LAKER NEWS

A note to you, from our Principal, Ms Wright

Prep 2016
Enrolments are now invited for Prep 2016. If applicable, families are welcome to come to our office to pick up an enrolment package. If you know of anyone in the community who is planning on enrolling a child in Prep next year, please encourage them to make contact with us.

NAPLAN
Students in year 3 and year 5 will have received their NAPLAN reports last week. NAPLAN is designed to provide data on a student's literacy and numeracy achievements. It complements school assessment and provides nationally comparable data that allow for school planning, for successes to be celebrated, additional support focussed where it is needed and to address areas requiring improvement. It is important to understand that NAPLAN provides only one piece of evidence of your student’s performance. This school uses several other assessment tools in both Literacy and Numeracy to determine your child’s performance story.

This year our students have performed exceptionally well.

Year 3 students:
- Reading 100% above National Minimum standard
- Grammar & Punctuation 100% NMS
- Numeracy 100% NMS
- Spelling 90.5% NMS
- Writing 95.2% NMS

Year 5 students:
- Reading 100% above National Minimum standard
- Grammar & Punctuation 95% NMS
- Numeracy 100% NMS
- Spelling 85% NMS
- Writing 70% NMS

Writing was considerably low this year but we still met Qld benchmarks. This demonstrated that writing is below standard right across Queensland schools. It will be a major focus for our school in 2016. Spelling has improved considerably but we still have work to do in this area. A large percentage of our students have been moved into the Upper Two bands and we can put this down to the establishment of our Excellence Academy. We were rated in the top 20% of schools in the Nation for Reading, Numeracy, Grammar and Punctuation and Spelling. Well done to all students and staff.

School Council
Our newly formed school council met for the first time On the 6th August. The council members are myself, Terri Kugel (P&C President), Scott Bellamy (parent rep), Michelle Minehan (staff rep), Brock Harm solicitor McNamara & Associates (community member) and Janelle Zahmel Director University of Queensland Gatton Campus (community member). Janelle Zahmel became our School Council Chair. The meeting was an introduction of members and an overview of the schools current position. Our next meeting will be in term 4 where the council will look at our strategic direction for 2016 and our financial position as we move forward.

Teacher/Parent/Student Interviews

The 4/5 Class Parent/Teacher interview is Today August 20 in the Library.
Please arrive on time to keep the afternoon running smoothly. If this date isn't convenient for you, email Kylie Hohn and arrange a mutually convenient time.

Year 4/5 – Ms Kylie Hohn - khohn13@eq.edu.au
**Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 6 brochures have been handed out to the students. Our school receives rewards to purchase books for our library when you order any item within these leaflets. Could all orders and payment be returned to the Silver Box by **Monday 31 August**. Payments can be made by cash, credit card & cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia. If paying with cash please ensure correct money is given as we do not have any money kept at the school for change.

**Lakers at the Gatton Parkrun**

7 am, Saturday, 29th August.
FREE!!!!!
For every student who comes along I will do a burpee after the run. For every Laker staff member, I will do FIVE burpees. The only catch is that you, the student and staff member, have to do the burpee/s WITH me!
Wear our school colours: RED, WHITE and BLUE.
You can register for FREE and have your time recorded and emailed to you. Check out the course: http://www.parkrun.com.au/gatton/
Yours in running, walking, rolling, crawling, bouncing,
Kylie Hohn

**Pizza Party**

This Friday is Pizza Party Day. Students will be given an invitation to attend if they have 100% attendance for the past fortnight. Ring the school if you have any queries.

**Book Fair**

The 2015 Book fair was a huge success. Thankyou to those who were able to purchase books. Our school library will benefit from the book you purchased. Mary is able to purchase books for the library at a reduced cost.

