FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Celebrate Learning
At the end of the term, it is a great time to reflect on our success and gains. We are very proud of the distance travelled by our students especially with the academic gains that we have observed. Every five weeks we check in with our students to see how they are travelling against year level expectations. In the first few weeks of next term teachers will hold parent teacher information sessions to keep you informed of your child’s progress. Tomorrow we will have a free dress day where students not wearing school uniform are asked to make a gold coin donation to the student council. We will also have Gold Card day to reward students who have maintained a high standard of behaviour across the term. This year we have the highest percentage of students participating in Gold Card Day which reflects the high standard of behaviour we have observed across the school.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
Last weekend we had people cause damage to our pool and Tuckshop. This seems to be occurring on a more regular basis and we are very interested in holding the people who cause this damage responsible. If you have any information please contact the police or the school. We need your help to help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.
If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH
28th  Prep – Yr 2 Easter Hat Parade Prep, 9am
28th  Last day of Term 1
29th  Good Friday

APRIL
15th  First day of Term 2
20th  Markets @ EP from 3:00 – 7:00pm
22nd  P&C meeting, 7:30
23rd  School Cross Country
24th  School ANZAC Day Ceremony, 9am
25th  ANZAC Day
29th  Friday Interschool Sport Gala Day

MAY
9th  Mother’s Day Stall
10th  Friday Interschool Sport Gala Day
14-16th  NAPLAN testing
20th  P&C meeting 7:30pm
29th  Artslink Show "Marcus & the Music Makers"
Disco Forever

Monday night was a disco dancing success. Congratulations to the P&C and the many parent helpers who helped make this night a success. Not only was it a wonderful experience for our students, it also was a very effective fund raising activity. A special thanks to Pam Vanderkruk and Penny Liddell who were instrumental in getting this event up and running.

Teach your child to dial Triple Zero (000) and remember details

The Queensland Ambulance Service is encouraging parents and caregivers to teach their children how to become potential lifesavers by practising calling Triple Zero (000) with a disconnected or toy phone, or by playing an online training game

When calling Triple Zero and requesting an ambulance, an emergency medical dispatcher will provide advice and dispatch medical help to your location.

For this reason, it’s also important for families to familiarise themselves with their holiday surroundings by memorising holiday addresses and beach access codes, so they can relay the correct information to Triple Zero staff.

More information can be found at http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au/default.asp

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

ART ON GOLD CARD

DAY

The younger grades are going to get their hands dirty with some awesome art sessions for Gold Card Day. We need some helpers! We’ll be facilitating some fun art activities and talking about ideas for future art projects within the school. If any parents are keen to help out, contact Nadya on nadya@spiderhouse.com.au or ph: 0411 18 18 20

CLASS NEWS

PREP C & PREP R – What a fantastic week we have had in Prep. Our assessment is complete and you should all be extremely proud of the learning journey your child has made this term. Thank you to all our parent helpers who have helped in the classroom this term. Your assistance is very much appreciated. Please return your Parent Teacher Interview note this week if you would like to meet with me next term.

Have a safe and Happy Easter break. See you all in 2 weeks.

PREP 1/R – We have enjoyed a great week. We have been learning interesting ways to write sentences and have been practicing our counting – so we are getting better every day! 1B, 1C & 1S – We are almost at the end of first term and what a great term it has been for all Year 1 students. The academic growth that each and every single Year 1 student has shown is AMAZING!!!

In maths, we are looking at double facts, rainbow facts and data collection. In English, we will be looking at a range of picture books and writing rewrites. The beginning of next term will see Year 1’s finalising all their assessment for this term.

Note: 1B’s parents: Thanks for all the parents for coming in to see and discuss their child progress. It is wonderful to show off your child’s progress. Please also note, double facts have been sent home for your child to practice this week. This will be an ongoing role learning experience. Have a wonder break and a happy Easter to all. See you in Term 2.

2E - Both 2E and 2W would like to thank the parents for their support during Term 1. Your assistance with homework, home reading and items brought into school has been appreciated. The students have worked consistently all term. We have said ‘Thank you’ and have a happy Easter break. Enjoy the time with your family and we will see you on Monday the 15th April.

3K – Thank you to all the parents who met with me last week, to be informed about their Year 3 students in Year 3 to date. As a result of some feedback that was provided to me by parents, every parent should have received an ‘Addition and Subtraction Algorithms’ hand out (sent home last week). This is to be used as a guide for parents at home, when helping their child to ‘work out’ addition and subtraction problems using an algorithm format (sum). Also, I’d like to inform all parents that our school webmail (that is currently being used by 3K students), is a secure and safe email system. As explained to the students, Mr. O’Connor is our ‘MIS administrator’. His role is to monitor that all students and staff use the email service appropriately and will inform me of any misuse. To educate your child about cyber safety visit http://www.cybersmart.gov.au or http://www.internetks.com.au/

Important notices: Unfortunately, our class missed out on being awarded the Fun, Fit, Friday Star Award for the first week of the program, but I have a feeling that we have a good chance for last Friday’s Fun, Fit, Friday count 😉 As you may have already realised or been informed by your child, there will be no homework for the final week of this term. And finally, you may have heard that our class has been busy learning the number facts and we’re keen to do a special assembly performance to show you how great we are at recalling them! Our assembly performance is scheduled for Term 2, Week 4 (Friday 19th April). Pencil it into your diaries! Mr. Clark has given us permission to ‘dress up’ for the performance (keeping in theme with the songs). We will remain in this attire for the whole day, it must be sun safe clothing with closed in shoes. Have a great Easter break!

