Every student succeeding every day

Every day counts

As the end of term draws near it is important to remember that “Every day counts at school”. The last two weeks of a term are particularly busy with assessment tasks and testing that your child needs to complete. This is an important time as it assists teachers in forming your child’s grades and also plan how to assist and move your child forward with their learning. If for any reason you need to be away please contact your child’s class teacher to see what class work they may be missing out on.

Parent Interviews

Parent interviews to discuss your child’s progress will occur early in Term 4, if you have any queries or concerns that you would like to address with your child’s class teacher before this time please contact them to make an appointment. Notes with times available for interviews will be sent home shortly.

Same-Day Absences

Thank you to all those parents who are contacting the school before 9.30am on the day their child is away. Please remember if your child is away sick more than three days in a row, we require a doctor’s certificate.

Illness

Prevention:
- Good hygiene is essential to protect yourself and others:
- stay home when you are sick
- wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand gel
- wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- use a tissue, or the inside of your arm, when you cough and sneeze
- throw tissues away immediately and wash hands
- don’t share items such as cigarettes, cups, lipstick, toys or anything which has come into contact with the mouth or nose
- stay at least 1 metre away from people who have flu-like symptoms
- clean frequently touched surfaces regularly, such as door handles, taps, tables, benches and fridge doors.

Influenza (The Flu) – Queensland Health Fact Sheet
School Accounts

- Paper statements sent home tomorrow, Thursday.
- A Swag of Tales $6 performance fee to be paid by this Friday.
- Yr5/6 camp $50 deposit due 16th Sept, full amount due 7th October

If you are having issues paying your account please speak to Chris or Judi promptly to arrange a payment plan and avoid your child missing out on attending events.

Toowoomba Chess
Congratulations to our 16 players who competed in the Toowoomba Regional Teams Championship on Tuesday. All teams placed well and all players faced some very serious competition. Such was the level of play, even the 1st placed team from Toowoomba Grammar School lost 7 games throughout the day. A special mention to our Team 1 who placed 7th overall, only 1 1/2 points behind qualifying for state championship level and our girls team of who were only 2 1/2 points behind the highest placed girls team from Glennie School. I cannot speak highly enough of our students’ sportsmanship and responsible behaviour on the day, especially our team captains. They were a credit to our school and a number of comments reflecting that fact were made to me by chess officials at the tournament. Thank you to our parents for transporting and accompanying students—Tanya, Rita, Rose, Lucy, Elyssa, Michelle and Felicity. We look forward to some local competition in Stanthorpe next term and our own school league.

Compulsory Prep Year
Attending Prep is now compulsory From 2017, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Prep Year, prior to commencing Year 1.
To minimise disruption to schools and families, the new requirement will not apply to children already enrolled in Year 1 for 2017.

Since Prep started in 2007, there have been noticeable improvements to learning outcomes for children who participate in Prep. The vast majority of Queensland parents already choose to enrol their child in Prep when they reach the eligible age. Making Prep compulsory ensures all children develop the knowledge and skills provided by the Prep Year that form the foundation for future learning.

Prep/Year 1 News
Thank you for sending your under eights permission slips back promptly. We have lots of lovely helpers.
This week we will be finishing some assessment as I will be away next week.
Many children have a list of sight words that they need to continue to practise for whatever hundred they are up to. After they know these then they will go back to their coloured sheets.
A special thankyou to my parent helpers who come in and read of a morning your help is very much appreciated.

Mrs Willoughby

Orientation Days for 2017 Prep Students
I am currently in the process of organising our open days for our new prep students. If you have or know of someone who will be coming next year to our school please let me know or ring the school to let them know. I will be sending out letters the first week back.

Mrs Willoughby

OZ Tag
Last Thursday we had three representatives from Oztag come and give the children a quick lesson in Oztag. All the children had a great time and many of them made it to the sign-on afternoon at Sullivan Oval that day.

Chess

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Awards
The following students have received awards for following our school expectations of being Safe, Respectful, Responsible and a Learner: Zeke, Louella, Christopher, Jake, Ethan R, Ryan, Joshua L, Zali, Sophie, Eavie, Hayley M and Olivia.

Playgroup
There is no playgroup next week because of Under 8s Day in town. All children are welcome to attend the Under 8s Day celebrations at Weeroona Park starting at 9:30.

Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL
This week has been a super WOW week with our Super WOW teachers handing out double WOW points for our expected behaviours. This week we focussed on being Responsible and following our lunch time procedures.

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Year 6 Pasta Making

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Oztag was great fun!!!

Most Aesthetically Pleasing Bridge - Spaghetti Bridges 2016
FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE -
Our Father’s Day Raffle was drawn on Friday afternoon by Mrs Torrisi’s class. The Winning tickets were:-
1st Prize - Purple C50 - Bladen
2nd Prize - Red B051 - Peter O’Brien
3rd Prize - Red A022 - Trev Carnell

Thank you to all who supported our raffle. We raised $768.50
Thank you to Lucy, Felicity, Kristy, Tanya and Rita who helped sell tickets in town.

Fundraising—YR 5/6 Camp
This term our fundraising focus has been on raising money to subsidise the students for the YR 5/6 school camp. As you can see from the ‘Fundraising Thermometer’ on the right, there is still a long way to go. Your support of the P&C is very much appreciated

P&C Collection Box - There is a green P&C Collection box in the library. Please use this box for P&C notes and not the Red Box. Thank you.

**Important Dates**
- **Wed Sept 14** GB Under 8s Day
- **Thurs Sept 15** Arts Council Performance
- **Thurs Sept 15** GB Maths Challenge (Yr 6 team only)
- **Fri Sept 16** Last day of Term 3

**Free Computer Packages for Students**
All state school students from Prep to Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment.
Students who want the free software will need an active login, school email account and password - those who don’t have these should contact the school office.

Currently, MS Office Suite 2013 is available for students’ personal equipment only - not equipment which is part of a school network.

If your child has their MIS & passwords already, go to [http://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx](http://portal.office.com/OLS/MySoftware.aspx)

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