Principal's Messages

We had a great start to Tuckshop, last week. Thanks to all parents who have volunteered to help.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop commenced successfully last Wednesday thanks to the work of convenor Janelle Duffy and our volunteer mums. Thanks again to those parents who have put their name down to help out with tuckshop.

Corps of Drums
Practice for Corps of Drums commenced last week. Thank-you to coordinator, Deane Drinnen, and to band members for the positive start. We’re looking forward to another excellent year from our fantastic drum corps.

Parent / Teacher Meetings
In a few weeks, we will be having parent/teacher meetings to discuss student progress and goals for this year. An invitation for the meetings will be sent home, soon.

Bus Committee Meeting
The Annual General Meeting of the conveyance committee will be held next Tuesday, 5 March, commencing at 4.15pm. It won’t be a long meeting, and we invite all parents who have children on one of the bus runs.

Healthy Lunches
Parents, it is great if students as they get older do have some responsibility for preparing or packing school lunches. Just keep an eye on the content and amount of food that does go in the lunch bags, though. Typical school lunches include a sandwich, wraps, fruit, some cake or biscuits, a cheesestick, popcorn, carrot sticks, and muesli bars. Try to stay with the healthy options. Keep lollies and chips as a treat item for home. Thanks for monitoring this.

Sports Trials
We have had a number of students trying out for representative teams in the last couple of weeks. Well done to Britani Jones who participated in the Bundaberg Zone Softball trials, last week. Netball trials are still in progress with Aylish Dunn, Billie-Jo Pampling and Shannon Searle representing our school.

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Snack Time
This year, we again encourage students to have a healthy ‘snack’ early in the day. Students could have this snack prior to first bell at 8.50am, so that valuable learning time is not lost, in the morning session. First lunch is at 11.00am. It is a long time since breakfast for many students. Suggestions for healthy ‘brain food’ include home-made popcorn, fruit (fresh or dried), veggie sticks (carrot, celery, etc), extra sandwich, piece of cheese (unprocessed is better).

Headlice Information
Parents, we realise that headlice can be a very frustrating problem for you and your family. Included with today’s newsletter is a fact sheet and a headlice form to be returned to school. Please return the form by this Friday so that we can gain a picture of how prevalent the little critters are, currently. Thanks for your support with this issue.

Jeff Searle

School Calendar
- March 5 (Tue) Bus Committee AGM 4.15pm
- March 7 (Thur) Prep NEWSmail photo day
- March 12 (Tue) P&C Meeting
- March 18 (Mon) Parent / Teacher Meetings commence
- March 27 (Wed) School Disco
- March 28 (Thur) Last day of term / Interhouse Cross Country
- March 29 (Fri) Good Friday

Weekly Assembly is on Thursday mornings in the library 9.00-9.30am All parents welcome
Art by Destinee L-W

In Art, we have been making spiders and lizards. We used oil pastels and food colouring for both. We used a wax resistance technique for the spider web and mosaic for the lizard.

Students in Year 3/4 are enjoying their art.

ART BY DESTINEE L-W

Year 3/4 Class News

Science by Brayden W

In Science, we’ve been learning about living and non-living. We have been doing an experiment with seeds to see if they grow. If they grow, they are living things.

Our Seed Observations by Jacob D

On day 1, we planted some mustard seeds in cotton wool and watered them. The next day, nothing happened. On day 3, one of the side row’s seeds had started to sprout. It had a little leaf. On day 4, they were all starting to sprout. The side rows had a couple of leaves. On day 5, they all had leaves. After day 5, they were all really sad seeds. They were dry because they didn’t get water for two days over the weekend.

CLASS AWARDS

Becca M: Trying really hard to learn her letters and sounds.
Kaelin H: Catching the bus to school and building a great tower with the blocks.
Matthew W: Great counting.
Sumarh R: Participating well in class discussions.
Haylee W: Trying very hard in class this week.
Sophie B: Always doing beautiful work.
Holly M: Amazing bookwork!!!
Rydar W: A fantastic effort completing “Telling the time” activities in Maths.
Kal S: A responsible worker and helper in the classroom.
Desiree C: Trying hard consistently. Well done!
Kobe W: Displaying our School Values consistently – a superb effort!
Reece D: Consistent effort and attitude.

CLASS AWARDS

ICE CUPS are now on sale on Thursdays for 50 cents. Thanks for your supporting our excursions.

25 GREAT PARENTING IDEAS

Focus on one idea a day to transform your parenting in less than a month (Cut out and put on fridge)

1. Do more things with kids than for them
2. If you want happy, resilient kids go you first
3. Raise your small family with a big family mindset
4. Invest in the opportunity years (before teens)
5. Focus on positive relationships with your children
6. Expect kids to behave well
7. Catch kids being resilient and persistent
8. Attend to your kids’ mental health
9. Don’t be a family that’s always ‘on the go’
10. Make sure kids help at home without being paid
11. Build scaffolds to independence
12. Reward responsibility with greater freedom
13. Build self-knowledge in kids
14. Move kids down the road from ‘me’ to ‘we’
15. Teach your kids to do what’s right, not what’s easy
16. Strengthen your family by creating a strong food culture
17. Create a culture where there’s nothing so bad that we can’t talk ABOUT it
18. Parent from the same script, even if you’re not together
19. Do things with your kids
20. Don’t let kids drop out of the family
21. Connect with other parents
22. Every child needs someone in their life who says ‘You can do this’
23. Make the most of teachable moments
24. Avoid your first impulse when kids misbehave
25. Build a strong family brand

Persuasive Writing by Lewis D

We have been learning about persuasive writing and reading persuasive stories such as ‘I Wanna Iguana’ and ‘The True Story of the Three Little Pigs’. We have done some writing in our books.

Reading Groups by Chloe G

In reading groups, we are learning about ‘Making Connections’, ‘Predicting’ and ‘Asking Questions’ to help us to understand the stories better.

Mad Minute by Rydar W

In Mad Minute Maths, we have to try and get 22 times tables right in one minute. At the moment, we are working on our 2 and 5 times tables. Lots of people are getting better every day.

Telling the Time by Luke W

Our class have been doing time in maths. We have learnt how to read o’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We listen to the teacher. Mrs Drinnen shows us the time and we have to read it. Sometimes we have to show the time on a clock.

February Birthdays
27 Issy J, Laura M, 28 William M

March Birthdays
3 Joshua G, Nicholas G, Chelsea T
5 Jaeken G, 7 Finn M, 9 Kyle B, 10 Billie-Jo P 10 Kaitlyn T, 11 Zailah S, 17 Kody O
18 McKenzie F, 22 Billie-Jo P
25 Bethany P, Emily D, 28 Shania M
28 Paige M, 31 Zoe W