Dear Parents and Carers

This week our newsletter is full of great news, achievements and accolades. It is not a school that makes a great education it is the people who are involved. Over the last week our school has been recognised in different areas for excellence. We have a great school full of fantastic teachers getting outstanding results.

WE HAVE A NEITA TEACHER!

In fact we have three! The NEITA Foundation has congratulated our school on having a record three teachers nominated for an ASG Inspirational Teaching Award. Mrs Craven, Ms Kendes and Ms Tiernan were nominated by members of our school community and this week were presented with a NEITA Certificate of Nomination.

The purpose of these prestigious awards is to honour and recognise inspirational teachers, and highlight the work, not only of individual teachers throughout Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school and centre.

These three teachers are now eligible for consideration for a National ASG Inspirational Teaching Award and grant. Congratulations Mrs Craven, Ms Kendes and Ms Tiernan, thank you to the parents who nominated these teachers, and well done to all our teachers for doing a great job!

SHOWCASE

In case you missed the great news, our school has been chosen as a 2013 Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools State Finalist. A full list of State Finalists can be viewed at the Showcase Awards website: http://education.qld.gov.au/community/events/showcase/
You may remember we won the Regional Showcase award last year. We have now been shortlisted as one of three schools from across the state in our category of ‘The Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early and Primary Years’. If we are successful we can win up to $20,000 for our school.

The next step for our school is that Network 10 will be coming to our school to film a vignette for the awards evening to be held on 18 October. Our school also received $5000 for making the state finals.

2014 Enrolments

Last week we had our 2014 Prep Enrolment Sessions. If you have a student starting school next year please return your enrolment form to the office as soon as possible. You will also need to bring along your child’s original birth certificate or passport. Once your forms are submitted you will be able to make a booking for an enrolment interview and get the additional details on our Prep Transition Program.

2014 Student Leadership Parent Forum/Consultation

Last week we also held a parent consultation session on our student leadership plans for 2014. We will now compile this feedback along with the input from staff and students and present our plan at the next P&C meeting.

A decision has been made to continue with the Canberra trip for all Year 6/7 students next year and a note will be coming home soon asking for parents to make a deposit as we have to book flights and accommodation.

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

P&C NEWS

Thanks to our wonderful Family Fun Day committee who have done a great job in rescheduling the Fun Day to Wednesday 14th August. If you’re able to help out at all on the day we can always use more volunteers, please let us know.

Online ordering for the tuckshop was officially launched this week – it is a really convenient way of ordering tuckshop and will soon be extended to other P&C services. Go to flexischools.com.au to sign up.

SCHOOL SURVEY

A reminder to the parents who were selected to complete a school survey - if you have not already done so please return them to the office by Monday 12 August.

CLASS NEWS

Prep C - We have been working on practising their rhymes to present to the class. Each student will be presenting a familiar Nursery Rhyme to the class with actions to make it entertaining. Ask your child which rhyme they are going to present.

We have continued our measurement work in Maths using unifix cubes to measure the height of objects. Our Science weather unit continues with the students discussing and formulating clothing to be worn in certain weather conditions. Student of the week: Jessie S. Prep R – This week we have focussed on RHYME! We have been listening, identifying, creating, writing and inventing rhymes. We’ve have a great time making up silly rhymes using our rhyming words. In Maths we have been looking at a growing pattern. This is where one or more elements increase - these are hard to identify but fun to make. In Science Wilma sent us a letter talking about rain, so we’ve been looking at clothes that would be appropriate for different types of weather. Student of the Week - Lachlan S.

Prep 1R –This week our class explore patterns. Year Ones will create and describe growing patterns and Preps will create and describe repeating patterns. During Science we will compare environments that have been affected by flood and drought. Student of the Week is Ruby N for correctly spelling the word ‘lunch’ during writing time! Wow!

1B, 1C & 1S – This week we are finalising our question and answer sentences in readiness for our interview presentations about the characters we’ve created to fit into the Willy the Wimp stories. We are practising with our peers to help us be confident in our presentations. We are also working with Tux paint on the computer to create images of our characters. In Maths we are continuing our investigations into capacity. This week in Science we will begin to look at how weather impacts on landscapes in preparation for our upcoming excursion to Teralba Creek and our assessment collages on this.

More importantly students are developing their own excitement for this excursion will be coming home shortly.

Students of the Week: 1B Arna J, 1C Jazmyn A and 1S Karl M. Congratulations to these people.

2/3M – In Science the Year 2 students made glue out of flour. They tested the strength of a variety of glues. Year 3 students have been working with a variety of verbs and evaluative language. Please ask your child if they require more writing pencils. Student of the Week – Eli.

3K – WILF has been found! Thanks to everyone for searching for her @ FYI, we have a new classroom assistant, an orangutan named Sparky. Again, please check your child’s hair for head lice and treat immediately. 3K had their class photo today. All other special group photos will be taken tomorrow, 8th August. Student of the Week: Izeiah S.

