Day 8 Enrolments

Our Day 8 enrolment has been extended one week due to the tumultuous start to Week 1. We need a couple of students to keep our sixth teacher and the junior classes as they are. If we do not have the students by Friday then we will need to make changes to the structure of these classes. This will result in a Pre/Year 1 class and a Year 1/2 class to begin on Monday. The department have been very supportive of us as we work through the complexities facing us at the moment.

The 2013 Direction

We have a very clear direction for 2013. Our focus is the students and their growth across a number of areas, academic, sporting, cultural and personal.

We are engaging with a whole school approach to building positive support structures. This School Wide Pedagogy is the framework that determines what is important to the school and therefore guides everything else within that school. Every school’s School Wide Pedagogy should be different and needs to be evident in teacher’s everyday practices and student learning experiences. There are eight components to making an effective and lasting Pedagogical Framework. These are Research, School Staff, School Context, The Learning Culture, The Learning Environment, Curriculum and Pedagogy, Teaching for Learning and a Data System. I will be explaining each of these in our newsletter over this term.

Influential Research:

We use the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) and their Professional Standards for Teachers as a starting point. The standards make it very clear to teachers the expectations placed upon them and it is a good guide to assist them to focus on what should be occurring in the classroom. The other important educational research we will be using at this school is the work of Dr John Fleming and his Explicit Teaching methods.

2013 Senior Leaders Badge Presentation

will be held on Friday 22 February at 2.00pm in the Parade Shed. Mr Ian Rickuss is on hand to present the leaders their badges. We invite all to attend & to then stay for a impromptu afternoon tea provided to us by our wonderful P&C. This is a great way to welcome our new families, chat to your child’s class teacher & to enjoy the company of our school community.
Have you ever tried to put yourself in someone else's shoes? It might hurt a little, but then you will realise that it hurts them too. We often judge people too quickly without knowing what they are going through. Let's practice being patient and tolerant of those around us, especially if we share the same community. We all like to be praised and feel discouraged when belittled - so encourage someone today!

Humour
Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floor? It was just a stage he was going through.

How do you make your coat last? Make the trousers first.

What did the digital watch say to the grandfather clock? Look pop, no hands.

Finally, The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more in life there

Lexile News
Welcome to Lexile for our year 3 parents and new 4-7 parents to the school. During this week we have entered all new readers into the Lexile reading program. Your child/ren has/have a log in name and a password. We do try to keep this similar to their EQ MIS username and password.

This program requires children to read a Lexile book, denoted by a coloured dot on the spine, which falls into their Lexile level. This level is determined by a thorough 20-30 minute Lexile test which looks at the children's comprehension of a text in two areas: Complexity of Sentences and Difficulty of Vocabulary. Please feel free to check the site online: mylexile.com.au and click the 'about' icon. The children resist the test every 3-4 months. Both testing and book quizzes are performed at school.

Children's reading is acknowledged on parade with ribbons and encouragement awards. This week I'm looking forward to presenting some Lexile ribbons on parade. Last Friday saw Reading Encouragement awards go to: Hayden D and Jacob U.

Cross Country Practice
Every morning at 8:30am there is Cross Country practice on the back oval where we will look at improving the children's endurance and stamina with applying interval training (fartlek - interesting name), strength exercises (body weight) and mobility and static stretches (for before and after running). Children are advised to have their names marked off by the following 'coaches' to be able to receive a reward on Fridays.

Monday - Mrs Minehan
Tuesday - Ms Hohn
Wednesday - Mr Grassick
Thursday - Lockyer sports captains
Friday - Clarendon sports captains

Children should wear suitable shoes, bring a water bottle/s and a smile. Oh, and their parents too, if they wish!

Payments and Permissions
To ensure all payments/permissions are received on time, please fill out any permission slips before the due date and place payment/permission in an envelope marked with your child's name, amount enclosed and the activity it's for. Please try, where, possible, to have the correct money as no money is kept at the school for change to be given. The envelope can be placed into one of the mail boxes outside the office. The newsletter will indicate the appropriate box. Blue (P&C or Silver (School).

Tennis Coaching
Mal & Daphne Anderson will commence their Professional Tennis Coaching sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30am. Please phone Mal or Daph on Ph: 54665060 or 0418766805 if you wish your child to join in the Tennis Coaching lessons. New students are welcome to come along for a trial to see if they would like to join.

Yoga Club
Welcome back. Yoga will start again on Friday at 8am in the shed. I look forward to seeing you all. Namaste... Lisa.

Scholastic Book Club
Thank you to those who have ordered from the scholastic book club. Your orders have been placed and when they arrive back at school we will deliver them to the children.
Welcome to the first edition of the P & C News. You will see as per above, we have a new executive committee... anything you would like to know about the P & C or what we do or whether you would like to join, please feel free to contact one of us... or better still come to the next meeting on Monday 11th March at 6.30pm in the library. Everyone is more than welcome!

Tuckshop will commence on Wednesday at first break. A menu is attached to this newsletter. If you would like to order tuckshop please have orders written on a brown paper bag with your child’s name & class. Place the bag & payment in the Blue P&C box on the Tuesday prior to Wednesday’s tuckshop. If you are able to assist with the tuckshop preparations on any of the Wednesday mornings, put your name, contact number and the week you are able to help on an envelope & place it in the Blue P&C box or contact Mardi on 0423 830 013. Many Thanks!

Uniforms available on Monday & Friday mornings from 8.30am in the Uniform Room/Chappy’s Room.

WHAT’S COMING UP - DIARY DATES

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<td>Cutting of onions for the Bunnings BBQ will be done on Friday 22nd February from 9am in the tuckshop if anyone can spare some time to help with this. Monies raised will be put towards lots of things this year... school camp (5-7’s), new readers for middle grades, technology upgrades.</td>
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<td>Sunday 24th February 9am - 4pm, Bunnings Toowoomba....This will be our biggest fundraiser for the year and we would LOVE some parent support and help if you can spare anytime at all. Please contact Tamara Harmony on 0429 723 665 or Sharon Koroloff on 0402 460 962 ASAP if you can help cook or serve on the day. Even if its just for an hour or 2... any help is appreciated. We still urgently need volunteers.</td>
<td>We will be having an Easter Raffle. If you would like to donate any items for this raffle, please drop off goodies to the office over the next few weeks. We will accept anything you can donate with gratitude.</td>
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Curriculum—Education Queensland Curriculum, Aiming for High Level Academic Skills, Skilled and Dynamic teachers

Learning— A love of learning and a recognition that it is a life-long process, The ability to problem solve and to think both creatively and critically, Top Quality Learning Resources

Excellence— Best Practice, Striving for High Standards, Striving for High Academic Results

Attitude— Developing a ‘Can-Do’ Attitude, Positive and Outward, Onward and Upward, Active Citizenship

Respect— The development of self discipline and socially responsible behaviours, Respect for self and others, Effective communication and interpersonal skills

Request for your current email address

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A paper copy of the newsletter will still be available to the oldest in the family if you do not have an email address.

Please include me on the school newsletter list by email

Parent name: _______________________________________

Student name & Class teacher:
____________________________________________________
____________________________________________________

Email address: _______________________________________

This is also a very good way for us to keep you up to date with any happenings or at our school...Even during the holidays and in case of school closures that may by caused by floods...