Hello Everyone

Next week the P&C will have their Annual General Meeting. This will occur on Tuesday, 8 March at 7:00pm. We have been fortunate to have a friendly and hardworking group who have been of great benefit to the school and I thank the current executive for their great work in 2015. I would urge you to attend the meeting on Tuesday and new membership forms have been attached with this newsletter.

There will be a staffing change that commences next week. I would like to wish Sheree Robinson well as she pursues new opportunities. Sheree is leaving our school next week and will be replaced by Mrs Terri Neale who will now be working at school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week.

In the last newsletter I talked about the areas where we will have a sharp focus to make improvements in teaching and learning. These areas include Early Language, Maths and Writing. In particular we aim to better cater for the capable students in our classes. This will not be at the expense of existing programs that have been successful and this will enhance all learning.

Throughout the year I will talk about our plans to provide more opportunities for our students and I intend to research, consult then work on a plan called “Improving student Capability at Mount Tyson”. This will include the following sections: Catering for capable students in Maths and English; Enrichment Opportunities; Gifted and Talented Students; and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). I think we need to position our school to assist students to have opportunities in a rapidly changing world. Recently, I heard an expert say that we don’t even know the jobs that will exist in 10 years – such is the pace of change.

One of the sections will include an outline of enrichment opportunities for our students. The Science Day we had last week was one such opportunity. Three teachers selected students based on their academic grades in Science and their enthusiasm for Science reflected in effort grades. Selection was made in good faith. However we will review the selection process we have for enrichment programs like this as well as seeking increased opportunities.

Last week we purchased 3 more iPads. I recently completed an audit of our computer stock and we have a high computer/student ratio as well as now having a large fleet of iPads. We are now connected to the NBN. In coming weeks we will have wireless connected in all classrooms. It is not uncommon to have our Preps learning to read using the iPads, the year threes reinforcing Maths concepts doing Studyladder and the Year 6 students researching on the internet to do assignments. I believe we are well positioned to meet the technological needs of our students in 2016 while, importantly, maintaining our systematic and focused teaching of the curriculum.

And just a little bit of perspective:

“The Human Spirit must Prevail over Technology” Albert Einstein

Have a great fortnight
Michael
STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

This fortnight we are focussing on the RESPONSIBILITY value and this can be found on our Values and Expectations Matrix. You may wish to reinforce the following expectations with your child at home:

* Take care of my belongings;
* Take care of the school’s property;
* Be in the right place at the right time;
* Keep my desk area tidy;
* Have books and essential materials ready;
* Participate fully in all lessons;
* Use the pedestrian crossing when coming to school;
* Walk bikes in the school grounds;
* Use toilets correctly;
* Play in the prescribed areas.

N.B: **Long hair must be tied up, out of student’s eyes.** It is difficult for students to concentrate on their work if their hair is flying around their face.

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School Performance—Friday 4 March 2016

Our school will be attending a performance called “It’s a Mad World” tomorrow Friday 4 March. This is to be held at Brookstead 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). Thank you for such prompt payment of this performance.

Reminder to the students who are attending the Choir Camp with Mrs Beth Wheeldon. This camp will be held over 3 days : 16-18 March.

Tuesday 8 March is Mt Tyson State School P&C Annual General Meeting. Feel free to come along and join in the fun had at these meetings and learn how the decisions are made. Meetings start at 7 o’clock sharp. All positions will become vacant and new executives will be voted in. The aim of the P&C is to try and bring about closer cooperation between the parents of the children, other members of the community, staff and the students themselves.

A P&C membership form is attached and please consider joining.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 2nd: Sue & Annika
Wed 9th: Dawn & Carolyn
Wed 16th: Kerry & Amanda

*New volunteers are needed

* Please contact Donna if you would like to put your name on the tuckshop roster. It’s only 1 day a term. If you can’t do tuckshop then maybe supplying homebake is an option.

All outstanding uniform accounts are to be paid ASAP.

COUNCIL ELECTION DAY STALL

March 19 is the local Council Election Day and the P&C has decided to hold a Devonshire Morning Tea and cake stall from 7.30-1.00. A roster/donation form is attached. Please return by Monday 14. Donated goods can be left at the tuckshop on Friday 18.

AUSTRALIAN SUMMER GRAINS CONFERENCE

The P&C has been asked to cater for The Australian Summer Grains Conference at the Norwin Church Hall on the afternoon of Monday 14. It will be a BBQ, cold drinks or tea/coffee meal. Volunteers are needed to help serve and cook so please contact Donna if you are available.

PRE-PREP PLAYGROUP

Pre-prep playgroup is held at Mt Tyson State School on Friday mornings for all children under 5 from 9-11. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring a friend and a plate of food to share.