Our new classroom assistant – Sparky.

3/4B - This week is all about assessment in English and Maths. We are planning, drafting and editing our traditional stories, which we will present to a (captive) Year 1 class next week. Most of our children are developing their own multiplication activities for their peers to attempt. Ask your child about their reading goal – each child is working towards an incentive to reward an interesting book.

This should be part of their focus when reading each night. Technology material is due Thursday (tomorrow) – this should be recyclable items that could be used to make a space object. I am still welcoming donations of insulation materials (foam, bubble wrap, foil etc.) for our upcoming Science assessment.

The Student of the Week will be awarded to Maddison M and Chloe on assembly this Friday.

4P - We have been very impressed with the behaviour of Year 4 students, class 4P received so many class ticks that we earned a fun game outside. We are also very proud of our Torres Strait Islander drums that we made and decorated for Black History Month. Student of the Week: 4P – Will G and 4L - Jaimee T.

4SI - In English we will continue with our new units which are Understanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ stories in Year 4 and creating fantasy characters in Year 5. For Maths this week we will be looking at Money, Place Value and Operations in Year 4 and Data, Money and Chance in Year 5.

In History we will look at contact before and after European settlement in Year 4 and Aboriginal and Chinese people on the Goldfields in Year 5. For Health we will continue with the Daniel Morecombe Child Safety Unit. Don’t forget that payment for Footsteps Dance is now due. Have a great week. Student of the Week: Ethan J.

5T - Over the last few weeks the class has focused on number concepts with an emphasis on place value. We have been developing our ability to round and estimate to check that an answer to an algorithm is reasonable. The students have been exploring and practising written strategies to add and subtract. Now we are using an array to multiply one and two-digit numbers. Students are working on their divisibility rules so they can quickly determine if a number is a multiple of a given divisor. Student of the Week: Luke F and Jasmine L.

6/7P – Wow, I seems like half the class have been at district sports this Monday and Tuesday. The rest of us have been working toward writing our letters to the future in English and learning about extreme weather conditions in Science. Please remember to keep working strongly on Home reading. Don’t forget that reading is a big part of your homework. Have a great week everyone!

7S - This week students are beginning to write an imaginative recount from the novel study Black Snake: the Daring of Ned Kelly. They are using a variety of technical writing skills to create engaging, descriptive writing such as idioms and foreshadowing. Miss Michelle Nolan & Miss Emily Serow will be visiting our classroom over the next 2 weeks before they begin their final university prac teaching in Week 7. Week 10. 7S & 7P students continue to impress me with their leadership skills. This week’s shout out goes to all the students in Grade 7.
who arrive early on a Friday morning and independently set up the hall ready for Parade. They do a wonderful job each week.

GRADE 7
Keep bringing in the yearbook photos! Don’t forget the SHOWBAG STALL at the EP EKKA fun day! The times have been bought forward by an hour so a new roster will be sent out on Friday! We are still welcoming more helpers - the more the merrier! If you can spare an hour on the day please let Mrs Sawyer know asap!

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE
*Great to see and hear that the Years 4 – 7 students enjoyed the FREE Bike Skills program last week. It’s very cool that each student received a FREE bike horn!

*Students can claim their AST prizes (check your passports to see if you have acquired enough stamps) from Miss K’s classroom (room 19) on Fridays - first break (during play time).

*Tuesday’s Tremendous Travellers’ is a new initiative for reducing traffic on Tuesdays. On Tuesday 13th August students who actively travel to school will get a stamp at the school gate. Students who also travel actively on the Friday will get a stamp too! Whether you travel actively on the Tuesday or Friday, you will receive one stamp in your passport for that week’s active travel.

SCIENCE
Science Week is on in Week 6 (10th – 18th August). To celebrate, all students will be actively running Science investigations in the lab. Activities include: P - 1 making slot; Years 2 – 3 floating eggs; Years 4 – 5 blowing up balloons with bicarbonate of soda and Years 6 – 7 making invisible ink. Prizes will be awarded to students who are working scientifically. What an exciting week!

BLAK HISTORY MONTH
Our display for Blak History Month will be kept in the Library until 12th August. Everyone is invited to visit our Library until then to see what our classes did to celebrate Blak History Month.

INTERNET BANKING
When paying via internet banking please ensure that your child’s unique EQ ID number is used as a reference. This number is 10 digits and one letter long and is on your debtor statement/invoice. Thanks you to those families who are already using these numbers as a reference as it makes for accurate receipting.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
7 and 8 August
Class photos were taken today and group/sport photos will be taken tomorrow, Thursday 8 August. Envelopes were handed to each student at the beginning of last week. The envelopes and money are to be handed to the photographer on the day. Each student is to have their own envelope. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE ENVELOPES TO THE OFFICE.

