01 September 2015

Every Day Counts! Give your child the best possible chance in life!

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to our Grounds Officer, Royce Turner. The grounds are an absolute picture at the moment. Royce has been re-stocking the gardens with woodchip, from our grounds and pruning the gardens. We are indeed, very lucky to have someone who takes so much pride in their work.

Attending school is compulsory! Attending school every day, gives your child the best possible chance in life, to achieve their dreams. Please ensure that your child attends school every day, as school attendance is compulsory. Missing one day per week, each week of the school year, results in forty days or eight weeks absence from school. Give your child the best start and ensure attendance at school every day.

The Pedagogical Coach, Ms Jenny Jones is working with teachers this week, to assist in improving their pedagogical practices (teaching skills). Professional development is very important to ensure that teachers maintain and improve upon their skills and knowledge. This is turn, directly benefits your child.

Next term, students in Year one, two, three and four, will participate in swimming classes, conducted by qualified coaches at Caribae Swimming School. Students will travel to and from swimming by bus. The students will participate in six lessons. Students will be put into classes, by the coaches according to their ability levels. A letter will be sent home on Monday, confirming swimming details, costs etc.

Students in Years 5 and six, will travel Mt. Morgan tomorrow as part of their studies. They will be accompanied by Miss Walker, Miss Ireland and Mrs. Mason. I’m sure that the excursion will very valuable and enjoyed by all.

Just a reminder that hats are an essential part of our school uniform. Please ensure that your child has a red, wide brimmed school hat. Naming your child’s hat, should enable its safe return.

Dancing Under the Stars will be held on the 11 September. The theme is, “We can all be Heroes.” Put the date in your social calendar. It is an event not to be missed.

I’d like to take this opportunity, to expound the immeasurable assistance our Chaplain Jocelyn gives to our school. She always has time to listen and assist, when and wherever possible.
We are very lucky to have such a wonderful group of people working at our school. I am very thankful for their diverse areas of expertise.

Enjoy your week and thank-you for your continued support.

Regards,

Lea Ryan

ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

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5/6 Excursion
Tomorrow 2 September 2015
Please be at school by 9am.

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND MARKETS

Our Fair will be held this year on Friday 4 December, 2015. It is only 4 months away we need your help.

DONATIONS: If you can ask a business for prizes for our major Multi Draw Raffle we would be appreciated. i.e. Vouchers for Meat, Hair, Gym, anything. If you require a letter to give to the business they will be in the office.

If anyone would like to hold a stall at our Fair or know of someone who can, application forms for stall holders are also available in the office.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

Fathers’ Day Stall this Friday 4 September from 9AM

HELPERS REQUIRED TO help sell gifts to students as they come down in class groups to purchase. We have purchased some gifts but also would like donations as we did for the Mothers’ Day Stall. Gifts will be $4 and $5 each. DONATIONS can be sent to the office eg. Shampoos/mugs and lollies/chocolates/photo frames etc. so we can sort and organize by Wednesday 2nd. Thanking you.

PREP 2016 ENROL NOW

IF YOUR CHILD TURNS FIVE BY JUNE 2016, ENROL NOW. Information and enrolment packs are now available from the office.

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PLEASE KEEP COLLECTION STICKERS. THERE ARE COPIES OF SHEETS AT THE OFFICE.
From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers. Bring in your stickers or completed sheets into school. The more stickers we collect, the more exciting resources for our school and our students.

Woolies Earn and Learn

BOOK FAIR

SCHOLASTIC
open a world of possible

Date: 31 August – 3 September
Time: 8 – 8:45am
3 – 4 pm
Where: Library

BOOK WEEK

“BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD”
ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK
COLOURING IN COMPETITION
CHOOSE A PICTURE
COMPETITION CLOSES FRIDAY.
THE WINNERS (BOY AND GIRL) FROM EACH CLASS WILL RECEIVE A $5.00 VOUCHER TO SPEND AT THE BOOKFAIR ON MONDAY.
GUESS THE NUMBER OF SHELLS IN THE BOTTLE?
CLOSEST NUMBER WINS A $5.00 VOUCHER TO SPEND AT THE BOOK FAIR.

CHAPPY NEWS

Firstly I would like to thank all those who have been involved in book week last week. A lot of hard work goes into making book week happen and it was so encouraging to see the children getting involved in all of the activities.

There are three events coming up that I would like to tell you a little bit about. The first of which is the Local School Chaplaincy Committees (LCC) Auction night. Each year the LCC runs an Auction night (along with many other fundraising events throughout the year) to raise money for School Chaplains in the Rockhampton region. While Government funding partly supports new Chaplaincy positions, the LCC have to raise $120,000 annually to keep other Chaplains, not funded this way, in both primary and secondary schools across our region. If you would like to support school chaplaincy or keep up to date with school chaplaincy events please like the Local Chaplaincy Committees facebook page, Rockhampton School Chaplaincy events, or contact me for information about upcoming events or making a donation. The details of the upcoming Chaplaincy Auction are below. Rockhampton Chaplaincy Committee Auction

Date: Friday, 11th of September 2015
Time: 6:30-10:00pm
Cost: $5 per person
Venue: Rockhampton High School, Assembly Hall, Campbell Street
Contact: Jenny Soanes on 49227099, or email jenny.soanes@tccr.com.au

The second event I would like to talk to you about is Blast Camp. Blast camp is a camp that is run by SU Queensland in the September school holidays for students in Grade 5-Grade 8. It is a great camp held in Yeppoon and it is always a lot of fun. This year I will be attending as a leader so if you would like more information please feel free to contact me or look on the SU QLD camps website.

The last thing I would like to let you know about is Operation Christmas Child. Last year was my first time running Operation Christmas Child and I am happy to say it was a great success. For those who haven’t heard of it before Operation Christmas Child is run by
an international relief organisation called Samaritan’s Purse and involves sending a shoebox of Christmas gifts to those in need in South East Asia and the Asia Pacific Region. The basic idea is that we fill up shoeboxes with items to send, pay a small amount ($9 per box) and give it to someone in need.

More information about Operation Christmas Child will be put in the newsletter shortly and I hope that this year we will be able to send more boxes to those in need this Christmas. If you would like more information on any of these events please feel free to contact me through the school, I would love to chat to you.

BOOKFAIR

31 AUGUST – 3 SEPTEMBER 2015
8 AM – 8:45 AM AND 3 PM – 3:45 PM - LIBRARY