3/4P - This week 3/4P have wrapped up the term by putting in a conscientious effort. The children have worked right up until the end and they have been rewarded today with a pizza party. We will also draw the winner of our Class Dojo raffle. The healthy pizza toppings were chosen during our health unit and the class voted on their preferred topping. Thursday is Gold Card Day and I am happy to announce that all our children will be attending the swimming carnival at Ipswich City Council Library. There will be some great improvements in behaviour right throughout the term. Thursday is also ‘Fluoro Free Dress Day’. Children are required to bring a gold coin donation. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to rewarding Term 2.

4/5I - Thank you to those parents who have come on a Wednesday mornings from 9.00-10.00 to help us with our lessons, we have really appreciated your assistance this year. We would also like to thank the parents who came with us on our Excursion to the Caboolture Historical Museum last week. We had a great day and your help was invaluable. This week in English we will be looking at examining and evaluating poems with puns, spoonerisms and limericks in Year 4 and analysing and writing a response to Advance Australia Fair as well as the poems Llun and Llun (in Welsh)

In History, we will continue with our assessment. For Maths this week we will be looking at patterns, algebra, chance and data for both Year levels. Just a reminder that if your child is unable to attend swimming carnival, you must have a note from home indicating the reason they are not swimming. Parent-Teacher Interview Letters went home yesterday and will be held from 19th April-3rd May. Have a wonderful Easter break and I will look forward to seeing everyone again on April 15th.

4P & 4L - Wow, it is the last week of term, it has flown and the Year 4’s have been demonstrating how much they have learnt by doing their Science and English assessments. In Maths we have started working on Chance and Data. We think the chance of having a fantastic Easter holiday is very likely. We are looking forward to celebrating all our learning for the term by participating in some fun activities on Thursday for Gold Card Day.

5T – Ms Tierman wishes all the students and their families a restful and safe break over the Easter and long weekend. We have flown by and the demands on the students have been significant. It has been wonderful to witness growth in learners’ skill, ability and confidence. A HUGUE thank you goes out to all our parents who have supported us, especially Mums and Dads who have helped with swimming, worked with the class and gone on our excursion. Next term is action-packed with Big Day, Easter Holidays, Year 5/6A children will be excited to begin their Easter holidays after a fantastic term of learning. Students have completed their Mathematics, English and Science assessment and are happily enjoying class activities to celebrate all of the hard
work and effort that each child has put in to their learning this term. Rainbow eggs, chocolate making and fun outdoor group activities are on the list for Gold Card Day as well as a movie to complete the day. Have a safe and happy Easter with your family. I look forward to continuing teaching and learning with 56A in term 2. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Melissa McKelvey will join me in 56A for the rest of the year to teach 56A three days in the later half of the teaching week. Parent Teacher evenings will be held in the 2nd week of term two. Please check your child’s bag for a letter of confirmation to be returned in week 1 of the new term (email copies will also be sent to those of you who are on the class email list).

6/7P – Wow! This term has flown by so quickly, it’s hard to believe the holidays are almost here. Thanks to all the parents who have come to school for an interview this week, it has been great to check in with you all. Remember, you can contact me anytime to arrange an interview if issues arise. This Thursday is gold card day, we will be swimming from 9-9:30 so please come along and supervise if you are able to. Thanks to all the parents who have helped out with swimming or have come to our excursion this term. Your involvement and support is much appreciated. Happy Easter everyone!

7S - The students have proven their dedication to learning and improving their results over the last 2 weeks. Grade 7 shirts are expected to arrive in the first week back Term 2. Mrs Sawyer will be having parent teacher interviews in Weeks 2 and 3 next term- a note will go home first week back. Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

LOTE NEWS

Last week in Chinese lessons, the students viewed the famous Chinese New Year story (The Demon – Nian) and looked at the Chinese “Lion Dance” and “Dragon Dance”. Everyone was amazed by how those people perform. Congratulations to Joshua B (7S) and Mallikka S (6/7P) with their outstanding performance in the Chinese listening test. Happy Easter!

Fu Huo Jie kuai le !
Happy Easter!

Alex Chen
LOTE Teacher

PCYC NEWS

Vacation care is fast approaching, so if you are looking for a familiar, safe and fun environment for your child over the holidays then please come down and see us for a copy of our vacation care Program if you have already received one.

