Message from the Principal:

Hello Everyone,

This will be the last newsletter this term. I will be on the Sydney and Canberra Excursion from Thursday 10 September to Wednesday 16 September. I will be at a principal’s conference on Thursday 17 September. Therefore, I will not be at school for much of the final weeks of this term.

A couple of weeks ago I attended a compulsory workshop entitled “Purposeful Pedagogy: Improving Numeracy Outcomes”. This had much to do with the collecting of maths data and teaching students based on this data. We have solid systems for collecting data in regard to English (we have good knowledge of all our students in English), but could further improve our knowledge of student’s conceptual understandings in maths and better incorporate problem solving. The maths curriculum is about gaining the required knowledge and then applying this knowledge. This will underpin some of the improvements we make in 2016.

Most of the staff attended “Literacy Solutions” this week. These were one day workshops that developed our capability to teach writing. Collectively we are improving in this regard and this is reflected in our results.

We have improved and updated the school’s webpage. The documents are current and we will ensure each newsletter goes onto this site. This may be handy to know if you misplace or lose a newsletter. I would recommend you spend some time checking some of the documents on this site. The important plans and all policies are there.

The school has a new complaints plan. This is based on Education Queensland guidelines and aims to ensure we are fair to the complainant and any people that may be involved. The details of this plan will be on our webpage and relevant documentation will be in the office.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the stall at the Brookstead State School Centenary. They made much money for the P&C. Also they assisted in maintaining a great reputation for our school.

I will be away for a fair percentage of the last couple of weeks so have a great holiday.

Michael

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HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

To all the Dads, Pops and Grandad’s
For Sunday 6 September
**Important news for parents**

**STUDENT AWARDS**
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Yr 3/4
Ethan Behrendorff, Courtney Dowe, Chloe Reen

Yr 5/6
Sophie Sturgess, Aamarlie Dodd, Jorja Schelberg

**GOTCHA AWARDS**
Dylan Campbell, Sam McKenna, Lilly-Ann Packer, Malachi Peters, Jessica Gilmore, Liam Ruhle

**BEHAVIOUR FOCUS:**
During the last fortnight we will focus on the THINKING Value. The following expectations can be found on our "Values and Expectations Matrix". You may wish to reinforce these with your child at home.

- think about my actions and how they affect others
- think about my own and others’ learning and working
- think about the safety of myself and others
- think about my best work and my best attitude
- think about the task at hand

**NRL Development Clinics**
An NRL development officer is visiting our school on Thursday 3 September & Tuesday 8 September showing our year 3/4 and 5/6 students the finer points of OZ Tag.

On Wednesday 16 September the year 3/4 students have been invited to take part in an OZ Tag Gala Day to be held at Bridgenam Oval, Pittsworth. Parents are required to transport their students to and from Bridgenam Oval. The day will run from 10.00am—2.00pm, with students needing to be there by 9.30am. They will need to wear sports uniform, hat, sunscreen and take all their own food for the day.

**P-4 VISIT TO DARLING DOWNS ZOO**
Reminder that next Wednesday 9 September, the P-4 students will be going to Darling Downs Zoo near Clifton. We will be travelling by bus, leaving the school at 9.15 am and returning around 2.45pm.

Students need to wear school uniform, a hat and sunscreen. We are asking parents to supply home-bake for our morning / afternoon tea but lunch will be supplied.

**Students**
Behrendorff, Courtney Dowe, Chloe Reen

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**Sydney / Canberra Camp for years 5/6**
We are now down to the final few days before the year 5/6 students leave for their week long camp to Canberra and then on to Sydney.

**MONEY FOR BREAKFAST/ OR PACK YOUR OWN**
As we are leaving at such an early hour of the morning, students need to take $10 to buy breakfast at the airport or otherwise pack a sandwich or something to eat before we board the plane as it will be sometime before we get to eat lunch that day.

**N.B:** Students are to have a pair of white socks to wear for the day we visit parliament house.

If you have not yet handed in your Medical forms, please complete these and hand into the office by Monday 7 September and Medication forms with the medication to be handed to Michael / Lynda on the morning of 10 September.

**REMEMBER THE BUS IS LEAVING AT 4.00 AM SHARP— if you are late you will miss the bus!!!**

**Whole School Disco : Thursday 17 September**
As a fun way to finish the music lessons for this term Mrs Beth Wheeldon (Music Teacher) is running a whole school disco from 1.45pm—2.45pm in the multi-purpose hall.

**Next Monthly Meeting is September 8 at 7pm**

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**
Week 9th: NO TUCKSHOP

Week 16th: Therese & Cathy

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS**
New stock on hand for Term 4 orders.

**WOOLWORTHS TOKENS**
A purple collection box has been set up in the staff room for the tokens from Woolworths. This program will end September 7th. All tokens must be in to be counted.

**KOCO LABELS**
Koco Labels are reliable, long lasting, locally made labels.

Order forms must be returned by September 11th for orders to be handed back the start of Term 4.

**Your P&C Committee**
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