**Little Athletic Centre**

The Mt Tarampa Little Athletic Centre is starting its 2015-16 season with the first sign on day being August 28th at the little athletic oval at 4.30pm. Events will commence on September 4th. Competition and training is every Friday at 4.30pm until the end of March. We also have tiny tots for 3 & 4 year olds. Any child interested in athletic events from under 6-17 are welcome regardless of ability. Children

**Yo Yo Sales**

Today **August 20 is the last day** we are able to sell the Ned Show Yo Yo's at school. They will be pack up and any remaining have to be sent back on Friday.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn** is back!! and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school!! It's **simple to participate**. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in our Collection Box, either at school (in the library), or at the local Woolworths store. The more stickers we collect the more resources you will earn for your school! So be sure to tell your family and friends and start collecting today!! Any questions please see Tracey Wiseman
Good Ones
Congratulations to the Good One winners for:
Wk 5
Prep - 2...Matilda F
3 - 6... Katya D

Rewarding positive behaviour
Your child receives a Good One as a reward for positive behaviour during the week. This Good One slip goes into a box in the office. One lucky name will be drawn out on parade and receive a prize. All of the Good Ones are then entered into our behaviour system and sent home with a stamp.
This is your chance to praise your child about positive behaviour & how important it is to help others.

Attendance Raffle
Congratulations to the Attendance Raffle winners for:
Wk 5
Ethan F                  Noah K
Hunter C                 Elijah M
Jackson G               Jasmine B
Katya D                 Heath W

Attendance Trophy
The winner of the attendance trophy for Week 5 is the Year 3 class. Congratulations Mrs Hannant & her class.

Lockyer Zone Sports Day
This event will be held on Friday 21 August at Ropehill Community Centre.
Congratulations to Mikayla B, Ashleigh D, Chad G, Xanthea K, Brenton M (Age Champion), Tamara S (Age Champion), Jacob U and Nick W. These students have all qualified for the Lockyer Zone Sports. Starting time for this day is 9.00am. Please report to the Upper Lockyer marshalling area for roll marking and to collect your name tag. Students are to wear full school uniform, and bring a water bottle and snacks. There is a $6 entry fee for this event. Please put this payment in the silver box.

Well done to all the students who competed in the Upper Lockyer Sports Day last Friday. Good Luck to the students going to Lockyer Zone this Friday.

Family Information
In the case of an emergency, it is very important to have all family information, especially address & phone numbers, kept up to date on our system.
Please notify the office of any changes to any of your contact details promptly.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform shop is open every Monday & Friday mornings from 8.30am.
Please contact Allison 0427675879
If you need to access the uniform shop at a different time.

Australian Raw Honey Orders
Cedarbrook Agriculture has a representative in our area and he is will to take orders for their Australian Raw Honey. An information/order sheet is attached to the notice board in the walkway opposite Chappy’s room, or you can place your order at the office. All payments are to be made at the office and you will be phoned when the order has arrived at school. This raw honey is sold for $6 for 1Kg or $12 for 2Kg.
While at conference last week I chose an elective workshop on being "Trauma Informed". It was explained that children who are irritable, anxious or aggressive are in some kind of pain. Often when a person is sick we treat the symptom rather than treating the cause. The same is often the case with behaviour management of 'troubled' kids, we try to correct their behaviour without finding out why they choose to act inappropriately.

To discover what is causing distress in a child may require professional assistance, but providing a safe environment certainly helps.

"A strong attachment to their school can provide a child with stability in an otherwise unstable world: offering relationships, maintaining friendships, providing positive and enjoyable learning opportunities and ultimately building resilience and hope". (Downey 2007) That sounds like our school doesn't it?

If someone took a picture of you, framed it and hung it in a gallery, what would the people see? They may decide that you are attractive, or perhaps you have big ears, maybe your eyes look hollow and sad. Whatever the case, if they have no relationship with you they can only imagine what you are like.

However if a family member or close friend were to look into the frame, what would they see? Perhaps they would see more than you would want the public to see.

It's never too late to change what people see in you.

Humour
What do you call a baby ape who is like their dad? A chimp off the old block.
Who earns a living by driving their customers away? Taxi drivers.
What is green and smells like yellow paint? Green paint of course!
Dear Diamond, we all know who is really a girls best friend... regards, Chocolate Cake.

Only dead fish go with the flow
I'm going to stand outside, so if anyone asks, I'm outstanding.

Finally... often it is better to remain silent than to have to eat your words later! ...when all else fails, ask your parents.

Family Photo
The date is now confirmed Saturday 12 September.
If you have your name on the list please see Terri K (0428654595) to book in your preferred time as spots are filling up fast.
We still need more families to secure this fundraising event. Ask your friends and neighbours.

Book Now as Popular Times Fill Up Fast!!!