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“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Newsletter 15

Be a Learner



Be Safe



Be Respectful



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 3 Week 4

Prep	Dylan
1/2	Dylan
2/3	Brydie
4/5	Mia
Choir	Grace
Science	Abbey /Courtney
P'ground	Hayden
Principal's	Brooke

Term 3 Week 5

Prep	AJ
1/2	Charlie
2/3	Daisy
4/5	Shae
5/6	Lilly
Science	Tully /Shae
P'ground	Jennifer
Principal's	Mia
LOTE	Tom /Murray

CURRICULUM NEWS

Prep/1 – We have been learning to add and subtract and Year 1 have been practising their count on facts. In English, we have been reading stories and retelling them. Over the next few weeks, we will retell our favourite story. We are trying to remember to listen attentively and always use good manners.

Year 1/2 – In English, students have been listening to Indigenous and cultural folktales. They are learning to write a retell. Students will also be assessed on their ability to present their retell. When listening to your child read books at home, please ask them to retell the story for you.

Year 2/3 – We have been delving deeper into Social Justice and how different circumstances affect people differently. The students were required to answer a social justice question they created in class. They will then be creating their own presentation related to the question. In English, we have been reading “Kumiko and the Dragon” and looking at how words and pictures create a sense of feeling. In Maths, we have been exploring measurement and how we can measure different objects directly and indirectly.

Year 4/5 – This week we have been looking at poetry, in particular, A. B. Paterson’s ‘The Man from Ironbark’. The students have been busy analysing the poem and interpreting the meaning. The next step is to transform some of the poem into a narrative of their own!

Year 5/6 – Across the last fortnight, the class have been working in Mathematics lessons on rotations, transformations, translations and tessellations. During English, as a whole class, students have composed a school anthem. They have also investigated Australia’s National Anthem.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Tuesday and Friday our school held the Field Events and Athletics days for 2016. Many records were broken this year. Congratulations to the following students who broke records:

800m 10 year girls Angel 3:49:94
High Jump 10 y boys Harrison 118cm
Long Jump 9y girls Anabel 2.88m
11y girls Lilli 3.31m
Shotput 9y boys Caleb 6.00m
9 y girls Rachel 5.58m
10y girls Cassie 5.93m
12y girls Jade 6.92m
Discus 9y girls Anabel 12.9m
12y boys Huntah 23.94m
200m 10y girls Tahlia 39.13
Sprints -
7y boys Carter 9.13
10y boys Harrison 15.65
5y girls Daisy 11.49
7y girls Grace 9.30
10y girls Tahlia 17.00

Thank you to the P&C for providing the food stall to keep everyone going throughout the day. Thank you also to the parents and friends who so willingly assisted on the day.

Congratulations to Huntah , Harrison, Jade, Alistair, Angel and Tahlia on making it to the Pacific district trials.

BOOKWEEK

The theme for this year is **Australia! Story Country** and is celebrating Australian authors. We will be holding a Dress Up Day on Tuesday 23rd August. Students are invited to come along dressed as their favourite Australian book character/animal.

P.A.C.E

Thanks to everyone who attended the second ‘Parent Sharing’ group on Wednesday. It was great to see two new faces. Remember, ALL parents are welcome. Topics for discussion will be led by the group so please come along and raise any issue you would like discussed.

We have already made some changes regarding concerns discussed during the first group meeting. Computers and iPads will no longer be used as a reward for those children with behaviour plans. All students are able to buy extra computer or iPad time with their VISA’s. These devices are also used by all students during class lessons. It was agreed by everyone that this would be fairer to all students.

This week we discussed the effectiveness of detentions. The group felt that consequences would be more effective if on the days that students had a detention, they also attended Orange Room during second break. The student would then lose more free time and discuss the consequence with the supervising teacher, in a timely manner.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th August at 2.00 pm. The main topics for discussion will be:

- swearing in school and

- the impact an ASD (Autistic) child can have on other students in the class.

LOTE

A change of staffing has occurred around the implementation of LOTE. Mrs Neal will be teaching the Year 4 students for the first hour on a Thursday morning while Mrs Christidis will teach LOTE lessons for the Year 5 and 6 students. It is envisaged that this will occur until the end of the year.

DAFFODIL DAY

Most of us know someone affected by cancer. Every day, around 350 Australians are diagnosed with cancer. But every day there is more reason for hope than ever before. Cancer research is discovering new and better treatments, cancer prevention campaigns are working, and support for those affected by cancer is improving all the time. Every donation can help take us one step closer to beating cancer. Your support will help make a difference for cancer patients and their families all over Australia.

