TERM 1 WEEK 8

FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Well what a few weeks we have had. Interesting to go away for a two day conference only to return 11 nights later!

As you may be aware I was one of the unfortunate 270 people who were sick as a result of the salmonella poisoning and one of the 24 hospitalised during the Principal Conference in Brisbane at the end of February. I return to work today and am feeling much better.

Thanks to Annette Chappell who stepped up and Howard Frost who came and helped out while I was away recovering. A big thanks to everyone else for working really hard and getting on with the improvement agenda and not slackening off!

LETTER HOME TODAY

Please ensure you read the information sent home to all families today in the newsletter.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on Friday, 20 March 2015.

This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

In the coming weeks we will be exploring what bullying is through our newsletter articles. The full fact sheet can be available at: http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources/pdf/fast-fact-bullying-in-schools.pdf

Please see page 1 focus for this week attached to the newsletter which explores:

- What is bullying?
- Is every conflict between students bullying?
- What does the ‘misuse of power’ mean?
- Why is the definition of bullying important?
- How is bullying different from violence, harassment and discrimination?
Please remember that parents are first to meet with class teachers with any concerns and then if issues persist, to make an appointment with the principal.

Unless your child reports an incident to a teacher on duty or to their class teacher, we may not know anything about an incident. It is impossible to respond if nothing has been reported.

Under no circumstances are you to approach another student at school regarding an issue with your child. This is a matter for the teacher and/or principal to investigate and not the parent. Parents who make threats towards another student or target another student will be banned from entering the school and reported to the police.

For further details see the policy for Hostile People on School Premises, Willful Disturbance and Trespass: http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/corp/governance/Pages/Hostile-People-on-School-Premises,-Wilful-Disturbance-and-Trespass.aspx

MARK SVENDSEN WRITING WORKSHOPS
Last Tuesday, six year 5/6 students travelled to Calen District School to participate in a writing workshop conducted by Yeppoon based author Mark Svendsen. During the workshop, Mark worked closely with the students on writing an orientation in narrative writing, using the show don’t tell method of writing. He encouraged the students to become inspired by books and discover how easy it could be, to be an author themselves. Aine, Aaron, Alex, Drew and Darragh would like to thank their parents for getting them to the workshop and the school for allowing them an opportunity to become inspired about writing.

This week a small group of students in Year 3 & 4 have been selected to participate in the writing workshop at Hampden School on Wednesday 18th March from 1:30 – 3:30pm.

Classroom Makeover Tokens:
Last chance to get your classroom makeover tokens in this week. They are all due back at school by the end of this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

14/5/2015  NAPLAN - Numeracy
Have a great week!
Regards, Rebekkah & Annette

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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<td>Evie Hussey</td>
<td>Her sensational sentence writing.</td>
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<td>Jayden Harris</td>
<td>Giving thoughtful answers and keen to learn.</td>
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<td>Amity Jackson</td>
<td>For always bursting with enthusiasm for learning.</td>
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<td>Lavinia Long</td>
<td>For consistently applying yourself to all tasks.</td>
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INSERTS
- Bullying No Way!
- Relocation Letter

EASTER HAT PARADE
The Easter Hat Parade for Kindy to year 2 students is being held in the Library on Wednesday the 1st of April from 9am-9:30am. Parents are welcome to attend to watch the class presentations.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TOURS
A Swag of Tales is being held this Wednesday the 18th/3 at 9am. Cost is $6/student, $15/family. All students are encouraged to attend. Please return the money to the office.

STUDENT LEADERS CEREMONY
Have a look on our school website for photo’s of the leaders with Jason Costigan. https://seaforthss.eq.edu.au

BUS NEWS
From time to time circumstances may dictate that a change to your child’s usual bus routine is necessary. This could mean you would like them to get off at a different stop, or even that they will need to catch the other bus.

To enhance communication in this regard between the home, school and bus operators, please notify both the school (49590133) and the Bus drivers (Graham- 0437 788 674, Robyn- 0437 788 375) if there is to be any change to your child’s bus routine.

PLEASE NOTE: There was a mistake printed in last week’s Bus Notice, DO NOT contact Kay Jackson with any Bus Changes. Please contact either Graham or Robyn.

Sorry for any inconvenience this error has caused.
P & C NOTICES

CHOCOLATE DRIVE FUNDRAISER
All monies, boxes and any unsold chocolates are to be returned by Wednesday the 25th of March to the office. If you are having problems selling them feel free to drop them to the office as other families then have the opportunity to sell them.

DONATIONS PLEASE
The P&C are in need of eskees for fundraising events eg Mega Market BBQ’s and the annual dance at the end of the year.

So if you have an esky sitting there gathering dust or maybe yours just isn’t big enough to fit that big Spanish Mackerel you are chasing, the P&C could certainly put it to good use.

TUCKSHOP
Parents please note: Tuckshop is changing the money policy.

If the change from your child/ren’s tuckshop is greater than $5, a credit will be added to your child/ren’s name rather than attached to the tuckshop bag.

Ideally the correct monies owing is preferable.

UNIFORM SHOP
Open Monday and Wednesday 8:00am – 9:00am

UNIFORM PRICES
Jumpers $20.00 (Sz 6-16)
Shirts - $25.00
Skorts - $14.00 (Sz 4-8)
Hats - $15.00
Homework folder - $12.00
Heavy duty chair bag - $11.00
Pencil case - $6.00

BUFFSTARS COFFEE
A mobile coffee café will be at school from 7:45am every Monday morning. Find us in the grass field behind Mrs William’s classroom.

TAI CHI
Held at the Kindy every Friday morning from 9am-10am. $5 for the session.

FOR SALE
2003 Honda XR80. Runs well, great kids bike in good condition. $1000 ono
Ph 0420 909 068 or see Denyelle in the office.

GET YOUR FAMILY ACTIVE AND EATING WELL
Local families can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are now open for a group to commence in Mackay term 2, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of everyday life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

In need of a tutor or some extra help/support for your child with homework?

Someone who can work around you & come to you?

I offer a friendly, engaging, supportive & comfortable environment for learning, with the ability to prepare session plans to meet goals.

I have a strong academic background & I'm currently studying a Degree in Accounting. I also have high Microsoft Office Skills & Advanced skills in Microsoft Excel.

For more information please contact Beck on 0488 722 412.