Tell Us What You Think About Parenting

Complete a 15 minute survey and you could be in with a chance to win one of twenty $20 Coles-Meyer gift cards! The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is interested in parents’ thoughts about parenting and parenting programs. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear about your parenting experiences and views on the services that are available to you as a parent. To find out more or to participate please visit https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/ips/aus.

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19 September 2013
PRINCIPAL – Mr Kim Tvende
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Mrs Wendy Wessling

Dear Parents/Carers

Inspirational Educator

Congratulations to Alan Cockerill who is named as a finalist in the 2013 NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators. In this nation-wide program, Alan has met all the criteria for excellence and is additionally in the final round of selection of winners. This process will finish with an announcement of the winners on 25 October. We wish Alan all the best in this competition and are pleased to support his efforts as being recognised, not just locally with the many activities he undertakes on our behalf, but also nationally. Well done, and thank you, Alan Cockerill.

NAPLAN

The school has received notification of our interim NAPLAN results. We are pleased to note that our school average results for Year 3, 5 and 7 this year managed to achieve comparable ratings for like schools in every learning area. We were above average in Writing and Spelling in Years 3 and 5. Our year 7 students also managed to improve their relative performance in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, and Numeracy to a very significant extent.

Our biggest effect in NAPLAN has been an increase in the numbers of our student achieving results that are nationally above average and in the ‘upper two bands’. We note from the media that Queensland results against the nation have improved. This means that in order to keep pace with other Queensland schools, we needed to improve on 2012 results, just to stay the same relative to other Queensland schools. We not only achieved that, but improved our overall performance significantly. This year we significantly changed the way we teach reading. We also put a focus more directly onto improving teaching and learning across the school. We are tracking student performance to assess our progress. The results for NAPLAN are an indication we made good decisions for improving student outcomes.

During next term, we anticipate working further for students to better understand what they are learning, how they are going, and what they themselves need to work on next to keep on learning. Please encourage your children to think about their learning in these ways.

Parents have contributed to our results with their support of student learning and school programs. Thank you everyone who worked hard to ensure their children maximised school attendance, listened to their children read and also read to them, encouraged them in demonstrating responsible behaviours, and simply talked with them about world affairs and general knowledge, and explained the meaning of words and ideas.

The Queensland Studies Authority have advised they had difficulties in printing individual student reports, and reports are now expected to be available for families later in Term 4.

Positive Behaviour

This week we have celebrated the success of so many of our students who have simply done what is expected of them in being learners, caring and being team players. Accompanying this newsletter is a table showing revisions to our Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students. Please take the time to consider this plan and if you have any issues or concerns, please contact the school so we can clarify.

Swimming Term 4

Students in Years 1 - 3 will be taking part in swimming lessons during Term 4. They will have one swimming lesson per week each Wednesday for five weeks starting 23 October. The final lesson will be on Wednesday 20 November.
November. The cost for the five week swimming program is $30.00. Permission forms will be sent home with students at the beginning of Term 4.

Serviceton South Subscribes to Online Library
Our school has subscribed to an online eBook library provided by OverDrive, a leading multichannel digital distributor of eBooks, digital audiobooks, music and video. OverDrive provides a lending platform for 22,000 libraries, schools and retailers worldwide. This week students will be supplied with a web address and library card number, allowing them to log in to the OverDrive site. The easiest way to view books is in a browser, but you can also download some books in iPad format and read them on iPads and eReaders. At this early stage we have not purchased many titles, but there is unlimited access to titles from the Gutenberg Project. From 16th to 30th September there is also unlimited access to the Big Library Read title “Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth”. Please see Mr Cockerill in the library if you have any questions about accessing the online library. The web address is: http://idtl.lib.overdrive.com.

Story Arts Festival Ipswich
On Tuesday 10 September students from Years 3 -7 attended the Literature Festival at Ipswich. Some of our wonderful Year 3 students have written about their day.

