Hi Parents,

It is still extremely hot but it is great to see students being sun smart and hydrating after being outside.

This afternoon we have our 'Welcome BBQ'. Thank you to those families who returned their RSVP slip. If you forgot, still come along as we have catered for a few extras! The afternoon will begin at 5:30pm with the 3-6 class meeting. The P-2 class meeting will follow at approximately 5:50pm. We will then have our sausage sizzle. Thank you to the P&C who have helped with catering for this event.

In the class meetings, teachers will be discussing classroom routines and expectations – it is a fantastic opportunity to ask any questions about our year ahead. We will keep the classrooms open until 6:30pm to enable children to show you the work they are working on.

P&C AGM and Bus Meeting

On Tuesday 14 February at 6pm we will host the annual bus meeting. All parents whose children travel to school on the buses are encouraged to attend. This will begin at 6pm. Our P&C AGM will follow at approximately 6:45pm. The P&C is a great way to be involved in decision making and to be kept informed of happenings in the school. We meet monthly after school, every second Tuesday of the month. We would love to see some fresh faces at our next meeting!

Building a positive school culture is one of our priorities this year, and as such, we would like to work towards a vision and mission statement for our school. What does our school stand for? What do we value? Our vision and mission statement is not just the staff’s thoughts; community and student input is vital. This is a work in progress but we will begin unpacking this at our first meeting on Tuesday 14 February. We will also be discussing the camp itinerary, (including costing and subsidies) and the school’s strategic planning.

Updated details

If there are any details that need updating on our records, please let Leisa know ASAP. Details include postal address, phone numbers and emergency contacts. Ideally, each child should have an emergency contact listed that is not a parent. This is in case of emergencies when parents aren’t contactable.

Homework Club

Don’t forget Chappy Selma is running homework Club. This started last year and has been a great opportunity for students to complete their homework early in the week. School resources are available as well so please make use of this great opportunity. Homework Club runs from 3:15-3:45 on Monday afternoons.
P-2 have been extremely busy in all our subjects! The preps have been discussing about likes and dislikes and story sequencing. The year 1s have been learning about ‘written innovations’ (creating their own story) and the year 2s have been exploring blurbs and their features.

In history, we are continuing looking at memories and family events. Please remember to send in photos for their assessment. In art, we have been looking at self portraits and how they can be created in different ways. Each student have been making self portraits with different emotions and colour!

P-2’s are exploring Earth and us. Preps are learning about the different types of weather and the way that weather affects living things. Year 1’s and 2’s are interested in different types of landscapes and features that can be seen in the sky and landscapes. Including the ways in which resources are used and conserved and the importance of their conservation.

3-6’s have headed into space. We are focusing on the relationship between Earth and the sun and how this relationship creates night and day, seasons, sunrises and sunsets. They in pairs are designing and writing their own power point presentations which they will deliver to the whole class mid-term.

- Mrs Gray

Mobile Library

It is wonderful to see students enjoying the Mobile Library every second Tuesday. Students are able to borrow a variety of books/media from the Biloela Library utilising this service. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the mobile library will not be here on Tuesday 21 February. It will return to us on Tuesday 7 March.

Preston Campbell Visit

We are excited to announce that the Banana Shire’s ‘Strength of Mind: Overcoming Adversity and Thriving Again’ initiative will include Preston travelling to local schools to ‘meet and greet’. Our timeslot is 11am on Tuesday 21 February. This will be during lunch but I am sure that Preston won’t mind kicking the football around with the kids during play break. If students have a football, cap, etc. that they would like to get signed, they can bring it to school on Tuesday 21 February.

Office Hours

MONDAY: 9am—11:00am
TUESDAY: 8:30—2:30pm
THURSDAY: 8:30—2:30pm
FRIDAY: 8:30—2:00pm
3-6 News

We only have 2 students who didn’t return their homework last week - this has to be a record! Students have decided that if they have 100% homework completion, all the students will earn a star on our start chart! Enough stars will earn them a free time voucher.

Students will earn a star if they can demonstrate the following:

- Management of themselves
- Independence
- Consistency
- Support

In English we are discussing narratives. The Year 3-4 students are learning about building descriptions through noun groups and have started looking at pronouns. The Year 5-6 students are looking at elements of short stories and learning about plot development. In writing, students are learning to refine their idea to a small narrow focus. This week, we went from the broad focus of crocodiles, to baby hatchlings and then even narrower to predators. We came up with some wonderful ideas for stories.

Cross Country

The Callide Valley Small Schools Cross Country trials will take place at Goovigen State School on Friday 31 March. Only the students in the 10-12 age group who qualify at our school event will need to attend. All other students will remain at school.

Our school Cross Country event will take place at 9am on Thursday 16 March (Week 8). We will then have a visit from Animal Encounters at 11:45am.

This might be a good opportunity for a Treat Kitchen! Any helpers available on Thursday 16 March?

Training for Cross Country has started at school during PE lessons. We are not doing any more than that at this stage as it is too hot during school hours. We will do a bit extra once it cools down a bit. Mr Robbins offers after school training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact the school if you would like more information.

School Camp 2017

At the P&C meeting on Tuesday 14 February, we will be discussing the school camp itinerary and costing. It is a whole school camp, departing on Tuesday 29 August and returning to school on Friday 1 September. Invoices will be sent home on Friday 24 February with a payment plan to help with paying instalments if you would prefer. If you have any concerns or are thinking of not sending your child on camp, please come and see me next week (before the invoices get sent out).
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Administration days:
Monday—9am—11am,
Tuesday & Thursday—8:30-2:30,
Friday—8:30-2pm.

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

Dates to Remember
Welcome BBQ - Friday 10th February
Book Club Due—Monday 13th February
P&C AGM & Bus Meeting—Tuesday 14th February
RSL Raffles—Friday 3rd March
Mobile Library—Tuesday 7th March
P&C Meeting—Tuesday 14th March
Cross Country—Thursday 16th March
Aussie Encounters—Thursday 16th March
Last Day Term 1— Friday 31st March
School Photos—Wednesday 19th April
RSL Raffles—Friday 28th April
School Camp— 29th August—1st Sept. 2017

Happy Birthday Chappy Selma
February 14th

Attendance Target—96%

School Attendance Term 1, 2017

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Students of the Week

Aaron—A settled and independent start to the year.
Tayla—For always helping others in the classroom.