Hi Parents

I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful weather we had over the break and that you were able to get some rest and relaxation with your family. We have an exciting term coming up with the Into the Woods performance, Market Day, Sporting Schools and our Canberra excursion. Remember to like and share our Facebook page and posts. The more information we can get out to the community promoting our school and the events the better. Good luck to our Port Curtis athletes competing next Friday. We know you will give it your best and show great sportsmanship. You may have heard through your children or seen through our Facebook page that Leanne Cowell and Dell Tappin visited our school to engage all students in music last week. Feedback was that it was the best music lesson ever!! We look forward to them continuing this through our Arts program this term.

Paperwork is a requirement with our extra-curricular activities and it is important that these are returned promptly. Our administration team isn’t able to continually chase up paperwork anymore due to the increase in daily tasks that need to be performed. To compensate, we will endeavour to keep paperwork to a minimum, ensuring this is all attached to the newsletter once per week. We will only send paperwork home on other days in extenuating circumstances. Your assistance with this is appreciated. Your assistance in reading the newsletter and returning paperwork promptly is appreciated.

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES
As you would be aware, students are required to have an acceptable reason for all absences from school. This reason needs to be communicated to the school for effective roll marking procedures to occur. This notification needs to come from a parent/guardian, NOT a sibling. As of Monday 11 July, the school is required to notify families of unexplained absences on the day of their absence. This means, that if you child is away from school and we haven’t heard from you, you will either receive a text or a phone call seeking an explanation. If we receive notification, no further action will be taken. Your assistance in notifying us of your child’s absence early in the day is appreciated.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING
On Monday 18 July, we have Kerri Hancock, the regional coach for Positive Behaviour for learning, visiting our school. She will provide a PD for all staff, which will start our process of becoming a Positive Behaviour for Learning school. This will tie in nicely with our Responsible Behaviour Plan and Bounce Back work. All staff will be off class to participate in the PD, but we will still be at school if required. Watch this space for more information on this!
INTO THE WOODS PERFORMANCE

Students will travel by bus next Thursday 21 July to see the Biloela High School’s matinee performance of Into the Woods. We will travel by bus at 9:15am and should return by 12pm. The school is covering the cost of this excursion. As this falls in our PE time, we have negotiated with Mrs Beckman to reschedule our PE time. For next week only, PE will take place on Friday 22 July at the usual time. We ask that students please wear full school uniform on the Thursday for the performance, and the sport uniforms to be worn Friday instead.

P-2 News

Welcome to Term Three! Please come and visit our new winter door display.

Quite a few important notices for the term:
- please bring library books back each Thursday
- just for week 2, reader folders will be handed out on Monday and need to be returned Wednesday (there will be fewer books)
- the preps have decided to make a pirate ship this term. We will need quite a bit of cardboard to make this, as well as other items for play. Can you please drop these off at school ASAP?
- Year 1 students NEED a shoe box for their science assessment
- Year 2 students NEED a piece of cardboard for their science assessment (poster)

Thank you in advance!
Another exciting term ahead!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

A couple of policy updates have come through which impacts on both medication administered by the school and notification of student absences.

OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS (taken directly from the policy). This policy is available for your perusal at the school if you would like more information.

The Department recognises that all medications, including over-the-counter (OTC) medications, e.g. paracetamol or alternative medicines, may be drugs or poisons and may cause side effects. As such, schools are required to receive medical authorisation from a prescribing health practitioner (e.g. doctor, dentist, optometrist, but not a pharmacist) to administer any medication to students, including those bought over-the-counter.

Whilst parents may administer OTC medications to their child without medical authorisation, they are aware of the child’s complete medical history, and are able to provide ongoing, direct supervision for the course of the child’s illness. Due to these circumstances, a parent is also more likely to recognise if their child is having adverse effects and requires immediate medical attention.

The student’s prescribing health practitioner also has the knowledge of the child’s medical history to determine the appropriate OTC medication to administer and is therefore able to determine dosage and provide advice regarding potential side effects or interactions with other medications.

For these reasons, OTC medications will only be administered to students at school if medical authorisation has been received.

In summary, **all medication including Panadol must be prescribed by a doctor, NOT a pharmacist**. Students travelling to Canberra who will be bringing paracetamol will need to see a doctor and get a medical authorisation (there are plenty of bulk billing doctors for children). Also, as the students travelling to Canberra are older, and I have to strategically pack a suitcase for a week in Canberra, I will be unable to take bottles of Panadol or Nurofen. Students need to ensure they have tablets only. Chewable tablets are available if you prefer.
**Request for smaller relish and IXL/Cottee’s jam jars**

A family has requested donations of the above jars for relish to sell on the day. If you have any of these jars at home, could you please bring them in to school?

**School Opinion Surveys**

Attached to the newsletter is a link for your 2016 School Opinion Survey contribution. This survey is undertaken by staff, students and our older students to gauge what we are doing well and what we could improve on. The survey is completely anonymous and is used to inform future planning processes.

The survey will remain open until Friday 29 July, but if you could complete it earlier so it isn’t forgotten about, it would be appreciated. The more responses we receive, the more data we have to work with. If you are unable to access a computer or an internet connection, we have computers for you to use in the library at a time convenient to you.

**MARKET DAY**

Attached to this newsletter is the list of stalls and helpers. We did try to give everyone their choice of stall and job but this proved difficult in some instances. We are hoping to have as many people here by 7am on the day to assist with set up as there isn’t too much that can be set up prior to the event.

Please contact us ASAP if you are unable to fulfil your requirement and need a change.

We require a lot of goodies for our goodie jars. Thank you to those families who have started bringing things in. We have two Free Dress days coming up to help with this. The first one is Tuesday 19 July and the second one is Monday 25 July. Sun smart free dress can be worn on these days for some items to fill jars. We do have plenty of jars so don’t stress about bringing your goodies in jars.

**TARGET 96%**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR TERM 2**

95.6%
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Administration days: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am—2:30pm
Grounds Persons—Tim Boyd
Schools Officer - Brenda Koroiko

P&C Committee
President—Trudy Tappin
Vice President—Cherie Gooding
Treasurer—Adam Northey
Secretary—Tegan Pratt
RREAP Representative—Melissa Blyton
Treat Kitchen Co-ordinator—Emma Corfield

DATES TO REMEMBER
First Day of Term 3—Monday 11th July
Port Curtis Athletics—Friday 22nd July
Maths Competition—Thursday 28th July
School Opinion Survey Due—Friday 29th July
Market Day—Saturday 30th July
RSL Raffles—Friday 12th August
Canberra Camp—Sun 21st Aug—Fri 26th Aug
Red Cross Pillowcase Project—Thursday 8th September
RSL Raffles—Friday 9th September

Students of the Week
AYDA—Student of the Term
Great effort and improvement throughout Term 2.

LYNDON
Thinking creatively and working well in all subjects.