Hi Everyone

Our second newsletter for the term and I can’t believe how quickly the weeks are going. When I look at our school calendar I think the term is going to go very quickly indeed.

Our staff and students have been so busy preparing for Secondary and Yr 5/6 Camp, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Prep Open Day, Awards Night, the Year 10 Graduation and end of year Penny Celebration Day activities. In between that, teachers are completing final assessments with students in preparation for end of semester report cards and reviewing our school documents for publication in 2013.

Our Curriculum, Learning and Teaching Audit is on 12 November and our Quadrennial School Review Meeting will be held 21 November to sign off on the new four year strategic plan. This is an exciting time for our school as through the audit we will be able to see just how much improvement we have made from our last audit and the findings will give us a very clear direction for the future.

Reading Assessment - This term we regularly ‘see evidence of great improvement with many students showing increases in their reading results from February assessment to our October assessment. Each year we assess every student in reading, analyse all these results and identify the needs of students to ensure our teaching is matching their needs.

NAPLAN - Over the last couple of weeks I have taken the time to analyse our NAPLAN results in depth and it is very pleasing to see our school continuing to improve in many aspects of the assessment. We have students who are performing well above the National Benchmarks and many students who have improved since their last assessment. We are continually working on ways to assist every single student to make progress in their learning.

Attendance - One of the most important aspects of a student’s success for learning in school is that they attend school every day. We had a great start to the term with attendance and for some students we are seeing a huge change in their attendance. Every family has been posted a flier with three different ways you can contact the school when a student is going to be absent. All absences must be reported to the school.

Great attendance = improving results, Poor attendance = poor results

Enrolments - This week we are in the process of preparing our staffing for 2013 and it is important for you to let us know if your child/ren will not be attending the school next year. Please contact the girls in the office as soon as possible to let us know if you are moving away from the area or your children will not be attending our school in 2013.

Prep enrolments – if you know of anyone who has a young child turning 5 by 30 June 2013 please let them know we are holding our Prep Open Day next week. Details of this day are included in this newsletter.

Staff – I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mr Michael Hams to our team for the remainder of the year. Mr Hams is Mr Lane’s replacement.

Chaplain – We were successful in our application to increase the days we are supported by Chappy. Chappy is now here every Monday and Thursday.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at our major events in the coming weeks. Thanks for your support in making it a great start to the term. Warm Regards, Ree

Every student, learning and achieving in every classroom every day.
News From Dangora Gully

The Year 10 students have been hard at work over the last 2 weeks with some students using the rotary hoe to work the ground in the crop area and other students working with the calves to quieten them down. The primary students have been visiting during the rural lessons to meet the new additions to our herd. Thank you to Lance Frahm for bringing up his tractor and chisel plough to school and working the crop area for us.

The Year 9 students have now finished spreading the crusher dust in the new greenhouse and we will be able to prepare our seed trays as soon as the shelving has been moved into place. Some of the Year 9 students have also been working with the calves.

The Year 8 students have had an exciting fortnight with the news arriving last week that one of our teams placed 1st in the Queensland junior section of the World Poultry Science competition. This is an excellent result for our school as the students were competing against 34 schools with each school having multiple teams. The winning team of Jessica Wyles (team leader), Emma Zoldak, Nicole Urban, Shane Carter, Connor Coutts and Krystal Dewey will now compete in the Australian section of the competition with their report and poster being forwarded to NSW for judging, congratulations to the winning team and well done to the our other team for their effort. Year 8 students have been busy repairing the fence across the dam with Scott & Shane enjoying the cool water on a hot day.

The last of our calves has now been born with Faith delivering a heifer calf on Sunday 21 October after a hard labour. The vet gave both a thorough check on the Sunday and gave all a clean bill of health. Thank you to GI Rea for his help on the day. Although we have not named the other calves yet the students have decided to call this one Hope in view of her difficult introduction to the world.

Till next time
Vanessa Cornish & Stephen Carfoot

Chappy’s Corner—Making Music

Do you like music? Chappy’s taste in music is probably a bit old fashioned. He is a Slim Dusty and Johnny Cash fan. Country music that tells a story goes down well. Other music that I like is church music, both older and modern styles, but a pipe organ is music to me. Additionally I am stirred by the bagpipes and drums – that’s a bit of my celtic background coming out.

Do you ever think of making music with your life? How you may ask? Good question. First by showing respect to other people (and also our environment). If I respect somebody I am not rude to them; I don’t shout at them; and I certainly don’t hit them.

Second, by living in harmony with others. Chappy lives with his wife and adult daughter. We do not always agree on every subject, but we can discuss and debate topics without argument. Harmony builds on respect and it lives with differing opinions and insights.

Thirdly, by being helpful to others. We can open doors for people whose hands are full. We can assist someone who is not as good on the computer as we are. There are all sorts of ways that we can help each other.