The children are enjoying lots of outdoor sports and activities on the oval, when the weather is kind to us. A big thank you to the Mahoney family for donating a wonderful TV to our service for the children to enjoy and thank you to the Scott family for our lovely plant to brighten up our office room.

Warm Regards

Eveton Park PCYC Team

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to several students who have made North District representative teams this week. So far I have been advised of Edward Faud for Rugby League, Halle Carn and Emileigh Bowman for Girls Football and Chris Lawler and Nicholas Barnwell for Hockey. I have also had a number of reports of students making it through to ‘possibles and probables’ but not quite making the final cut.

This all goes to show how our school ‘bats above its average’ compared to the larger schools in our district. Well done!

Could I also please ask that you return your child’s Cross-Country permission notes ASAP as we will be in full swing Cross-Country when we return from holidays!

Finally, you should have received Triathlon notes last week if your child expressed an interest in the event. If your child is going to participate in the program then please return the permission form by the end of this week.

Have a safe and active holiday.

Yours in Sport,

Trent Thomas

"Date claim- 23rd April for School Cross Country P-7"

Yours in Sport

Trent Thomas.

WALK ‘N TALK IS BACK IN 2013

Sessions are held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30am on the oval. Parents, grandparents and carers are encouraged to join their children for some early morning exercise, while listening to some music and enjoying the sunshine. So grab a hat and get walking!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Concert Band rehearsals and lessons will resume with Mrs Hall on the first week back of term 2 on Wednesday 17th April.

String orchestra and lessons with Mrs Payne will resume on the first week back of term 2 on Thursday 18th April.

Bravo! Bravo! to all of our students who performed really well at the Pizzicato concert last week!

Music Folders – Instrumental Music students (except beginner students) received a letter last week about our new band folders. They cost $8.00 each and are great so that music books, pencils and ensemble music is safe. Don’t forget to send in your child’s money in as soon as possible.

Congratulations to one of our beginner band player, Mr Scott (parent of Harrison) who has been learning how to play the saxophone with an adult starter band! Mr Grainger has invited our beginner band students to perform with the Adult Starter on Wednesday 27th March to celebrate their first term of learning an instrument. Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday March 27
Time: Arrive 6:30pm (parent/guardian supervision essential).
BBQ sausage sizzle - $2.00 Perform: 7:30 – 7:45
Venue: Ferny Grove State School hall, Finvoy Street, Ferny Grove
Transport: Personal responsibility
Uniform: Casual
Equipment: Instrument in good working order, music and music folder
If your child who is in their first year of learning a band instrument with Mrs Hall would like to participate please contact Mr Grainger for more details on 0414562741.

Music Folders – Instrumental Music students will be receiving a letter home this week about music folders that will be available for a cost of $8.00.

If your child is in their first year of learning a band instrument with Mrs Hall and would like to participate, please contact Mr Grainger for more details on 0414 562 741

PAYMENTS VIA INTERNET BANKING

ATTENTION – PLEASE READ!

When making a school payment via internet banking please ensure that you include the customer ID number. On your invoice under Payment Methods there is a customer ID number of 10 numbers and one letter. It is imperative that this number be used as a reference. Please do not use the invoice number as this does not bring up the student’s name when receipting is being done.

LIBRARY NEWS

All library books should be returned before the Easter break. If you’re home for the holidays take the time to visit your local council library. Also the State Library in the city is another amazing space to spend a few hours. All these libraries have extensive online resources as well. Enjoy your break, keep on reading, and looking forward to showcasing even more new books that have just arrived at our school library for next term.

CHEERLEADING

Practices will resume Week 1, Term 2. Have a great holiday!

Miss R o)

UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS

The uniform shop is open every Friday from 8:30 – 9:30am

Swimming bags are now available from the uniform shop for $12.00 and Lycra Bathing Caps are $6.00. The Uniform Shop will be open from 8:30 – 9:30am on Fridays. However, if this time is unsuitable, alternate arrangements can be made by calling Pam on 0403 321 170.

New season shorts now available.
NOW IN STOCK!
Beautifully braided head bands and other hair accessories in the school colours are now available from the Uniform Shop.

NOW ARRIVED!

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop will be open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.15am to 11.40am.

MARCH ROSTER
THURS 28
Sarah Dew, Karlene Amos

APRIL ROSTER
WED 17

THURS 18
Misato Betts

FRI 19
Janene Ashton, Carol McLean, Penny Valentine

For a limited time -
Yummy VANILLA Paddle Pops are available. Same price as the chocolate and rainbow flavoured - $1.70

Hot Cross Buns, Hot Cross Buns, $1.00, $1.00 Hot Cross Buns. Until the end of term, we have toasted, buttered fruitless Hot cross Buns. Yum yum!

Winter Menu items available next term.
Warm up with some garlic bread, soup and warm milo.

The Tuckshop can process payment by EFTPOS for total orders over $5.00.

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

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