change earlier this year. As I will have the school phone with me on camp, staff will be phoning to seek a notification of unexplained absences. We thank you for your assistance with this.

**Rugby Union**

An email was sent home yesterday after we were approached from the Biloela Rugby Union Club for help at their Grand Final day. As families are busy with other commitments, and the number of fundraisers already held this year, we have decided to decline this offer. Thank you to those families who responded.

**Biloela Kindy Visit**

Biloela Community Kindergarten will be visiting our school on Tuesday 30 August at 12pm. They will have a library lesson with Mrs Gardiner and then have lunch with us.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

We will be offering formal parent teacher interviews in Week 9 and 10. Jane Gray, Rebecca Young and myself will be available at negotiated times to meet with you and discuss your child’s progress. Please contact the office to make your booking. Please remember that Jane Gray is only available on Monday and Friday afternoons (Tuesday afternoon is our staff meeting). Straight after school is always popular so get in quick!

**Step Up into Prep**

Thank you to those families who have collected their Preparatory Information Pack for 2017. These can be returned at any time. Just a reminder that we will be offering our transition program again for these students. We will start this on Tuesday Week 2 (11 October) and will run from 1pm-3pm. Parents or guardians must be present for the afternoon.
Thank you to everyone for all the boxes and items for our pirate ship! We do not need anymore cardboard boxes, however the preps are now making an island in our sandpit. We are now looking for 'island' items, e.g. shells etc.

The year 2 students have now finished creating their science posters about the Earth's resources: soil and water. They are now being displayed on our board just outside our classroom. Please come and check it out!

P-2 News

Parliament and Civics Educational Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school will soon be undertaking (or have recently undertaken), an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding of $80 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

CANBERRA CAMP REMINDER

Just a reminder that:

☐ We will meet no later than 7:30am at Rockhampton airport. Please contact the school mobile on 0477 760 014 if you have any issues along the way.
☐ Students need to arrive in their orange and black school shirt. This is for identification at the airport by both teaching and airport staff.
☐ They will need a carry-on bag (backpack) with lunch and other supplies for the day. Please refer to the ‘What to Bring’ list for further information.
☐ Medication should have been sent to school today. Please contact the school mobile if you are still to organise this.
☐ A reminder that photos will be uploaded to the school’s Facebook page throughout the week. Be sure to look for check-ins and updates.
☐ Beanies, water bottles and luggage tags were sent home today. The beanie should be packed in suitcases, water bottle filled and packed in back pack and luggage tag (along with any other identifying marker) attached to suitcases.
☐ Please ensure that they don’t have any dangerous goods in their back packs as these will be taken at the security post and can sometimes cause a few problems. Remind students that if they are carrying their pencil case that they cannot take metal rulers, scissors, compass, etc. Metal fingernail files, nail clippers, pocket knives, etc. also are not permitted to be carried in hand luggage, as well as matches and any other flammable or dangerous substances. Please also note that any spare batteries taken must be carried on board in their hand luggage, not in their suitcase.
☐ Please make sure children can carry/wheel their own bags prior to arriving at the airport.
☐ We will arrive back at Rockhampton airport at 4:20pm on Friday 26th August. Please advise of any car-pooling arrangements prior to pick up.

Our boys have been placed in a room together and our girls will be sharing with the girls from Mount Murchison. Students will be in mixed school groups for activities throughout the day.

“Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching”
**3-6 News**

Well done to all our persuasive speakers. Students have worked hard on their speeches and were extremely nervous. Public speaking is never easy and this was a first for all of our Year 3 students. Well done to all on your hard work.

It was extremely close and all participants have received their feedback. Ezekiel, Sam and Fraser will present at the Cluster event at Goovigen. This will start at 4pm on Monday 5 September. More details to come.

A reminder that classes have been organised for those students remaining at school next week. We have made two smaller classes and prepared work. It is expected that students come to school and any absences need to be notified as usual.

For those coming on camp, see you bright and early at 7:30am on Sunday morning!

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**Library News**

The 13th of September marks the 100th year since the birth of the extraordinary children’s author Roald Dahl. Mr Dahl passed away in 1990, but his popularity has continued to engage readers of all age groups, so much so, that all over the world, schools are celebrating this special day with dress up days and birthday parties. In his lifetime he set up a number of children’s charities, and The Roald Dahl foundation continues to support these worthwhile causes to this day. Prospect Creek SS will honour Roald Dahl by making him our Author of the Month for September. We have a large selection of his books in our Library, with a title to please any age group. Share some Roald Dahl magic with your household this September.

“If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely” Roald Dahl
- “The Twits”

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**Target—96%**

Our attendance has slipped slightly with our Term 3 attendance currently on 94.8%. All students should be at school every day unless they are ill. When students are absent, they miss vital teaching and learning, which impacts on their achievement.

If you have any questions about your child’s attendance, please contact the school.

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**Literacy, Numeracy and Science weeks**

Term Three is full of wonderful days to celebrate literacy, numeracy and science. We will be celebrating these later in the term on a day that will culminate with the P-2 Pirate day and Roald Dahl’s 100th birthday (our Author of the Month). We have also purchased some fantastic technology and robotics equipment (catering for all ages) that we will also be able to showcase. More information will come after camp.

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**Minor Works**

Minor works is currently underway. We are upgrading our wireless devices and installing new data ports ready for extra computers. The majority of this work will happen next week when we have less students on site. This allows for more flexibility when shuffling classes. Please be aware there will be no internet on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. We will not receive emails on these days. If you have a question or wish to notify an absence, please phone the school directly.
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8:30am—2:30pm
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Schools Officer - Brenda Koroiko

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Vice President—Cherie Gooding
Treasurer—Adam Northey
Secretary—Tegan Pratt
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DATES TO REMEMBER
Canberra Camp—Sun 21st Aug—Fri 26th Aug
Biloela Kindy Visit—Tuesday 30th August
Persuasive Speaking Comp. Goovigen—Monday 5th Sept.
Red Cross Pillowcase Project—Thursday 8th September
Swimming Money Due—Friday 9th September
RSL raffles—Friday 9th September
Last day of term— Friday 16th September

MRS JORDAN—20TH AUGUST

Students of the Week

CORBY
Great focus & effort in science.

OSCAR
A consistent effort in all areas.