10 February 2015

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

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have had a wonderful start to 2015, thanks to you and your wonderful children. Students are demonstrating positive attitudes towards learning and homework is being completed. Students are keen to start class and are well prepared. I’d also like to compliment you, on the way in which you presented your children for school, with students wearing their uniforms with pride and hats firmly on their heads, most of the time.

Today, Year 6 students delivered their leadership speeches yesterday and they are to be congratulated on their wonderful efforts. I’m sure both parents and teachers alike, were as proud as I was, with their outstanding speeches. Congratulations to students and their parents. Miss Walker should also be congratulated, on providing students with the skills, to confidently prepare and deliver their speeches. Presentations to student leaders will be held next week on parade beginning at 2 p.m., and you are all invited to attend.

The school and P & C Association would like to invite you and your family, to a Welcoming Sausage Sizzle, on the evening of the 18 February, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This will provide you with an opportunity to speak with your child’s teacher in an informal setting. Please complete the Sausage Sizzle invitation and return it to the school by the 16 February. The P & C are conducting the Sausage Sizzle at no charge to you. Please complete the form below and return to the school no later than Friday. I look forward to your attendance.

Every week, your child will participate in both Music and Physical Education lessons, which are held on Fridays. These lessons are conducted by specialist teachers and are assessed for reporting purposes.

Students are able to borrow books from the school library and are expected to do so. This is a great opportunity for parents to read to and with their child. There is no cost to borrow books, except for books that are lost or not returned.

Shirts have been ordered for all Year 6 students. The students really enjoy wearing these shirts and the shirt sets them apart as Year 6 students and school leaders.
Mr. David Roach, Assistant Regional Director will visit our school this Thursday. Mr. Roach will be working with Miss Walker and I, on a program that enables us to track student performance. We are very privileged to have David working with us this year.

Please remember that if you have any concerns to please contact me as possible, so we can sit down and discuss an amicable outcome.

**Thought for the week:**

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Regards,

Lea Ryan
Principal

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**UNIFORMS FOR SALE**

Our uniforms are sold Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from our Tuckshop between 9.00 am and 9.30 am.

**NON TUCKSHOP DAYS**

Available Tuesday’s. **PUFFY DOGS** – 4 for $2.50. Please see Miss Walker to order.

Icy Cups every Friday available from the cooking room.

**LEADERSHIP**

The Leadership Investiture Ceremony will be held Monday 16 February commencing at 2 pm.

Grip Leadership Conference will be Thursday 19 February at Rockhampton Leagues Club commencing at 9 am. Notes will be given to those students affected.

**PREP NEWS**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Prep 2015.

I look forward to working with you to help your child learn and become a responsible school member.

Please feel free see me of a morning or afternoon if you have any questions or problems concerning your child.

The Preps are learning the names of teachers and children in their class, as well as learning to say their own name in a voice loud enough for all to hear. Children are also tracing over their own name written in beginners alphabet. Please encourage your child to write their name beginning with a capital only, with the remaining letters in lower case. Check your child’s name card at prep if you are unsure.

Rules in the classroom and playground are also being reinforced.

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**Attendance Data for Last week**

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**Sausage Sizzle**

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**P & C NEWS**

First meeting of the P & C will be our AGM Tuesday the 17 February 5 pm in the Staffroom, Followed by a general meeting to plan our year.

ALL WELCOME!

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3 / 4 N are looking for any donations of photocopier paper. Thank you.
CLASSROOM RULES
LISTENING

- eyes watching
- legs crossed
- hands in lap
- lips together
- listening while others are speaking
- hands up to speak

PLAYGROUND RULES

- Walk on concrete
- Hands to self
- Stop Play and line up when the bell rings.

REMINDERS

- We will have Library on Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their library book and bag with them each Wednesday to change their book.
- FRUIT BREAK We have a fruit break early in the day as some children are hungry. Please supply a piece of fresh fruit, dried fruit / sultanas, or vegetable. As apples are rather large for little people would you please cut the apple and place in a sealed container to stop it going brown. Some children are throwing whole apples away with only a little eaten.

- BIRTHDAYS Our school has a Healthy choices policy. If you wish to send a cake for your child’s birthday, please ensure that there is enough for 25 children. Small patty cakes ensure and easy and equitable distribution.

INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents and Caregivers are invited to a Parent information evening next week.

Information discussed will include:

- Behaviour management,
- Class procedures,
- Curriculum information
- Timetables
- Tuckshop

CALENDAR DATES FOR 2015

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EARLY INTERVENTION

Centacare is offering a support service for Parents with children 0 – 5 years who possibly need early intervention. To read more information visit www.babybridges.com.au

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM

FREE healthy lifestyle program for families – places still available

Families can still register for the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health – starting in February.

The free program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

The program is great fun for kids and helps parents make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life.

It runs for 6 months and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable.

While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.
If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HOCKEY**
Looking for a great family friendly sport?
Come along and Try Hockey
Park Avenue Brothers will be holding their sign on Feb 13 from 3:30 at their clubhouse at 161 Glenmore Road, come along and find out more about our great sport and our club.
Or attend Get into Hockey, a come and try day being held nationally on Saturday February 28.
In Rockhampton, it will be held at Kalka Shades, Water Street between 9 and 11am, with fun games and sausage sizzle.