Principal’s Messages ~ Well done to our students for being patient and responsible in the wet conditions.

Thank-you
A sincere thank-you to staff and school families who have been making a dedicated effort to make it to school today with a number of major road closures happening due to flooding. School will be open as long as we can continue to get staff to school.

Bus Committee Meeting Postponed
The Annual General Meeting of the conveyance committee is postponed to a date to be fixed due to the uncertainty of road closures.

No Tuckshop, this week
Tuckshop has been cancelled for this week. It will return next Wednesday, providing conditions improve.

Parent / Teacher Meetings
Being sent home later this week are invitations for parent/teacher meetings to be held, soon. Please return your preferred times to the relevant teacher. A note will be sent home confirming a proposed meeting time. Thank-you.

Interschool Sport
After last Friday’s sports cancellation, a decision will be made later in the week as to whether we play this Friday with the forecast of more possible rain. Fingers crossed.

Prep Newsmail Photo
This Thursday, the Newsmail photographer will visit to take a photo of our terrific Prep class for a special Newsmail feature.

Netball Representative
Congratulations to Shannon S who has been selected in the Bundaberg Zone Netball team to compete at the Wide Bay trials later in March. Well done again to Billie-Jo P and Aylish D who also participated in the selection trials.

AFL Trials
A number of students will participate in Bundaberg Zone Australian Rules trials this week providing these go ahead. Best wishes to Rick Wirth, Kobe Wood, Damon Wood and Joel Wyatt.

Thank-you to Families
Parents, thank-you sincerely for helping out by returning the headlice forms. It helps provide us with an idea of the problem at this time. Please send in the forms if you haven’t yet been able to. We realise that there have been other stress factors at present with the wet weather, etc. Much appreciated.

Class News Features
This week, we have a feature from Year 4/5/6. Thank-you to Debra Romans and her entering students.

After School Cricket Program cancelled
Due to our difficulties getting this program started with the wet conditions, and Parent / Teacher meetings scheduled in a couple of weeks, the after school cricket program has been cancelled. After school table tennis will continue for two more weeks.

Free Dress Day for Flood Appeal
Student Leaders have decided that we will have a Free Dress Day for the School Aid Flood Appeal on Thursday, 14 March. Money raised goes to supporting schools affected by the recent floods. Students will be requested to provide a gold coin donation.

Health & Safety Meeting
In a few weeks, we will have our first Health and Safety Committee meeting for 2013. Actions that have occurred since our last meeting in 2012:

- Work area access permits for all works
- Staff trained in Asbestos, and Fire Safety awareness, and Curriculum Risk Assessment procedures
- Removal of fig tree at bus turn-around
- Provision of new stop sign at the car park exit
- Evacuation drills
- Lockdown procedure developed and trialled
- Buildings issues—Electrical checks, carpets cleaned, gutters cleaned
- Head Lice survey
- Other maintenance repairs including broken Prep gate and various windows

If you have any health or safety concerns, please contact the school so that these issues can be discussed at our next meeting on Tuesday, 26 March.

Stay safe.

Jeff Searle

School Calendar
March 6 (Wed) AFL Trials (and Fri 8 March) March 7 (Thur) Prep Newsmail photo day March 8 (Fri) Interschool Sport (away game) March 12 (Tue) P&C Meeting March 14 (Thur) Free Dress Day for the Flood Appeal March 18 (Mon) Parent / Teacher Meetings commence March 26 (Tue) Health & Safety Committee meeting 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
ICE CUPS are now on sale on Thursdays for 50 cents. Thanks for your supporting our excursions.

CLASS AWARDS

Riley P: Great listening all week and trying hard.
Olivia M: Always works hard in class!
Chelsea T: Learning sight words and letter sounds.
April A: Listening well in art.
Tahyna D: Always using beautiful manners.
Ella M: Great work with spelling.
Chloe G: Fantastic efforts in class and before school reading.
Brayden W: An amazing effort on 3 minute number facts.
Nick W: Being a helpful and responsible student.
Lara B: Excellent courtesy and good manners.
Dylan R: Making great progress in Maths.

March Birthdays
5 Jaeken G, 7 Finn M, 9 Kyle B
10 Billie-Jo P 10 Kaitlyn T
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QLD Women’s Building Connections

International Women’s Day
8 March 2013
Connect with Shooroom’s initiatives at
www.women.qld.gov.au or 1800 177 577

PILOTLIGHT PRODUCTIONS INC.
FLOOD RELIEF BENEFIT
Sat 9 March 7pm - 9.30pm
Entry by donation at door

Call Into BRAG from 4-30pm
Arts Auction - Entertainment
Childrens Activities - Food
Entry $10

ART ART ART ART
In Art we have been practising our colouring and are getting better at colouring and drawing pictures. We did magazine art where we had to cut a picture from a magazine and then glue the picture onto a piece of paper. The hardest part was drawing a picture showing the picture in an unexpected place. We had shampoo bottle rockets and butterflies, birds made from balls of string and a pencil holder car! Art is challenging and full of maths but is still fun. Can’t wait for next week.

Amber B, Riley H, Ryan W, Corban B, Todd M

MATHS
In maths we have been learning about the Split Method of multiplication making it easier to do big sums. In Challenge/Climb we have been learning our 2, 5 and 9 times tables. It’s a game and you have to Challenge or Climb to get to the top of the board. Every morning when school starts we do warm ups, about 45 challenging questions to practise what we have learnt in class. We have been learning about factors, multiples and estimating as well.

Dane M, Flynn P, Lily P, Josh T, Bailee T

ENGLISH
We have been talking about Fantasy stories in class and have learnt that every fantasy story has a plot, setting, theme and characters. We are reading the story of ‘The Forests of Silence-Deltora Quest’ and learning about Figurative language. Reading Groups are interesting. This week we are learning how to ask questions to help us understand the story we are reading. The most interesting story so far was about the Devil Guts plant. It wraps around another plant and sucks all the nutrients out of it. It’s a very interesting plant!

Zahli S, Emily D, Beven G, Ebony B, Nick W, Lucy S

SCIENCE
We have been finding our how animals adapt to their environment. We learnt that their adaptations can be behavioural or structural. Lizards have behavioural adaptation because they run and hide when they feel frightened. Birds have structural adaptations because their wings are shaped a special way to help them to fly. We look forward to Science so we can learn more.

Tyson D, Kai S, Zachary S

SOSE
We have been looking at maps and learning about their features. So far we have learnt about the Compass Rose, Northern and Southern Hemisphere and lines of longitude and latitude. We play a game to help us learn the points of the compass and do a SOSE warm up to help us remember what we are taught.

Brittani J, Desiree C, Connar W, Dalton B

Year 4/5/6 Class News

Beven focusing on his Maths
Challenge/Climb
Zahl doing her work
Connar working during English
Some of our artwork