TERM 1 WEEK 1
FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Welcome to the 2015 school year!
We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for another big year.

SHARED PRINCIPAL ROLE
Mrs Annette Chappell has joined us in 2015 to cover the vacancy left by Mrs Atkins. Annette will share the principal role on a Tuesday and Friday this semester and we welcome her to our school.

2015 STAFFING & CLASSES
Please note that until Day 8 of the school year, all classes are Draft. On Day 8 a whole of state collection of current enrolments occurs and only after this date can final numbers be calculated for the school year. All school budgets, staffing and resources are based on these figures.

If you know of any families that are moving to the area, please contact the school urgently as these can be counted in our collection. If any questions, please discuss with Rebekkah or Annette.

As many families would be aware, Mrs Stablum took Term 4 off to help care for her father. He has continued to make a great recovery and Mrs Stablum returns to work. With Mrs Atkins moving to Eungella in the Principal role, we welcome Mrs Annette Chappell who was fortunate to visit our school and meet everyone in the later part of 2014 in the shared principal and teacher role.

Draft Classes for 2015 (pre Day 8)

Prep  Mrs Melissa Francis & Ms Lauren Noli
Year 1/2 Mrs Julie Richardson
Year 2/3 Mrs Williams
Year 3/4 Ms Jenny Cork (aka Mrs Fergus)
Year 5/6 Mrs Annette Chappell & Mrs Roanna Watson
HPE  Mr Jim Hamilton-Smith (Mondays)
LOTE  Ms Christina Harkins (Fridays)
The Arts  Mrs Rhonda Stablum (Thursday & Fridays)
Special Needs  Mrs Melissa Siemer (Monday & Tuesdays)
Support Teacher (Literacy/Numeracy)  Ms Rebekkah Pollard
BOOKLISTS
Please ensure all children have the requirements for the school year. Many classroom routines are established today and it is vital the students have correct books and other classroom resources.

If you are still finalising these, please do so immediately to give your child the best possible chance. If you have any problems, please contact your class teachers asap.

All items need to be clearly marked with names!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
We aim for 0–5 days (95% - 100%) absence each semester. How did your child or children go last semester and what goals do they need to set for this semester? (details sent home with 2014 semester 2 report card)

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Have a great week!
Regards, Rebekkah & Annette

CLASS OVERVIEW
Please find attached a copy of your child’s class overview for Term 1.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

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THANK YOU
A huge thank you to Lil (Lola Wright’s Grandma) for making our new Prep pockets. They are beautiful.

MEDIA CONSENT FORMS
Attached to this week's newsletter is a copy of the current Media Consent Form. If you are a new student (2015) you completed this on enrollment. All other students need to complete this annually. Please complete and return to school by Friday.

EARLY DEPARTURES OR LATE ARRIVALS AND ABSENCES
If your child arrives late (late arrival) or needs to leave school early (early departure), the parent/guardian is required to sign them in or out at the office. Parents are unable to drop them off at the classroom or at the front gate. The teacher will instruct you to sign them in or out at the office. This is a legal requirement within Educational Policy.

If your child is away, please phone the school office to notify them so a reason can be entered onto our electronic roll system. Students with absence alerts (under 85% attendance) will be followed up with admin. Alternatively, a note can be sent to school the next day advising of the absence. Attached to the newsletter is the schools Absence Note which can also be used. Other siblings telling the teacher why a child is absent is appreciated, but formal parent notification is required (phone call, letter, note).

CYCLONE PREPARATIONS
Each year we remind families about the procedures to follow when there is a concern about the weather. If you are at home and wondering if school will be on due to the weather or a forecast of heavy rain and a cyclone in our vicinity, please listen to ABC Tropical North (101.10) for the latest in school closures. We are unable to close a school unless there is an immediate threat or dangers from the weather making it unsafe to return to work. However,
everything is done in our powers to ensure that schools (and Kindys) are open for business to enable parents to return to work or deal with their own clean up.

In addition there are also procedures for students who travel to/from school with regards to Seaforth Creek flooding prior to the normal after-school drop off and coinciding with summer high tides. Should there be a prediction of a possible impassable bridge after school, an early bus run contingency plan will be actioned (given continued heavy rain and high tide). Children are only dropped home on the Cape Hillsborough Run (Cape Hillsborough, Haliday Bay, Ball Bay, etc) if prior permission (phone call to the parent to notify, but also ensure someone is home for drop off) has been given. No child will be returned home early prior unless permission is given. The last situation we want is for a child to be on one side of the creek and the family to be on the other side.

Please do not ring a staff member to ask if school is on and please don’t ring the McKenzies to find out about the bus. It is easier for everyone to tune in to the radio for the most up-to-date information.

Remember: The safest place for a child in unpredictable weather is with their parents!

**HEAD LICE – HAIR UP PLEASE**

To reduce the chance of headlice, all hair is required to be tied up (if shoulder length or longer). Please check your child/ren’s hair regularly and notify the school office if headlice is found. Hair is required to be treated immediately if lice or eggs are found.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School banking will be every Tuesday. If you are interested in getting a Dollarmites account for your child, please see Denyelle at the office.

**PARKING**

Please park in the designated parking areas for drop off and pick up of children. These are on the grassed area behind Mrs Williams classroom (2/3) or the carpark at the end of the concrete walkway, that leads to the grassed area at the side of the school. Please do not park in front of the houses beside the school as this is both dangerous and illegal. There are marked signs that convey this message. And lastly, do not park in the staff parking or kindy parking unless you are a kindy parent dropping off kindy kids.

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