Hi Parents,

We are half way through our formal parent/teacher interviews. Thank you to those families who have made a time to meet with teachers. It isn’t too late if you are yet to do so. We have spaces available next week so please phone the school to make an appointment.

What a wonderful day we had on Monday. Thank you to those parents who ventured onto our treasure island! We had a great day, enjoyed lots of yummy food and celebrated our science, literacy and numeracy curriculum. Happy Birthday for next Tuesday Roald Dahl!

**Transition to High School**

Next Tuesday 13 September, our Year 6 students will spend the day at the high school. Students will meet at the main shelter at 8:40am. Please wear your school uniform (including your hat) and take your pencil case, note book and lunch. Tuckshop will be open on both breaks if students wish to purchase something.

**Small Town Culture**

The Banana Shire has commissioned my production company ‘Small Town Culture’ to create a song and video clip for YouTube which will involve every town and community in the region. The purpose of the Music Video is to promote the disaster prevention message ‘Grab n’ Go’ whilst promoting the people, community spirit and iconic features of the Banana Shire. A similar style of production was filmed in South West Queensland earlier this year called ‘Get Ready’, please have a look at the YouTube link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TOBfY80ke

Some students have expressed an interest in being a part of this project. In order to be involved, a media consent & permission form will need to be signed and students will need to learn the chorus of our song ‘Grab n’ Go’. Students will need to be transported to Lions Park on Thursday 6 October (leaving school at 9am) for filming. Filming should take no longer than an hour. Depending on numbers, we may need help with transporting students to and from Lions Park. We won’t know this until later next week.

If you are happy for your child/ren to be involved in this project, and if they are willing to learn the words to the chorus over the holidays, please return the media consent & permission forms back to school by next Wednesday 14 September. A copy of the words will then be sent home and an MP3 will be emailed to families to allow for students to practise the words.
This week, P-2 have been very busy! P-2 did a fabulous job creating all the items on the island and the pirate ship. They enjoyed exploring all the aspects of an island and pretending to be pirates. A HUGE thank you to our teacher aides for the amount of effort put into this task!

The students have finished all their assessment and have begun learning next terms concept already and will continue to next week!

Thank you for those who have come in for teacher/parent interviews. It is great to celebrate successes with you!

**P-2 News**

**Persuasive Speaking Goovigen**

**Principal Capability and Leadership**

I was selected to participate in a fully funded leadership workshop next week. I leave for Brisbane on Sunday and return Wednesday evening. Lessons will be planned as normal and usual expectations apply. Jane Gray and Sandra Keller will be taking the class as normal.

**P&C Meeting**

Next Tuesday we have our final P&C Meeting for the term. We will be discussing the quotes received for extra powerpoints ready for Market Day next year, some social events for Term 4 and starting to think about our P&C BBQ. I will be away on Tuesday so Rebecca Young will present the Principal Report on my behalf. The Canberra photo story will play for parents who wish to stay after the official meeting.

**Swimming**

Thank you to those families who have been prompt with swimming notes and payment. We are still requiring paperwork and payment from a few families. A reminder has been attached to the newsletter. Please ensure notes are returned and money is paid on Monday. Students are unable to be transported from school without signed permission and are unable to swim without payment. Thank you for your assistance with this.

**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

“Knowledge will bring you the opportunity to make a difference”
Yesterday, Red Cross worked with the 3-6 class on a Pillowcase project. The idea of the project is to inform students about the necessity to be prepared during our storm season. They created a pillowcase to take home to store things they may require in an emergency such as a torch, small first aid kit etc. Ergon Energy have kindly donated torches to our school and one per family has been sent home with the newsletter.

Congratulations to Sam and Fraser who represented our school in the Callide Valley Persuasive Speaking Competition. Both students spoke incredibly well and timed their speeches nicely. Sam will continue to the Biloela competition on Monday. Well done to both students and good luck, Sam.

There will be no homework next week but students are asked to continue reading every night. This should continue throughout the holidays as well. We have noticed in our testing that students who aren’t reading as often are starting to plateau in their results. Fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and even writing are all compromised when students aren’t reading regularly. Please encourage your child to read for a minimum of 15 mins every night to help with their literacy progress.

Photos from Canberra will be sent home with students after the holidays. Thank you for your patience with this, I am trying to source the photos that other teachers took.

For some students there is a copy of the booklist attached to this newsletter. Some students are requiring more materials for next term. Some students didn’t have the required number of pencils, markers etc. at the beginning of the term and have simply run out but others aren’t looking after their materials. My apologies for this but students do require these resources to complete classroom tasks. Thank you for your assistance with this. Students who don’t have a booklist attached have their required materials to continue with for Term 4.
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Treasurer—Adam Northey
Secretary—Tegan Pratt
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming Money Due—Friday 9th September
RSL raffles—Friday 9th September
Year 6 Transition Day—Tuesday 13th September
Last day of term—Friday 16th September
First day of term 4—Tuesday 4th October

Students of the Week

Target 96%

Tayla—Fantastic effort in learning sight words & practising reading.
Fraser—A consistent effort in all areas.