Daffodil Day is Friday 26th August.

Students are invited to wear yellow clothing in place of their uniform and bring along a gold coin donation towards the Cancer Council.

READING PROGRAM

As part of our school improvement agenda we are focussing on the implementation of reading across the whole school. The aim of this process is to ensure that there is a whole school approach to reading and that all classes are implementing reading within the same framework. It has been proven that a consistent approach to implementation has greater benefits for all children involved. The staff had our second visit from the Teaching & Learning Team yesterday with a more consistent understanding of different reading methods evident. This is a long term project and will involve further professional development of all staff members.

UNIFORMS

The wearing of appropriate uniform has once again become a concern for the school

community. The wearing of a school uniform instils pride in students. As part of our major and minor consequences, not wearing correct uniform may incur a detention. If there is a valid reason for not being in school uniform, please ensure you send a note along with your child to reduce the chances of them being reprimanded.

BEHAVIOUR

There has been an increase in the number of inappropriate behaviours within the school in recent times. Despite having tried many strategies for dealing with some of these behaviours, we have found that they are still continuing. We therefore find ourselves in the situation where we are having a higher number of students in detention. We understand that these inappropriate behaviours are a concern for many parents and we are trying to decrease the impact that they have on the entire school population.

DAYS OF EXCELLENCE

During this month, there are a number of special days being held at schools in the region covering the subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Permission notes for these have already been sent home this week with the children who have been selected to attend. Details are as follows:

August 15th – STEM Expo at Beaudesert State School

August 24th – Science Day of Excellence at Flagstone Community College

August 24th – Fairy Tale STEM Expo at Flagstone State School

August 24th – Science Day of Excellence at Woodhill State School (Solar Robots)

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 14th – Working Bee 9am-12noon

August 15th – STEM Expo – Beaudesert SS

August 18th & 19th – Regional Athletics
August 23rd – Book Week Dress Up Day
August 24th - Solar Robots Woodhill SS 9.30-2.15
- Fairy Tale STEM Expo – Flagstone SS
- Science Day of Excellence Flagstone
Community College
September 14th – Arts Council “Ghana Beat my
Drum”

Beaudesert Cricket Club In.

SIGN ON and Come and try Day

Sunday 28 August 2016

Everdell Park Gleneagle

8 to 12 midday

For more information please call 0407637668

**FREE DENTAL SCHEME EXTENDED FOR
QUEENSLAND CHILDREN.**

Queensland children will continue to benefit from free dental care, after a Federal Government program was extended through to the end of 2016.

Director of Metro South Oral Health Dr Helen Boocock said the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) program provides up to \$1000 per eligible child for dental treatment.

“Children can use CDBS for a range of high-quality dental services such as examinations, xrays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions,” Dr Boocock said.

“Unfortunately, the levels of tooth decay in Queensland children are far too high – almost a quarter of Queensland children aged 5-15 years have four or more teeth affected by decay.

“Some families may be worried about how their child will cope with a dental appointment, but our dentists and dental therapists are very experienced and know how to make children feel at ease.”

The Federal Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) program provides free dental care for 2–17 year olds, who are part of a family receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or other Australian Government payments.

Dr Boocock said that even if a child was not eligible for CDBS, they could still be eligible for free dental care with Metro South Health.

“All children aged four through to year 10 at school are eligible for free public dental care, as well as children aged 0-3 years and those in grades 11 and 12 whose parents have a current Centrelink, Healthcare or Pension Card,” she said.

To check eligibility or to make an appointment, call 1300 300 850 or visit www.metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au/oral-health.



The poster is for Beaudesert Little Athletics and is divided into four quadrants by a black cross. The top-left quadrant is white and contains registration information: "Sign On:", "Online Registration Website: www.beaudesertlittleas.com.au", "OR", "13th & 27th August 2016", "9am -12", "St Mary's School Oval Bromelton St Beaudesert", and contact details for the Registrar and Centre Manager. The top-right quadrant is yellow and features the text "We're a Get Started club" with a small graphic of two people, "find out more >>>", and "Beaudesert Little Athletics". The bottom-left quadrant is white and contains the text "1st Competition Saturday 10th September 2016 Ages 5-17". The bottom-right quadrant is white and contains the text "Family, Fun & Fitness", the Jetstar logo, and the Little Athletics Queensland logo. The bottom-left quadrant also contains several small photographs of children participating in various athletic activities.

