Message from the Principal:

Hello Everyone,

Back to my methodical, measured and perhaps my uninspiring principal’s report. Steph’s report in the last newsletter sounded positively lively. Anyway, this is my way of thanking Steph for the capable work she did as acting principal while I was on LSL.

Peter Baker, my supervisor, visited the school on Friday the 14th of August. Generally the conversations we have are data driven these days. I can say that Peter was happy with solid gains we have made with writing and the fact that we had no students under National Minimum Standards for Reading. He was generally supportive of the direction we are taking as a school as we continue to seek improvements.

It is getting close to the Sydney and Canberra excursion. There will be an information evening next Wednesday 26 August at 3:15 pm and the Southbrook students will be here that day and their parents will attend the information session. The students and myself are getting excited as we get close to this event. The P/1/2 class and the 3 / 4 class will be having their excursion on September 9. Exciting times!

Last week I attended a very positive P&C Meeting. It was heartening to see such great attendance and once again I would like to thank the executive for doing a great job. One of the items discussed was the organization of staff for the Brookstead State School Centenary. It was great to listen to the level of cooperation and organization and the making of an awful lot of cupcakes. I guess I am just humbled by the commitment that many people have towards this school.

Have a great fortnight

Michael

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**FATHER’S DAY STALL**

Monday 31 Aug to Thursday 3 Sept.

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P-4 VISIT TO DARLING Downs ZOO
On Wednesday 9 September, the P-4 students will be going to Darling Downs Zoo near Clifton. We will be leaving the school at 9.15 am and returning around 2.45pm. Thank you to those families who have already returned their notes and money. We are asking parents to supply homemade for our morning / afternoon tea but lunch will be supplied.

Sydney / Canberra Camp for years 5/6
Well it is now only 3 weeks till year 5/6 leave for their week long camp to Canberra and then on to Sydney. Final payments are required no later than Monday 24 August.

A parent meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 August at 3.00pm to answer any questions you may have in regard to this camp. Medical forms must be completed and handed into the office by Monday 24 August and Medication forms with the medication to be handed to Michael / Lynda on the morning of 10 September.

See you at the meeting!!

Chappy Chat
I've been pretty busy in the first month since school has resumed. I'm undertaking further study to equip myself better in my role as a Chaplain, and have been away for a week in Brisbane at my first block of study. Then Chaplain's all over Qld (700 of us) had their annual conference at Sea World not long after that. Now I'm finally getting settled back into routine, and someone has shared a cold with me!! Wonderful!!

Below are two links to children's books on grief, and separation and divorce. I'm pretty sure most parents reading this newsletter have had to deal with these issues, in some way, with your child. I've got some of these books, and am happy to go through them with your child/ren if you wish. If there is a need – just let me know. Otherwise, if you are interested – check out the web site – there are heaps of resources around us to help us out!

http://childrensbooksdaily.com/must-have-children-books-on-grief-empathy-and-feelings/

Until next time,
Karen.