Hi Parents

We have had a busy week this week with soccer starting and our Into the Woods performance. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed by students (and staff!). If you are interested in watching the Into the Woods performance, it is playing at the Civic Centre this weekend.

Market Day Fair is only one week away. Thank you to those families who have been bringing in goodies for the jars. Some families have brought in a large bag of goodies while others are bringing bits and pieces in for Out of Uniform days. Either is fine. We have one final Out of Uniform Day to collect the last of the goodies. **Tuesday 26 July will be a sun smart, free dress day.** Please bring in the remainder of your goodies that you have been collecting to school on this day. This gives us time to put the goodies into jars and ticket them. If you have not been able to collect anything as yet, it would be great if you could bring something in on Tuesday.

Attached to this newsletter is a list of items to be baked for the bake stall. We are asking each family to bake at least one item to sell. These items can come to school on either Thursday or Friday. This will give us time to pretty them up with decorations ready for the big event.

Last week, a list of jobs went home with the newsletter. We would appreciate if you could please fulfil your allocation, or swap with another family for something more suitable. The P&C has put in a lot of the ground work but require everyone’s assistance to get the event off the ground. Thank you to the families who have helped with the signage around the community.

The Maths competition is on next Thursday 28 July. There are 9 students who expressed an interest in attending. Notes were sent home to those families in the newsletter last week. A reminder that you will need to meet at the high school at 8:45am. A member of staff will collect you and take you to the library, where the competition will take place. I will transport students back to school at the conclusion of the competition. To do this, I require the private permission note to be returned to school. If you have not yet returned this note, please do so on Monday. **I will not be able to transport any children in my car without written parental permission.**

Thank you to those families who have been prompt with notifying their child’s absence. While notifying an absence is not new, we are now required to initiate contact to families if a child is away without a notification. This is now the procedure for all QLD State Schools.
We have had a very exciting week!

P-2 now have daily jobs in the classroom. The students are enjoying the responsibility and the feeling of a job well done!

The students had a great time at 'Into the Woods'. In writing block, the preps wrote about their favourite part, the year 1s wrote about their favourite part and justified why, and the year 2s wrote a retell of the musical. Fantastic work, P-2!

Decided by the preps is a list of items for our pirate unit:

- Plank
- Treasure chest
- Islands
- Hook
- Sail
- Shovel
- Lights
- Map
- Swords
- Cardboard
- Pirate flag
- Telescope
- Pirate hats/clothes
- Crabs
- Cannons
- Bird’s nest
- Eye patches
- Parrot

If you have any items that could be used for this, please drop them off at the school.

Thanks in advance!

Swimming

Swimming is just around the corner. This year, our swimming program will take place on Monday afternoons. Before we can send home a note outlining the cost, we need to know whether families are planning on picking up their children from the pool after swimming. If we have enough parents picking their children up, we will be able to hire a smaller bus. Could you please fill in the slip attached to this permission note indicating your preference for pick up on Monday afternoon next term? This is not a swimming permission note, just an indication of your intentions to help with our planning processes. Could you please return this to school on Monday?

Also, an instructor increase is necessary with our increased numbers. We have maximised staffing by alternating the day of swimming, but will still require a couple of helpers to take a group each week. It would be appreciated if you could please indicate whether you can help out with our swimming program in any way next term.
Canberra is just around the corner (actually it is less than a month away)! We will have a very short camp meeting on Thursday 4 August (3:30-4pm at the latest) to go through the ‘What to Bring’ list and discuss the itinerary. If you have any questions about camp, this is the perfect opportunity to bring them up!

Persuasive Speaking competition will be popping up shortly. Students are starting to prepare for this. The top 3 students in Year 5 and 6 are eligible to go through to the Callide Velley competition at Goovigen. Students in Years 3 and 4 will write a shorter speech and present as part of their assessment. Although nerve-racking, this is a wonderful opportunity to practise speaking in front of an audience. There will be more information to come.

Homework has become a bit inconsistent lately. Homework should be completed throughout the week and returned on Friday. The tasks should be completed independently to practise skills and develop time management. We also have library borrowing on Thursday but some students are becoming reluctant to borrow. Reading is important every night in order to improve and move towards crucial analysis of texts (a skill required for high school). Students with multiple overdue books are required to return them ASAP. Your assistance with helping your child to remember library day is appreciated.

Year 6 Transition

We have received the below information from the Biloela State High School in relation to the transition information sessions and the student transition days.

**Term 3:**
1. Information evening 1
   Wednesday the 10th of August (Week 5) Location: High School
2. Single transition day for students
   Proposed day - Tuesday 13/9/16. (Week 10)

**Term 4:**
1. Information evening 2
   Wednesday the 2nd of November
   (Week 5)
2. Transition days – Week 9. Suggested days Monday and Tuesday the 28th and 29th November

We will forward more information when it is to hand.

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Reminder

Market Day Fair monster raffle ticket

After the performance the students got to go back stage and ask the cast questions.
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**School Attendance Term 3**

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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

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