From the Principal

Hello Everyone

My feeling is that students and teachers are getting into routines and real learning is starting to happen.

This year we have again been fortunate to receive “Investing for Success” funding of $18000. This money is for school improvement. This is not for improvement to infrastructure but for student learning. We plan this carefully based on the assessment data we have and also I have consulted with the P&C and staff to determine the best interests of the students. We will focus on improving in three key areas:

* Early Language: Staff will learn to teach the Polly Early Language Program for our prep students to better develop language and phonemic awareness skills. We will better target students requiring additional support. This is vital as our students participate in more formal English lessons.

* Writing: We will extend on the improvements we made last year where teachers use information gained from moderating work samples to better plan next steps to teach students.

* Maths: We will use assessment data to better diagnose, plan and teach misconceptions students may have. We will also better integrate problem solving into our teaching.

There will be an improved focus on our more capable students this year and the Maths and Writing improvements will be aligned with the Gifted and Talented plan that I am rewriting this year. That said, successful programs will continue and I am particularly proud when I see data showing strong student development.

Homework Club commences next week on Wednesday 24 November from 3:00 to 4:00. I have had lots of notes returned and I will create a roll. Please inform the school if you are on this roll and your child is unable to attend. It is also important that involved children have their assigned classroom homework in their bag each Wednesday.

This term we decided to not have parent teacher evenings. However, at the start of the term, each classroom teacher sent home important information for parents about classroom operations. Also there will be parent teacher interviews at the end of term 1 to discuss student progress. Please make an appointment with your classroom teacher if you require further information.

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**IMPORTANT**

In this very hot muggy weather, make sure you drink lots of fluids and wear a hat in the sun.
Some Year 3 to Year 6 students have been selected for the Science Day on Thursday 25 February. This involves students from the other Rossvale schools. Teachers met to select these students and this was based on their interest and performance in Science lessons.

My quote of the week is from We are Teachers. Maybe this applies to all of us.

“If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you”

“If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you”

Have a great fortnight

Michael.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

This fortnight we will be focusing on the RESPECT value. You may wish to reinforce the following expectations with your child:

* Kind word and kind actions;
* Listen to the speaker;
* Use manners;
* Ask before you take;
* Hands up and wait;
* One speaker at a time;
* Inside voice;
* Allow others to learn;
* Take turns;
* Let others join in;
* Ask permission to join games;
* Be proud of the school uniform and the school.

School Leaders for 2016

School Captains: Sophie Sturgess and Dusty Robinson
Fletcher House Captains: Dusty Robinson (captain)
Sophie Sturgess (vice-captain)
Russel House Captain: Tom Griffiths (captain)
Jorja Schelberg (vice-captain)
Project Club: Amarlie Dodd (president), Chloe Reen (vice-president), Ella Peters (secretary) Sam McKenna (treasurer), La’Rae Rockemer (P/1/2 rep), Brendan Packer (3/4 rep), Deacan Campbell (5/6 rep), Jesse Turnbull (committee member)

Congratulations to all these students. There will be a presentation of badges by Ms Ros Scotney on Friday 26 February at 9:00am. Parents of students are most welcome to attend. The presentation ceremony will be followed by the taking of pictures and then a morning tea. It would be appreciated if parents attending could bring a plate for this morning tea.

School Performance at Biddeston SS.

Our school will be attending a performance called “It’s a Mad World” on Friday 4 March. This is to be held at Biddeston State School and will run from 1.00pm—2.00pm. We will travel by bus, leaving the school at 12.30pm and returning around 2.30pm. Cost will be $ 9.00 per child (entry fee + bus).

Permission slips and invoices will be sent home early next week. If paying by BPAY/BPoint please wait for invoice and use the reference number on this.

Mt Tyson Tennis Club—Pie Drive

The tennis club are holding a pie drive. Money and orders need to be returned to either Claudia & Michael French or Wendy Riethmuller by Friday 4 March for delivery on 18 March. Please find attached an order form—these goodies are always yummy from Homestyle Bakery and its a good way to get your Easter goodies!