Hi Parents,

The last newsletter for Term 3 – as usual, it has been a busy term. Some of the highlights have been

- Into the Woods musical
- Maths Competition (Years 3-6)
- Soccer and Netball clinics
- Canberra
- Pirate Day
- Persuasive Speaking (Years 3-6)
- Fire Education

Term 4 is always a busy term as we prepare for the end of the year and the start of 2017. A reminder that Monday 3 October is a public holiday. School will resume on Tuesday 4 October. Swimming will start on Monday 10 October and Monday 17 October is a Student Free Day.

As you would be aware, I have just returned from Brisbane, attending a leadership workshop with 20 other Principals and school leaders. I spent 3 days at Education House in Mary Street Brisbane, hearing key messages from our DET executive team. These key messages will help us in planning for our 2017 Annual Implementation Plan, and help to improve student learning outcomes – exciting times ahead!

Attached to this newsletter is an invitation for the Goovigen Ashes. Goovigen P&C are hosting a Cricket family fun day. At our last P&C meeting, we decided to put in a team. It is fancy dress and $40 per team on Saturday 15 October. A movie will follow the cricket courtesy of the Biloela Shire Council. Meals and camping are available and it is a licenced event. Please contact the school to nominate yourselves (males and females required) or email adamjnorthey@hotmail.com. Nominations close on Friday 7 October.

Please enjoy a safe, relaxing and fun holiday with your families.

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This week, P-2 have been busy continuing reading and writing every day. The preps are doing a fantastic job! The students have been given a specialised box for reading stamina books and are having a fantastic time using them.

The students have also been working through fun maths and geography activities.

Please come in and visit (the students are very proud of their work)!

Have a safe and wonderful holiday! See you in term 4!

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**P-2 News**

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**P&C BBQ**

Please keep Friday 2 December free in your diaries. This will be the date of our annual P&C BBQ, celebrating the year and showcasing student achievements. This is always a wonderful evening and is well supported by the entire community.

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**Step up into Prep**

Invitations to our ‘Step up into Prep’ program have gone home. This program will start on Tuesday 11 October from 1-3pm. Please be aware that parents/guardians must stay at school for the duration of this program. Siblings are welcome to attend. If you have not yet returned your enrolment form (with birth certificate), please do so ASAP.

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**Small Town Culture**

Thank you to those families who have handed back their paperwork for the Small Town Culture music clip. Attached to this newsletter is a private transport note for those that require it. Thank you to those families assisting with transport.

The song was sent home to families today via email. Please encourage your child to practise and learn this over the holidays. I did get an email from the filming group encouraging parents and families to also attend. Feel free to come along and stay for the filming!

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**Tessellating Shapes**

Fraser, Zoey & Mackinlay

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“Knowledge will bring you the opportunity to make a difference”
I have just finished testing students with reading and I am extremely pleased with the results. Students are making progress and improving their reading comprehension, those making larger gains are reading at home on a regular basis.

Whilst in Brisbane, we were addressed by the Director of DET’s Reading Centre. She stressed the importance of reading for enjoyment. This consolidates skills taught in class and develops fluency and vocabulary. Research shows that students who read for enjoyment regularly in primary and junior secondary, will be able to critically analyse, summarise and synthesise texts at a higher level in late teens. This trend is evident even in students who are reading at an age appropriate level in primary school. I can’t stress enough to encourage your child to read, read, read!

Have a wonderful holiday, enjoy time with each other to recharge, have fun and stay safe. I look forward to another great term after the holidays.

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**School Holiday Activities at the Library!**

**3D Hand Drawing**— Tuesday 20/9 10am
                        Thursday 29/9 2pm

**Torn Paper Collage**— Tuesday 20/9 10am
                         Thursday 29/9 10am

**Dragons Wings**— Thursday 22/9 10am
                    Tuesday 27/9 2pm

**Decorate Snake Mobile**— Thursday 22/9 2pm
                          Tuesday 27/9 10am
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Administration days: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am—2:30pm
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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
Last day of term— Friday 16th September
PUBLIC HOLIDAY—Monday 3rd October
First Day of Term 4—Tuesday 4th October
Small Town Culture—Thursday 6 October
RSL Raffles—Friday 11th November
Last day of Term 4—Friday 9th December

SAM—8TH SEPT.
MACKINLAY—18TH SEPT.
ELLI—20TH SEPT.

Target 96%

School Attendance Term 3

Aaron — Congratulations on being independent and giving all tasks a go.
Rachael — Fantastic effort, behaviour and attendance all term!