Hi Parents

We are over half way through the term and it is great to see the students settled into routines and working towards learning goals.

Thank you to all our families who supported our cake stall. For a small school, fundraising needs to be a whole school effort. We all contribute in our own way and we thank you for this. Our next fundraiser will be to raffle off some wonderful Mother’s Day prizes. Please keep an eye out for raffle tickets and we thank you in advance for your continued support.

We are going to have our first Treat Kitchen next Thursday. Please find attached a treat kitchen menu & return it to the school by Tuesday 1 March.

Annual Implementation Plan

At the P&C meeting, I shared our Annual Implementation Plan, listing priorities and strategies for 2016. We have major priorities; Writing and Reading Comprehension. (Our writing agenda continues from 2015 after great success with our Writing Traits framework. This will continue with support from our writing coach. Staff have already engaged in a PD with our Traits coach and are utilising this framework to teach students how to craft well written texts.)

Our reading agenda returns in 2016 to give students strategies to make meaning from the text they are reading. We are encouraging students to read every single night to help with fluency and vocabulary. These skills help them decode instructional texts at school, supporting inferential comprehension. A set of questions was sent home as an attachment a couple of weeks ago. I hope these help you to connect with your child and share their love of reading.

We try to staff a Support a Reader program at school, which helps students share a love of reading in a one on one environment. The focus of these sessions are to build fluency and discuss unknown vocabulary. Students who have been fortunate to engage in Support a Reader have enjoyed the time sharing a book. We aren’t able to staff this as much as we have been able to and are seeking parent support. If you are able to volunteer and hour or so in the morning or afternoon, it would be appreciated.

The school can also offer some support to parents interested in helping their child with reading. Please register any interest with the school.

Investing for Success

The school has been granted some additional funds to support our Annual Implementation Plan. We are utilising these funds to employ additional staff to support literacy goals in the classroom. We will be also utilising some of the money to release staff, enabling moderation, data discussions and establishing learning goals for all students.

Science Show

On Thursday 17th March, we will have a science show visit our school. The school will cover the cost of this performance. The show will start at 2:00pm and parents/siblings are more than welcome to join us.
This week, we have had a very interesting week! We have been watching our garden sprout and we have hatched our ‘Aqua-dragons’ (with much excitement from all!). Parents are welcome to come in and see our new ‘pets’.

In technology, we will be creating our own spinning toys (designed individually by the students). Could the students please bring in materials, such as cardboard etc. to build these toys?

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**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?

**Shirts**

Both sports shirts and adult shirts have been ordered. We will let you know when these are ready to be picked up.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

We will be contributing to this day on Friday 4 March. Students are welcome to bring gloves and plastic bags to help out with a clean up of the school.

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**Cross Country**

Students have been outside training and some are realising how unfit they are! Our Cross Country carnival is sneaking up on us. Don’t forget to practise, practise, practise!

We are hoping to run a Treat Kitchen on Cross Country day. Would there be anyone able to help out with this?

**CHAPPY BREAKFAST**

We are noticing that many students are missing out on Chappy Breakfast due to the early start. To make things easier, we will trial having a Chappy Morning tea at 11am instead. Students who arrive early at school can enjoy a fruit break before parade (to get them through the morning session). Then, if everyone can please bring one piece of fruit to share on Monday, Chappy will make a fruit platter and we will enjoy a shared morning tea together. It will be a lovely way to start the week!

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**ELLI**—CONGRATULATIONS ON A POSITIVE AND HARD WORKING WEEK.

**GRACE**—MAKING THE TOP OF THE BEHAVIOUR CHART THIS WEEK, BY TRYING HER HARDEST IN LEARNING.
I was very busy on the weekend marking all the homework folders! It was extremely good to see. Keep the comments and notes coming, it helps me to gauge where students are at.

We are also seeing more and more students reading regularly throughout the week. This is really helping with their fluency and vocabulary.

This week we have been learning to establish a connection with our audience in writing. We do this through our word choice. This is a difficult skill to master and one we will continue to work on.

In Maths, our Year 3 students continue to work on time. Students are having a little bit of trouble converting analogue times into digital times, particularly quarter to etc. Practise reading clocks will help with this.

Year 4-6 students have been working on fractions. They understanding that a fraction is a number between two whole numbers and our Year 6 students have learnt to convert these to decimals.

Thank you for the support with the Cake Stall today. Keep your eyes peeled for the next fundraiser!

SCHOOL PHOTO’S
This year’s school photos will be held on Tuesday 22nd March.

School Attendance Term 1, 2016
DATES TO REMEMBER

Cake Stall—Friday 26th February
Treat Kitchen—Thursday 3rd March
Prospect Creek Cross Country—Thursday 10th March
Prospect Creek Hair Salon—Wednesday 16th March
Science Show—Thursday 17th 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)
SCHOOL PHOTO’S—Tuesday 22nd March
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

Zoey—26th February (10)
Paige—1st March (9)
Ilyssa—1st March (8)
Amy—3rd March (5)