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

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This Wednesday and Thursday, our students will travel with Miss Walker and Mrs. Mason, to Rockhampton High School for the Rockhampton and District Primary School Athletics Carnival. We wish the athletes all the best and hope they achieve their best performances to date. I’m sure that they will be great ambassadors for our school. Please ensure that all students are dressed in their school uniforms, with a hat, jumper, sunscreen, lip balm, lunch and water.

Cyclone repairs are almost complete. New vinyl was laid on the weekend in Miss Walker’s room. The Staff Room kitchen ceiling was replaced last week and painting completed. These repairs were as a result of water and wind damage. The shade cover was replaced on the Prep Playground – a very hot pink – supposedly bubble-gum!!! It looks great! The shade cover on the Year 3 and 4 area, is a fixed structure and will be completed in the near future.

New air-conditioners were also installed in the Year 3 and 4 and Year 1 and 2 classrooms, they are set warmer than classrooms have been, so we had to test them out during the cool/cold weather.

It is important that healthy and nutritious lunches are always in your child’s lunch box, sadly, this is not always so. More sandwiches and fruit are definitely needed. The Tuckshop provides fruit salad and delicious sandwiches for all students and teachers.

It is important that you read to your child and assist them with their homework. The Prep/1 classroom resembles Grand Central Station in the mornings, with parents sitting and working and reading with their child. This is what it should look like! I encourage all parents/carers to work in classrooms with their children.

To ensure the safety of all members our school, we are required to conduct Fire Drills and Lockdown procedures. Students practise, moving in an orderly manner from their classrooms, to the designated meeting area. For those of you who are unfamiliar with lockdowns, students remain in their classrooms with all doors locked. Students remain out of sight, by lying on the floor and keeping quiet. This is only for a short period of time, so as not to alarm students. Of course, we discuss this with the students prior to the practice.
Dancing Under the Stars is on this term, with the theme, “We can be Heroes.” Teachers will make contact with you in the near future with regards to costumes etc.

Our Strings students will also be participating in the Rockhampton Combined School’s Concert which is coming up in August. We are very lucky to have such talented students and qualified teachers.

Best wishes for an enjoyable week and don’t forget to read to your children.

Regards,

Lea Ryan
Principal

**ATTENDANCE**

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CONGRATULATIONS 1/2!!!!

**PREP 2016 ENROL NOW**

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APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR AND MARKETS MEETING**

The next Christmas Fair and Markets Meeting is Tuesday 28 July, 3.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

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.

The Next P & C Meeting will be held TODAY Tuesday 21 July 2015 3.30pm in staff room. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

It was decided at our last meeting that we would try again to hold a Fathers’ Day Stall on Friday 4 September as some parents have asked for one. We will be purchasing some gifts but also would like donations as we did for the Mothers’ Day Stall. Gifts will be $4 and $5 each. These can be sent to the office.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Please check lost property. The items are mounting. This can be found at office.
The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program is back!!!! 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.

Welcome back to Term Three!

Welcome back Prep/1 families. We have a very busy fun filled Term Three ahead. I hope you have all had a restful and joyous holiday together and the Preps are ready for another term of learning.

What we are learning about this Term

**English** – This Term our literacy focus is exploring rhyme and poetry. We will have fun innovating familiar poems and rhymes to create our own! The Preps have reached the stage where they are feeling confident commencing blends and diagraphs eg bl, sh, ch. To name a few

Reading is also a big part of our literacy program and the students will not only take readers home but will be guided through readers during the week at school. Please ensure that you continue guiding and supporting your child through their home reader each night and revise their sight words.

**Maths** - Our main focus in Prep is recognising and understanding all aspects of the numbers 1-20. This means writing the numbers correctly, understanding positions/order and value. Along with number we will also be looking at data, units of measurement and probability.

Science – This Term we will be transforming from Preppies into young meteorologists as we explore weather in our world. We will explore daily and Seasonal changes in the weather and make links to how these changes in our immediate environment affect us and our daily activities.

**PARENT HELPERS**

We enjoy the assistance of parents, grandparents and carers in the mornings to listen to reading and change readers for the students. If you would like to help, please come along in the mornings of your choice and join in our reading and sight words program with all the children. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Warm regards

Debbie Mallory

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**CALENDAR EVENTS**

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**BOOKFAIR**

Date: 31 August – 3 September

Time: 8 – 8:45am

3 – 4 pm

Where: Library
If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until 31 July 2015. This is your opportunity to have a say about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

If you haven’t received any survey access details yet, please contact Lea on telephone 07 49326333 or email lryan24.eq.edu

THE NED SHOW IS COMING THIS FRIDAY!!!!!!