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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

TERM 3 WEEK 9

Welcome to Week 9

Four Year Strategic Plan

- Quality Teaching
- Data Analysis
- Early Years/Early Start
- School Community

Parent Teacher Interviews

As we head towards the end of the term it is time for parents to begin thinking about interviews with their child's teacher. Please make some time either at the end of this term, or the beginning of the next term, to catch up with the progress your child has made. We don't want any surprises for report cards at the end of the year.

School Camp

Taking students out of their comfort zone and onto a camp continues to be a great experience. The opportunities that were provided to students at Kinchant Dam were awesome. The focus on the camp was on team building and leadership and the students certainly had to accomplish tasks that involved improving the communication and listening skills of all members of every team. The activities like High and Low Ropes, Canoeing and Raft Building, team building and bush art really enabled the students to pick up many skills. We also were able to link these activities to the curriculum (Maths, English, and Science) as well as communication and Growth Mindset. We have no less than 765 pictures taken on camp and they are available to all parents. The photos are currently on display on the monitor outside the office. The behaviour of the students was great and it was good to see them mix and work with the other camp that was with us for the week. I would like to thank Mr Schonfeld and Mrs Hawkins for the long hours they put in supporting students, running activities or making sure everything flowed the way it should. Thanks to parents for ensuring the money was paid before camp and the Students were prepared for the week. It was a great camp and many fun memories were created.

"Believe, Strive, Achieve"

Calendar of Events

Mobile Library

Thursday 7th September

10:00am – 12:00pm

Thursday 21st September

10:00am – 12:00pm

(School Holidays)

Prep Orientation Dates

Week 2 – Thursday 12th

October (8:50 – 10:00am)

Week 4 – Tuesday 24th

October (8:50 – 10:00am)

Week 6 – Wednesday 8th

November (8:50 – 10:30am)

Week 8 – Thursday 23rd

November (8:50 – 11:00am)

School Disco

Friday 15th Sept

Last day of school

5pm – 8pm

WATCH THIS SPACE
Important Announcements
— of interest to you. —



Career Dress Up day

On Thursday students will have the chance to dress up in their future, or favourite occupation that they would like to do when they grow up. The Prep students are going to be visited by special guests who will talk about their occupation. It is great to have members of the community involved especially when it comes to offering students different perspectives with regards to future employments – even for Preps!

Outdoor Education Day

A few weeks ago some members of the Year 2/3 class came to see me and requested that I speak to the staff about an Outdoor Education Day that they had seen advertised on the school computers. They wrote a very clear letter and presented it to me. Due to their letter and the way they presented their information I spoke with the staff and this week those students will be celebrating outdoor education day. To those students I congratulate them for the wanting to be involved and for making a difference. Good to see some future student leaders getting some leadership training.

STEM

Next week the STEM group will be visiting Sarina State School to participate in a number of activities that have been put together to develop their thinking skills and creativity.

Food choices

Some students really enjoyed the big meals that were on offer on camp. Now that they have come back to school they are going back to packet food and feeling hungry and a bit sick. I encourage all parents to consider the kind of food that is brought to school and ensure their child has enough food to eat for the day.

Sarina High School Visit

On Thursday Sarina State High School will be visiting the year 5/6 in preparation for high school in 2018. They will be here at 1:40 to answer any questions the students may have.

You Can Do It – Persistence

Explain that Hard Yakka is a term that can be used to refer to any task or activity we have to do that is not fun, exciting, or easy. Give some examples of things from your own life that you find to be Hard Yakka (e.g., correcting papers, planning lessons, running off worksheets, doing laundry).

Weekly Behaviour Focus

Be Safe Bus lines/Bus Travel Stay in your seat and sit still

*“I had discovered that learning something,
no matter how complex,
wasn't hard when I had a reason to want to know it”*

- October Sky

Students of the Week

Prep - HAYDEN 1/2 - KAYNE 2/3 - SKYLA 4/5 - 5/6 -

Learner Awards

NFP

25 Gotcha Bands

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50 Gotcha Bands

Ethan T, Tebani B & Lacey R

Tuckshop News

Friday 8th September: Vicki C & Kristy T

Monday 11th September: Roz S & Deslee S

Friday 15th September: NO TUCKSHOP Last Day of Term

If you are available to volunteer for Morning Munchies or Tuckshop please contact: Alexis Bella on 0407144977.

School News

A huge thank you to Mr Hamilton & Mr Huddleston for kindly hanging our two new swings. Your kind deed has meant that the students have another activity to do during their playtimes.

Last Friday was Teacher Aides Day. A day where we stop & reflect on the huge impact these kind & caring ladies have on our school. The variety of tasks they undertake is enormous whether it be from leading a guided reading lesson, conducting individual speech lessons or coming up with a way to store new resources. The staff & students would again like to say a big thank you for your support.

Last week a small group of year 4/5/6 students came to school and showed the staff their leadership skills. It was great to work with them and see how they used their initiative to get their own work done as well as be of assistance with the younger students when needed.

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