**Message from the Principal:**

Hello Everyone,

Monday, October 19 was a Pupil Free day. Our teachers met with other teachers in the Rossvale cluster to have a moderation day. We compared English work samples with teachers of the same age group and the teachers were able to confirm or not confirm the grades given. This is an important process because it ensures integrity when students are given grades for assignments. I often say to students in my class that an A in this school would be an A in other Australian schools.

During the afternoon of the Pupil Free Day the teachers also participated in Professional Development. I conducted a session on problem solving in maths. Problem solving permeates the Maths curriculum. At Mount Tyson we have agreed to teach defined problem solving strategies in all classes and develop commonality. We will all use the same template to assist with problem solving. The trick will be to do this across the school, allowing for different levels, to really develop skills. This would be similar to the way we have commonality with guided reading strategies.

I have spoken before about the need to have high attendance. Good attendance does make a real difference. It is important that a note or phone call to the school be completed when students are away. We are to have no unexplained absences. Therefore we phone parents if absences are unexplained. My supervisor, Peter Baker, expressed satisfaction at the high levels of attendance at Mount Tyson and I want this to be maintained.

I am pleased to announce that the new play area will be covered. This may happen as soon as the Christmas holidays. This will be a large shed type structure. I would again like to thank our wonderful P&C for organizing this and especially Dawn Schelberg who has become an expert writer of grants.

Given my discussion about problem solving and the importance of this in modern society I felt this may be relevant:

> **Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I’m possible**
> - Audrey Hepburn

Have a great fortnight.

Thanks

Michael

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**Reminders:**
- Nov 5 — Softball Carnival
- Nov 9 — Cobb & Co
STUDENT AWARDS
P-2: Ally Cholava, Finlay Kronk, Angus Pollock, Chaise Dodd, Lilly-Ann Packer & Chelsea McGrath
3-4: Sam McKenna, Brendon Packer, Courtney Dowe & Jack Reen
5-6: Hayden Cann, Liam Ruhle, Dylan Campbell & Sophie Sturgess

GOTCHA AWARDS:
Courtney Dowe, Zali Vonhoff, Dan Little

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR
This fortnight we will be focusing on the Safety value. These can be found on our Values and Expectations Matrix. You may wish to reinforce these with your child at home.
- Hands and feet to myself;
- Stay in the school grounds;
- Sticks and stones down;
- Climb only on the play equipment;
- Use the pedestrian crossing;
- Walk bikes in and around the school;
- Hats on outside;
- Drink lots of water;
- Shoes and socks on;
- Use toilets properly;
- Follow instructions.

Note: Everyone in the school community using the word SAFETY is a powerful thing when assisting children with their behaviour.

SOFTBALL CARNIVAL—Thursday 5 November
The P-6 students will be taking part in a softball carnival to be held at Southbrook State School on Thursday 5 November. They will travel by bus to and from the carnival at a cost of $4.00 per student. We are waiting on further details from Southbrook, so as soon as we receive this information we will send home to parents.

Cobb & Co Museum Visit : P-4
Arrangements have been finalised for the P-4 classes visit to the Cobb & Co Museum on Monday 9 November. We will travel by bus, leaving the school at 9.15am and returning around 2.30pm. Students need to wear school uniform, hat & sunscreen and take their own morning tea in a ‘named’ throw-away plastic bag and a water bottle. Cost is $5.00 per student thanks to this being subsidised by the P & C Assn. Permission notes are attached and must be returned by Thursday 29 October.

Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
This year the year 6 Graduation Dinner will take place on Monday 30 November. When the details are finalised we will relay this to families of the year 6 students.

Presentation Night—Tuesday 1st December
Presentation Night for 2015. Put this important date on your calendar.

FATHER’S NIGHT—Prep/Year 2
Due to unforeseen circumstances the Dad’s Night will now be held on Tuesday 17 November. The theme for the night is “Jungle”. Further details soon.

SWIMMING DATES
Our swimming dates are Thursday November 19, 26 & December 3. This is for all students from P-6 and we will travel by bus to & from the Pittsworth Pool. We will leave the school at 9.15am and return approx. 2.30pm. When students are not swimming they will do music/art activities. We have employed professional instructors to help with these lessons. Cost will be $24.00 per child to cover the 3 swimming days.

N.B: Invoices will be sent home early next week for the Softball Carnival, Cobb & Co Visit and Swimming. If you are paying by BPay or BPoint please wait for the invoice and use the reference number on this to make your payment. Thank You.

If you have anything you wish to add to the agenda or the P&C News, please let Amanda Pollock know on 0428 285 818.

P&C EVENTS:

P&C MEETING 10 November
S n K Clearing Sale 7th November

Tuckshop Roster
Wed 28th: Amanda & Alison
Wed 04th: Sue & Rhonda
Wed 11th: Alison & Judy

*New volunteers are needed for next year*

Thank you
Donna
P&C President

Next Monthly Meeting is 10th November at 7pm

SCHOOL UNIFORM
The supplier of our school shirts has advised the P&C that he now has a school bag for sale. This bag will come with a life time warranty including the zips. It will sell from between $35-$40.

The P&C is asking for a show of interest with these bags before an order will be sent. Orders must be in by end of October.

VOLUNTEERS
The P&C will be catering for a large Clearing Sale just on the edge of Mt Tyson on Saturday November 7. Your help would be appreciated with this event. A roster has been sent out asking for home bake and an hour or two of your time.

Help is needed with setting up at 8.00am and packing away at 3.00pm. This could possibly be the last fund-raiser for this year, so come and help.

Thank you
Donna
P&C President

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