Hi Parents,

It was wonderful to see our students shine this week at both the graduation and the Powers swim meet this week. Our two graduates scrubbed up well on Tuesday and presented their video that they have been working on. I am sure we are all looking forward to seeing this at the P&C BBQ. We had many swimmers participate in Powers for the first time this year and it was wonderful to see so many P-2 students have a go.

Well done also to our school leader candidates. They prepared their speeches on their own and were all very persuasive. Votes have been counted and interviews have been conducted. The results will be announced in a mini parade on Friday 9 December (before we depart for Break-Up Day).

The school is warming up their voice boxes ready for the P&C BBQ. A reminder that we need to start receiving books ready for the BBQ. We would prefer if you didn’t bring your books with you on the night as all students are present and it jeopardises the surprise. It also means that staff can focus on preparing the students for their performance.

Booklists were due in today and you should have receive an invoice via email from Office National. If not, I am sure it is on its way! I am expecting these to be delivered next week. I will let you know when they arrive.

Attached to this newsletter is the Break-Up Day transport notes. We had lots of generous families offering to help us out this year. Thank you! If you are a driver, can you please fill in the driver’s paperwork and if your child is a passenger, can you please fill out the passenger paperwork? It is sure to be a great day. Students will each receive a small slushy at the pool as a result of their hard work at the Crunchy Creek Café!

Thank you for your support with the Crunchy Creek Café. Mrs Beckman and the students have worked extremely hard this term on their health and wellbeing unit and this is a great way to finish off their work. We look forward to having our parents, siblings and grandparents join us for lunch next Thursday.

Rebecca and I will be travelling to Mackay after the Lions Park clean up on Sunday to participate in the final Age Appropriate workshop for 2017. We will present a presentation to showcase the wonderful work we have been doing and also share our learnings and advice for 2017. We will return to school on Wednesday. Emma Smith, Clare Harcla and Jane Gray will be the teaching staff on deck. All three staff members are familiar with our routines at the pool so business as usual!

Attached to this newsletter is the effort matrix used to award students effort grades on their report cards. The effort matrix was designed by all staff after our behaviour and discipline audit. If you have any questions, about the matrix, please contact the school.

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This week, P-2 have been trying to use their persuasive skills to persuade Santa to make the toys of their choice. There have been some fabulous reasons. The year 1 and 2 students have displayed their persuasive text they wrote throughout the term outside of the classroom.

As you may have noticed, there is no more homework for the rest of the year. However, sight words and readers folders need to be practised school nights.

P-2 have still been busily organising everything for the P and C BBQ 'Garage Band'. The students stall ticket will be set up and tickets to 'see' the Garage Band will be 5 cents! A bargain! Students have created their own microphones and speakers and are very excited to show all the parents their band!
It is great to see our girls teach the younger students the dance they have been practising at school. The girls will present this at the P&C BBQ.

Due to us all being extremely busy, we have decided to ease up on the homework to finish the year. There is a catch - students still must read every night. Those students who have been reading for the entire term have made excellent progress in their reading score. Remember that reading is not just decoding words, it also includes comprehending and then analysing and evaluating. Students are well aware that if they don’t read and practise what they are learning, they will plateau in their end of term assessment.

Well done again to our Year 5 students who have work hard to present their school leader speeches. I know they are itching to find out the result!

Thank you to those who got their shirt requests in. The majority voted for the sublime shirt. Attached to the newsletter is the design chosen by the students. We will order shirts on Thursday 7 December. Please return orders and money by Wednesday 8 December.

"If you can imagine it, you can create it. If you can dream it, you can be it"
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DATES TO REMEMBER
Biloela Christmas Festival—Saturday 26th November
Christmas festival Clean up—Sunday 27th November
Mobile Library—Tuesday 29th November
Crunchy Creek Café—Thursday 1st December
P&C BBQ—Friday 2nd December
Break Up Day—Friday 9th December

“IT’S SOMEBODY’S BIRTHDAY SOMEWHERE—HAVE SOME CAKE”

Attendance 2016—Target 96%

School Attendance Term 4

Students of the Week
Zeke—Active learning and thoughtful contributions to the classroom.

Jennifer—For continuously trying, even when you are challenged.