So let’s go out into our world and make some good music.

Cheers Chappy
South Burnett Zumba
Get FIT, Have FUN and Feel FABULOUS!
Wondai RSL Hall, 87 McKenzie St. Wondai
Monday nights: 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Thursday mornings: 9.30 am – 10.30 am
Everyone welcome
Shirley Kerkow: 0408 598 505

What a great start to the term with lots of fantastic produce from the garden to use straight away.

We have had beetroot galore lately and have made lots of different beetroot dishes. We have made beetroot dip with fresh vegetables and chips, chocolate and beetroot muffins, beetroot and pumpkin spring salad which was so colourful!

The children have worked hard all year to form strong routines in the kitchen and are becoming very efficient and responsible in the kitchen and out in the eating area. There are even some groups who have managed to make their dish independently!

Thank you to all the helpers in the kitchen and the garden. The program would not be possible without your support. Any time you have a spare Tuesday morning and would like to help out, please call the school and let us know! Nadine & Katrina

- Beetroot dip, Pesto served with fresh vegetables and chips -

- Spring salad with beetroot, pumpkin, spinach and tomatoes from the garden -

- Beetroot Hands -

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Staff Member of the Week

Name: Danni-elle Mahoney
Where I went to school: Sandgate District State High School
My favourite subject when I was a student and why:
Hospitality studies. I had a fantastic teacher who was passionate about her work and worked hard to get the best from her students; she successfully guided me to be empowered at school and continues to years later.

My favourite subject to teach and why:
Home Economics – Home Economics is based around 3 areas of practice: the technology process, social enquiry and empowerment practice. I think these practices are really important for society to have active and responsible citizens. On a more simple note, everyone needs food, clothing and shelter...the contexts Home Economics focuses on. Surprisingly, I have really enjoyed teaching maths this year; there is always a right and a wrong, and generally a logical explanation.

Something funny that has happened at school this year:
Year 8 student: ‘Is cheese a vegetable or a fruit?’
Me: ‘Does cheese grow on a plant?’
Year 8 student: ‘No’
Me: ‘Then it is not a fruit or a vegetable. Fruits and vegetables grow on plants’
Year 8 student: ‘Oh, yeah. Blonde moment.’

Something my students probably didn’t know about me:
I really love watching the Tour de France. My dream holiday is to follow the tour in a camper van whilst eating my way through all of the provinces/towns on the way, Gabriel Gate style.

My favourite thing to do on school holidays:
Eat out (not take-away), see people I don’t get to see every day in Proston, get some sunshine. I plan to take more holidays out of South East Queensland.

Why I love my job:
I get to work with fantastic and interesting people, students and staff, and I learn LOTS of things every single day.
This fortnight’s award winners

Kayla Wills – independent and accurate work with reading comprehension. Congratulations!

Jaxon Walker – increased participation in classroom activities. Well Done!

Riley Dunlop – violet sight words

Corey McCullough – pink sight words

Reegan Hill – aqua sight words

Harrison Wieland – pink sight words

Reegan Hill – independent and focused work with MAB blocks using trading. Well done!

Ellie Searles - excellent leadership in literacy rotations. Congratulations!

Lyddia Silk – working well in literacy rotations

Ollie Thomas – great work with symmetry

Billey Davies-Taylor – always being ready and willing to work

Ethan Jocelyn – focused and independent work with MAB blocks. Congratulations!

Leighton Blanch – understanding and explaining the ‘equal groups’ concept. Well Done!

Leighton Blanch – pink sight words

Heavynn Skvridlo – red sight words

For SOSE this term we have been exploring the Daniel Morcombe safety unit. This unit is helping us learn about the different ways that we can keep safe. So far we have identified/discussed how to be safe in the kitchen, by not putting our hands on hot plates, being careful with sharp knives, not putting anything into the toaster (except bread!) and making sure we mop up any spills, to name a few. We’ve also talked about how to stay safe when catching the bus, moving around the bus and being near the road. We’ve learnt that when we’re trying to be safe we need to think about

Does it look safe?

Does it sound safe?

Does it smell safe?

The Year 1s and 2s have been very busy learning subtraction and addition using MAB blocks. There have been lots of ‘light bulb’ moments as the concepts are beginning to be understood, which is always a fabulous feeling, for both student and teacher! The preps have been exploring symmetry and folding shapes to see if they are the same on both sides. We have all enjoyed having Mr Mackie in our classroom, as he continues to take more lessons and hone his teaching skills in the early years!

DATE SAVERS

Thursday November 8 - Prep Open Morning

Friday November 9 - Remembrance Day Service

Wednesday November 14th - Awards Night

Thanks Fiona Gill and Sonia Steele

Jaiden Hill was pictured in the Australian Campdrafting Magazine. Jaiden competes in Drafts in the South East and has done a trip up north to Cloncurry. Well done Jaiden!!!