2016 School Improvement Focus:
Reading Comprehension & Numeracy skills

Small School Athletics Carnival
Congratulations: We are super proud of all our students who put in a top effort on Friday at the athletics carnival, winning the Athletics Percentage Trophy and also being awarded the overall winners of the day! It was very pleasing to see the students ‘Striving to Achieve’ in all their events, cheering each other on and enjoying the friendly competition. What impressed me the most throughout the day is that even though some of us did not experience a win or a place in an individual event, I didn’t observe any of our students showing bad sportsmanship. This makes our win as the 2016 champions even more special! Well done students on your efforts and representing our school so positively. If anyone has photos from the day, we would love to get a copy for the school.

Athletics Results: Congratulations to the following students who received age champions on Friday.
Minor Girls: Silvana Silvestro
Runner Up: Grace Adams
Minor Boys: Lukas Milburn
Junior Girls: Anna Moore
Junior Boys: Zac Adams
Senior Boys: Elim Moore
Runner Up: Richard Dean

Special mention must also go to Olivia Anderson who tied for Age Champion Runner Up, and only narrowly missed out on a count back. Well done Olivia!

Upcoming Events:
Remember to keep these important dates on your calendar!!

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Congratulations to Grace Adams who receives Student of the Week for making the extra effort with her handwriting.

Well Done Grace

Gotcha Awards!

It was very pleasing to see so many cards in the “Gotcha Box”. Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out this week.

Grace Adams: Setting a good example by working quietly in English
Olivia Anderson: Kindly helping Mrs M.
Tallon Booth: Promptly attending Music lessons
Elly Pearson: Great effort during English
Oakley Wagenknecht: Waiting quietly with hands on his head after completing work.
Thank You!
A big thank you and special mention to our P&C ladies Tanya, Jayme, Leanne, Joy and Sue, who were working in the canteen for most, if not all of the day. Thank you to other parents that assisted at some stage throughout the day.

Ministerial Holiday
Next Monday 08th August 2016 is our Local Ministerial Holiday. Please be aware this is a non-school attendance day. Enjoy the long weekend!

Classroom Catch Up

English:
Over the past few weeks our students have been busy studying Poetry. Year 1, 2 and Prep are engaging with poetry, listening to, reading and viewing a variety of poems to explore sound patterns and features of plot, character and setting. The assessment will be to recite a poem to the class and recognise poetic features such as rhyme. Year 3 – 6 students have been busy reading and viewing a range of poetry, including, anthems, odes and other lyric poems from different contexts. They will interpret and evaluate poems, analysing how text structures and language features have been constructed by the poet, for specific purposes and effects. Their assessment will be transforming and analysing a poem.

Maths:
Year 1, 2 and Prep are looking at capacity. Using the terms full, almost full, half full/empty, almost empty and empty. They have also been focusing on counting forwards and backwards, skip counting in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s and simple addition and subtraction using the part-part-whole method.
Year 3 – 6 are focused on tessellating shapes.

Phonic Focus:
The sounds that be have been consolidating this week are ‘or’ as is fork, ‘a’ as in ball, ‘au’ as in sauce, ‘aw’ as in saw and ‘oor’ as in door.
Prep students have been focusing on the letter ‘oO’ as in Old Orange Octopus.

Vegetable Gardens:
Thank you to Elly Pearson who donated some chili seeds for our vegetable garden. On Monday the Prep and Year 1 students planted the seeds. Let’s hope they grow and produce enough chillies for us to start making the famous McIlwraith Sweet Chilli Sauce.

Library Borrowing:
Don’t forget library this week. With the recent sport carnivals we have been a bit out of routine.

Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful

If children follow these three rules they will have success in all activities!

The Weekly Tip
Did you know... the brain has formed most of the connections it will use throughout life by age ten?

100 Most Used Words
Encourage your child to identify the words from the list below.

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a  do  into  over  three
about  dog  is  people  time
after  down  it  play  to
all  for  just  ran  too
an  from  like  said  two
and  get  little  saw  up
are  go  man  school  us
as  going  me  see  very
at  good  morning  she  was
back  got  mother  so  water
be  had  my  some  we
because  have  night  soon  went
big  he  no  that  were
but  her  not  the  what
by  him  of  their  when
came  his  off  them  will
can  home  on  then  with
could  I  one  there  would
day  if  our  they  yes
did  in  out  this  you
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**Homework**
There have been a large number of students still not completing homework activities. Please ensure spelling words are written out each night (4 times in total), 5 sentences for the week are completed, homework sheets and sound waves are completed, times tables are written out each night, reading is undertaken EVERY night and sight words are viewed EVERY night of the week. Homework must be presented neatly! Parents must be reminded to sign reading logs EVERY night of the week. Students who do not wish to complete homework or reading will not be granted the privilege of school camp.
Prep students also have spelling words this term. This week’s words are: had, bad, sad, mad, dad.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Keep reading! Students are encouraged to read widely for pleasure and learning in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated on their reading log.
Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. The reading period for Prep - Year 9 students is 16th May – 26th August. Happy Reading Everyone!
Congratulations to Riley Macaulay who has now completed the challenge.

**Student Banking**
Just a reminder, Student Banking Day is Wednesday. Please do not send in banking books until Wednesday.

**Second Hand Uniforms**
We have a variety of second hand uniforms for sale. These can be purchased from the school office. If you are interested please see Mrs M or myself. Below are sizes and prices that are available.

- Girls Dress Size 5 …. $5.00
- Zip Front Jumper (Slammers Brand) Size 4 …. $5.00
- 2 x School Polo’s Size 5 …. $2.00
- School Polo Size 6 …. $2.00
- Girls Skorts Size 6 (Scags Brand) …. $2.00
- Girls Skorts (Stubbies Brand) Size 6 …. $2.00
- Girls Leggings Pants Size 4 …. $2.00
- Fleece Tracksuit Pants Size 6 …. $3.00

**Free Playgroup Queensland Membership Offer**
Queensland families who register with Playgroup Queensland before their child’s first birthday can now receive a free 12-month membership as part of the Queensland Government’s Play Stars initiative. Playgroups provide fun experiences that support children to learn and grow through play, and help parents connect. To find out more and register, visit the Playgroup Queensland website (http://www.playgroupqueensland.com.au/become-a-member/play-stars/).

Yours in Education

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