MUSIC NEWS
Intermediate Music Camp 13th and 15th August
The concert for the Intermediate Music Camp will be held at Mitchelton State High School’s High School Hall (best entry Turnbull Street, Mitchelton State High School) at 2pm on Thursday 15th August. All parents and friends are most welcome.

If my child is attending Intermediate Music camp what do they have to bring and wear?
- Instrument
- Pencil
- Morning tea and lunch
- Drink
- Tutor book
- School uniform and school hat

What time is my child meeting at the camp?
8.30 am at Mitchelton State School Hall (best drop off point is Turnbull Street which is behind the hall)

What time does the camp finish?
Tuesday 13th August – 2.30 pm (children will be finished at Mitchelton State High School Hall at 2.30 pm) Tuesday 15th August – 3.00 pm

For any further information regarding the camp please contact Penny or Tracey Young at the Greater Brisbane Music Resource Centre on tyoun87@eq.edu.au or phone 3552 7440

JUNIOR NORTHSIDE MUSIC CAMP - 9TH - 11TH SEPTEMBER
This is for band students in their first year of learning - Penny Hall (p辆hll33@eq.edu.au)
This is for string students in their 2nd year of learning - Kathryn Payne (kpayn49@eq.edu.au)
Don’t forget your child’s permission slips are to be returned to our school office with $95.00 payment by Friday 9th August.
Any queries regarding the camp please contact Tracey Young on 3552 7440 at tyoun87@eq.edu.au

BAND TOUR - 29TH AUGUST
Senior Band student’s forms need to be sent into our school office by FRIDAY 16th AUGUST.

CHEERLEADING
Practices are:
Pups - Monday 7.45-8.30
Reserves - Tuesday 7.45-8.30

Squad - Monday and Thursday 3.15-5pm
Please remember to bring along a drink bottle.

A note regarding Fun Day performances will be out soon.
Thanks, Miss R :o)

EKKA @ E.P
August 14th 1 - 7pm
The countdown is on, the weather is great, bring on the Fun Day.
MORE food, MORE stalls, MORE games, MORE fun…………………

Get your Dagwood Dogs and Strawberry IceCreams for half the price!
The fireworks show will be longer and louder than before!

RIDE PASSES: Still available for $25 until Friday 9th August. Forms in the office once completed please leave in P&C box or contact Penny pengharm@bigpond.net.au for details. Passes will be $30 on the day with single rides $5 each. Huge variety to choose from that will suit both young and older children. Present your blue pass to the rides tent from 1pm. Bands this year will be replaced by a UV stamp!

VOLUNTEERS: The roster will remain as before. Please let us know this week if you are unable to make your previous commitment we are looking for more to help with BBQ/BAR. Great fun guaranteed while the kids are being entertained. Please contact Penny pengharm@bigpond.net.au or Pam pemelalav@bigpond.com.au if you are able to assist us now with the change of date. Help required on Tuesday 13th for some set-up and pick-ups as well as early Wednesday morning from around 8am. Thanks in advance!

TUCKSHOP
Remember! The Tuckshop is now open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 8.15am to 11.45 am.

AUGUST ROSTER
THURS 8
Carol Gavegan
FRI 9
Penny Liddell, Carol Gilmour, Sam Muir
MON 12
Karen Pennman
THURS 15
FRI 16
Penny Valentine, Janene Ashton, Carol McLean

Tuckshop Online Ordering is here!
Starting this week, Tuckshop has now introduced a great new online ordering system called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents, carers and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. The payment is also done online, so less paper bags and cash are sent via your student to school. As well as being convenient for parents, the online orders
are much faster and easier for Tuckshop to process - so it makes everyone’s life a little easier. FlexiSchools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia. Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click “Register Now”. You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you can start placing orders immediately. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

Orders for the day need to be placed online by 9.00am. After 9.00am, the system will not allow you to order for that day. If you have placed an order and your child is not at school, the order can be cancelled by you before 9.00am or please call the Tuckshop on 3550 2250 where it can be cancelled before 9.15am. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about FlexiSchools and the online ordering process for Tuckshop.

Please note - paper bag ordering is still be available.

The Uniform Shop and Events/Fundraising will be online shortly.

Have a great week.

Katrina

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FAB 4 KIDS FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

The FaB 4 Kids workshop is aimed at assisting parent to understand childhood anxiety and to explore approaches that can used to help children cope with challenging life events or situations. The workshop will be conducted by Paul Murphy (guidance officer) over 2 sessions on Thursdays 15 & 22 August between 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. at the Parent Education Centre, situated in Laurel Street on the Enoggera State School campus. Please call the Centre on Tel. 33559202 for more information about the workshop or to enrol. There will be no cost, materials and morning tea will be provided, however numbers are limited. Enrolments close on Monday 12 August.

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ONLINE ORDERING

- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device. No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school. Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.