Natasha 3B
On Tuesday we went to the Book Writers Festival at Ipswich. First we saw Lucas Proudfoot at the Civic Centre. Lucas was Aboriginal and he was a really good musician. He played the didgeridoo, the stomp box and the guitar at the same time. After that we saw Briony Stewart at the Metro Hotel. Briony played Mr. Squiggle with Aleece in 3B and Briony turned the squiggle in to a sheep. Briony said she used her family members as characters in the book. Last of all we went to the Community Gallery to see Martin Chatterton. Martin is an illustrator and an author. He drew caricatures of students from Redbank State School and 3B. Martin drew Junior as a ballerina, Koala and Juranda as a chicken. He also drew himself as Frankenstein. My favourite part was Lucas Proudfoot because he is so interesting and funny.

Alice 3B
On Tuesday 10th of September at 9 o’clock on the dot we went to the Story Book Writers Festival to see Lucas Proudfoot. It was really surprising because he played the didgeridoo which is traditionally called Iraki and he played the stomp box and guitar all at the same time. Then he asked some people to play some instruments. Tamara and Natasha played the egg shaker and clap sticks. One interesting fact is that you have to breathe from your diaphragm when you play the didgeridoo which is called circular breathing. Then we went to the Metro Hotel to see the author of Kumiko and the Dragon, Briony Stewart. She played Mr. Squiggle with Aleece. Aleece drew shapes and Briony changed it to animals. Then she told us that she used family members for her characters in her books. She also spoke about her new book it is based on true characters because it’s about her husband and her pet rabbit.
To finish off the day, we went to the Community Gallery and saw Martin Chatterton. He drew caricatures of students from Redbank and Serviceton South. From 3B he drew Junior as a dancing ballerina koala and Juranda as a chicken, and himself as Frankenstein.
My favourite part of the day was when Martin Chatterton drew people because I found it, along with Redbank and Serviceton South very funny.

Jezelle 3B
On Tuesday 10th September we went to the Literature Festival and first we saw Lucas Proudfoot. He played the didgeridoo, the stomp box and the guitar. He told us a fact that only one Aboriginal tribe makes and plays the didgeridoo as a tradition.
After that 3B and 3S went to see Briony Stewart. Aleece played Mr. Squiggle with Briony and Aleece drew some squiggles and Briony made the squiggles in to sheep. After she spoke about her new book ‘In the Garden’ she said she used her husband as the boy from when he was little. We also went to the Community Gallery to see Martin Chatterton. He drew Junior as a cute Koala bear ballerina and he drew Juranda as a chicken. He also drew himself as Frankenstein. The person I liked the most was Lucas Proudfoot. He is really funny and he tells a lot of jokes.

Breakfast Club
Brecky Club will resume on the FIRST Week back in Term 4. Please remember to bring 20c and be there between 8:00-8:30am in the parent room. Thanks again to all who have supported this program.

Joke of the Fortnight
Q: Why do bananas use sunscreen? A: Because they peel.

Green Team
The Green Team have been working hard in the garden. It is looking fantastic with so many beautiful plants getting bigger and bigger. We have been seeing some strawberries and tomatoes coming. The zucchini flowers are starting and it won’t be long till we see many more fruits and vegetables.
I’m excited to see what our garden will look like after the break.

4/5H’s Cultural Party By Jessica & Michelle
On Thursday 5th September, 4/5H had a cultural party. We had to bring in different food from our culture. We had this great day and it was very interesting. We all had a great time and plan on having more rewards. We would like to thank Miss Hickey for organising this.

Possies - 6 September
Rhiannon-5/6P Playing Cards
Caricia-1CH Pencil Set
Evan-1R Pencil Set
Vincent-2YK Dinosaur Egg Set
Sophie-1R Tiny Pet Pal
Ricky-Prep1 Frisbee Set
Gisela-Prep1 Frisbee Set

Possies - 13 September
Winta-2S Wind Up Teeth
Alana-2S Rainbow Clay
Jake-4FG Binoculars
Max-1R Frisbee
Jessica-1R Pattern Maker
Matthew-Prep1 View Finder
Shirlyn-Prep1 Erasers

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