Hi Parents

Thank you for coming to our class meetings and welcome BBQ last week. It was wonderful to see so many of our families here getting to know each other in a relaxed setting.

Congratulations and thank you to the following people for filling our P&C positions for 2016.

President – Trudy Tappin
Vice President – Cherie Gooding
Secretary – Tegan Pratt
Treasurer – Adam Northey
RREAP representative – Melissa Blyton
Treat Kitchen Coordinator – Emma Corfield

At the P&C meeting we discussed at length fundraising. We have lots on the agenda to raise money for camp this year and are asking all families to help with raffle ticket sales and cake baking. We have also committed to catering Wusty’s Run again this year. It will be held at Jambin and the proposed date is Saturday 21 May. Please keep your eye out for further correspondence about this major fundraiser. We also have a Bunnings BBQ booked in October and the Market Day as other major fundraisers for our school.

More blue and maroon shirts were worn this week. It is great to see on our PE day. The official Grevillea and Kroombit shirts have been ordered and I will let you know when these arrive.

Shirts for Adults

At our P&C meeting, we discussed adult shirts for parents for events such as cake stall, sports day etc. We decided to go with the same shirts as the students wear as they are bright and good advertising for our school. We will be putting an order in for shirts next week. If you could please let us know ASAP if you would like a shirt, along with your size, we will order you one. This will be the last order we will do for a little while so please let us know if you are keen. Alternatively, you could send me an email at jnort105@eq.edu.au with your order if you wish.

Our first Cake Stall for 2016

We will hold our first cake stall for 2016 next Friday 26 February at the Woolworths shopping complex. We are seeking donations from all families to sell on the day. It would be appreciated if you could please bake one or two items and package them up on paper plates and send them in to school. We will collect the cakes on Thursday and Friday and will transport them into the shopping centre on Friday morning. If you are able to help out with selling cakes on the day, please contact the school. All money raised will help our 4-6 students fundraise for their school camp. Labels will need to be completed & stuck on to your baking. Labels are attached to this newsletter and more available at the school if need be.
P-2 NEWS

In P-2 this week, students have experimented making a toy spinner. We will continue to build on this weekly and try to make a newly designed toy spinner (students can bring in recycled items they think they will need to make their toy design come to life!). The class has also been reading and analysing books. Below is a quick snippet of one student’s hard work and determination this week!

Aaron has been working hard in maths creating his own problem solving question: ‘I went fishing and I caught a fish and I caught 17. How many do I have?’

Great job, Aaron!

Mobile Library

The mobile library was popular on its first visit to our school. It is now time to return those books and borrow again if you choose. The mobile library will return on Tuesday 23 February.

Attendance

Thank you to those families who are letting us know about absences. Due to Departmental policy, we are not allowed to explain an absence given by a child. All absences must be explained through a phone call, note or email from the parent/guardian. If you are unsure if you have contacted the school, please call us and we can let you know as unexplained absences will show up on report cards.

Sports Days

With such a hectic term, it has been a struggle to fit our sports days in, particularly on Fridays. We have had to move our sports days around to fit in with other events already scheduled.

Cross Country – Thursday 10 March

Callide Valley Cross Country – Friday 18 March at Wowan

Prospect Creek State School Sports Day – Wednesday 18 May (this is because I am in Brisbane on Thurs and Friday and NAPLAN is the week before).

Callide Valley Sports Day – Friday 27 May at Wowan (it has to be this early due to Principal Conference the next week).

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Chelsey — Always willing to help, and trying her hardest when learning a new concept.

Nicholas— Well done on a great start of the year.

WELL DONE!!
Canberra

A note went home this week with information regarding fundraising and the quoted cost for Canberra camp. There was a typo in this note, with only $100 deposit being paid by families late last year (not $200). My apologies for this error. Please come and contact the school and discuss further payments if you require. I encourage you to make regular payments so it is not such a large lump sum at the end. A reminder that flights will be booked very soon and the cost of these flights is non-refundable. Could you please bring the slip back to school by Monday to indicate that you are still happy to go ahead with the booking for your child/ren with the cost that was provided? At this stage flights are not booked so prices can change if we aren’t quick. The sooner I can secure these flights with confirmed numbers, the better.

Science Show

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.

RSL Raffles

Our first date for the RSL raffles is on Friday 11 March. Could you please contact the school if you are able to help out with this?

3-6 news

It is great to see students settling in and working hard in class. All students have had an opportunity to access their EdStudio in class so should be able to get on it at home. Please see me if there are any issues or if students forget their password.

In Maths this week our Year 3 students have continued to work on time. They are working towards recognising that 6:45 is actually quarter to 7 as it has not yet reached 7 o’clock. If you think about it, could you please ask what the time is at different moments? Being able to convert from digital to analogue and analogue to digital is a skill that many students find tricky.

School Attendance Term 1, 2016

Our Year 4-6 students have been working with fractions. The Year 4 students are recognising and describing fractions, Year 5 students are locating unrelated fractions on a number line and Year 6 students are adding and subtracting unrelated fractions. A reminder that all these skills can be practised using their Mathletics accounts.

In writing we have been looking at noun and verb groups, adverbs and speech. Students did a great job at editing a small piece of writing to ensure they included these things.

The harmless snow leopard is exploring my unusual room with excitement as I was brushing my shiny white teeth.

Mackinlay Year 4

One day a boy called Tom, refused to brush his teeth and his mum said, “Tom you should brush your teeth.”

Oscar – Year 3

The great, brown and white eagle sat on a lofty branch. He keeps a sharp eye out for prey. He swoops towards the smooth crystal clear surface of the water.

Mikalah Year 5

The tiger was extremely hungry. He had a deer for lunch and he was still hungry. He ate a juicy delicious apple that came off a tree. He was still hungry. He saw a tree full of bugs and he ate them. He was still hungry so he ate a hunter as well but he was still hungry. He had a big, fat bear that was hairy but his belly was hurting because he had a belly ache.

Nicholas Year 3

“Attack!” yelled a space ants as they started to attack the humans with their laser eyes. A man loudly shot the boss space ant. “Am I dying?” he asked.

Ryan Year 3
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Cake Stall—Friday 26th February
Prospect Creek Cross Country—Thursday 10th March
Prospect Creek Hair Salon - Wednesday 16th March
Canberra Camp Meeting—Jambin—Thurs 17th March 4pm
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—Wednesday 18th May
Wusty’s Run—Saturday 21st May
Callide Valley Small Schools Athletics Wowan—Friday 27th May

Happy Birthday

Joshua—Sunday 21st
February