Hi Parents

It is certainly great to have a full week at school (lucky floods don’t impact on our attendance)! I must thank you all for your quick response to the rising flood waters last week. It is vital that we are able to contact each of you in such an emergency. If any contact details have changed, including emergency contacts, please let the school know ASAP.

This afternoon we have a few things on. The 4-6 families are meeting to discuss fundraising options for the Canberra camp. This will be followed by the 3-6 class meeting and then the P-2 class meeting. Teachers will be discussing classroom routines and expectations, and this is a fantastic opportunity to ask any questions about the year ahead. The P&C will then provide a sausage sizzle to welcome and reconnect with families. A reminder that our P&C and AGM February meeting will follow the bus meeting next Tuesday 16 February. The bus meeting will take place at 6pm and the P&C AGM and meeting will follow at 7pm.

During our P&C meeting next week, I will share our Annual Implementation Plan and Investing for Success plan which will drive educational improvement at our school. The priorities for 2016 continue to be writing and inferential comprehension in reading. I will be travelling to Gladstone next Friday to work attend a session around Reading Challenging Texts. We are strongly encouraging all students to read each night to support this agenda. P-2 students will bring home readers every Wednesday and 3-6 students will borrow books on Thursday. It would be great to see parents engage with the texts being read at home. Asking what, how and why questions will encourage higher order thinking and support students to make inferences. I have attached some questions stems to this newsletter which may help you engage with your child’s reading at home.

It was great to see the Blue and Maroon shirts yesterday. A reminder that these can be worn on Thursday, being our PE day.

The Central Telegraph will be here next Tuesday to take our Prep photo for the First Year of School feature in an upcoming newspaper. Your assistance in ensuring students are wearing full school uniform for the photo is appreciated.

Students have started training for Cross Country at school this week. A reminder that our 5-8 year olds will run 1km, our 9-10 year olds will run 2km and our 11-12 year olds will run 3km. The school Cross Country will take place on Thursday 10 March at 9am and the Callide Valley Small Schools Cross Country will take place on Friday 18 March at Wowan. Our Callide Valley Small School shirts have arrived so students who make the Post Curtis team (from the Callide Valley Small Schools event) will have the opportunity to purchase a shirt to wear.

On Wednesday 2 March we will have a science show visit our school. The school will cover the cost of this performance. The show will start at 9:45am and parents are more than welcome to join us.
In P-2, we have been focusing on sorting, problem solving and counting. The students have planted our vegetable and flower seeds this week and hopefully they will start to shoot very soon. A big thank you to Mrs Neve for helping us with our gardens.

In history, we have been looking at our own pasts and the life stages of humans. Thank you to the preps who have had their favourite books this week. They are great books!

Mosquitos are thick at the moment as a result of the recent rain. We have attached a mosquito repellent form if you would like your child to administer repellent at break times. Without a signed permission note, we cannot allow your child to administer the repellent.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Seth**—Great attitude & focused learning

**Amy**—For being brave and trying very hard in each lesson.

WELL DONE!!
Our student fridge is overflowing with lunchboxes as a result of our increased enrolment numbers. As a result of this, we are having to introduce the following:

- Water bottles will need to stay out of the fridge. We do have coolers on all bubblers so cold water bottles aren’t a necessity.
- Only one lunch box per child. Students must take lunch boxes home. If students accidentally leave their lunch box at school, could their lunch come in a plastic bag and then the child can place this in their lunch box when they arrive?
- It would be appreciated if we could minimise the cooler type lunch boxes. The hard cased lunch boxes fit much easier in the fridge.

Thank you for your assistance with this. Once we minimise the bulky lunchboxes (and double ups) we should be able to fit all lunch boxes in the fridge.

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### School Attendance Term 1, 2016

![Attendance Graph]

**TARGET 94%**

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3-6 NEWS

This week we have been learning about engaging our reader with a brilliant beginning to our stories. We looked at a couple of movie clips and discussed how movies start with a hook. A scene which grabs our attention and makes us want to keep watching. If you are enjoying a family movie over the weekend, have a look at the opening scene and talk about how it catches our attention.

In Maths, the Year 3-4 students are working on place value including addition and subtraction strategies. The Year 5 students are working on multiplication strategies for larger numbers and the Year 6 students are working with fractions.

Students have all had a chance to access the EdStudio in class. The EdStudio is a fantastic online tool that is safe and open to our class only. Students can decorate their page and complete some of their literacy homework tasks online throughout the year. Students are able to use the computers at school to complete their tasks if the internet is an issue at home.
DATES TO REMEMBER

MEET AND GREET—FRIDAY 12TH FEB
Prospect Creek Cross Country— Thursday 10th March
Callide Valley Small Schools Cross Country – Friday 18 March (Wowan)
(10, 11, 12 yr old only)
Last Day of Term 1—Thursday 24th March
First Day of Term 2—Monday 11th April
Prospect Creek Athletics Carnival—Thursday 19th May
Callide Valley Small Schools Athletics Wowan—Friday 27th May

Happy Birthday
Chappy Selma—February 14th

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