Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Although it’s now week 3, I would like to say a very big welcome back! I had a fabulous couple of weeks with my family and we played tourist in Rockhampton and Mackay. One of my sisters lives in Doha with her husband and children and it has been 3 years since I’ve seen them in person, so it was a very special time for us all.

I would like to say a monumental thank you to Mr D who very willingly and capably took on my role during my absence. He only had great things to say about the students and staff (which always makes me very proud!) and is happy to come back for more days (which is even better!)

What a wonderful surprise it was to arrive back and find that we gained a new enrolment! Welcome to Lekeisha and her family! We are so happy to have you join our school and be apart of our school community.

As you are aware, we are having a full school review tomorrow and Friday. The School Improvement Unit (SIU) reviews are designed to support a school’s ongoing improvement agenda. The reviews do not rank or compare a school’s performance, or that of the principal or staff, but are an opportunity for all members of the school community to provide feedback on how the school is helping students achieve quality educational outcomes. As mentioned, the reviewers would love to speak to parents about our school. Most interviews will happen tomorrow (Thursday) and a time has been pencilled in between 1:30-2:00 for parents.
I believe the reviewers will phone parents for a chat but are willing to meet face-to-face also. Please see me in the morning if you would like a face-to-face meeting. I’m looking forward to meeting the reviewers and showcasing our little school. Please find attached a parent fact sheet about the Review process.

It’s been brilliant to see the achievement and progress in the classroom. Students are becoming more adept at independently writing their thoughts down in well-structured sentences and high frequency words are being spelt with more accuracy. This is exactly what we want to see and what the students have been working towards!!! Well done everyone!

As of Monday 8th of August, we will be joined by a CQU prac student, Mrs Melinda Holdsworth for three weeks. Please make her feel welcome.

I have heard wonderful reports from Mr D and Mrs Fisher about the excursion to Whitsunday Voices. We are grateful to have the Winchester Foundation sponsor our school to attend. This included bus transport, admission to all sessions, morning tea and lunch as well as the beautiful polo shirts. To demonstrate our appreciation of this generosity, I encourage students to wear these polo shirts on Fridays.

This Friday afternoon at 2:15pm we will be holding a parade. Student of the Week will be handed out for this term (Weeks 1-3). As always, parents are invited to attend.

Again, I would like to congratulate the P&C on the successful grant! The new fence has certainly given the place a spruce up out the front and I look forward to seeing the back fence when completed. The new table and chair sets are a great asset for the school and it’s lovely to see both the playgroup and students utilising them during lunchtimes.

Geraldine Parkes

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**Attendance**

Our attendance rate is currently **92.8%**

Our target is **95%**

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**Our new bench seat!**

Thank you P & C.!
P&C Meeting - Wednesday 3rd of August 6pm. New members are always welcome to come along. The focus of this meeting will be our upcoming fundraisers;

Cake stall at the Kinchant Dam OEC Open Day (20th August 10am) - Get your best recipes out and ask family and friends if they are able to donate some yummy home baking for this fundraiser. We will also need some volunteers to help on the day.

Cocktails in the Canefields (10th September 4-9pm). Plans are already underway and tickets should be on sale very soon. Our Major Sponsors so far are the Railway Hotel and Starcut Flowers. We already have a Hamilton Island Holiday (2 nights accommodation including transfers) as a major raffle prize, along with 2 nights at Cape Gloucester Eco Resort, which is amazing! If you know of any businesses that would be happy to be a sponsor of our event or donate a prize for our raffle, please let us know or bring them into school. We will have formal letters for you to take to these businesses at our next meeting.

* Please put these dates on the calendar as we will be needing all hands on deck the few days before the events and on the day of.

Positions Vacant - Vice President and Treasurer (Melissa has kindly offered to stay in this role until a replacement is found). If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please come and see me or talk to Geraldine. We are all very new to these roles and so we support and help each other as we go.

Grant - The new outdoor seating has arrived and it’s great to see both the playgroup and school students making good use of them. The front fence is now complete and looks amazing!! The oval has been delayed due to the rain, but will hopefully be finished soon.

Tenille Hildred
Student of the week

Great behaviour awards

NAME
For excellent effort during class — completing set tasks and always trying

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