THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

ATTENDANCE: 96.5%

The State Principals’ Conference I attended last week proved to be both informative and enjoyable with a range of key note speakers from within the educational field and outside providing stimulating presentations. The conference hosted by Kerry O’Brien provided information on the future direction for Queensland Schools. I am proud to report that our school has many of the practices and directions identified already in place. Of the other speakers, Corporal Mark Donaldson, VC spoke on his reflection on his tour of Afghanistan and the event that led up to him being awarded the Victorian Cross. This address was extremely well received and thought provoking.

Liz Ellis spoke on her netball career and clearly identified how the setting of goals and determination were two of the driving forces in her success. One of her big statements ‘If it is to be, it’s up to me’ clearly summarizes how important our own motivation and drive is in achieving our goals. This simple statement she attributes to her re-establishment of her career following injury.  

Mr D B Ambrose

DISCO - TONIGHT
6:00pm – 7:30pm  - $3 Admission

Our new year 6 DJ’s will be providing the music for students to dance to. Proceeds from the evening will assist the Year 5 camp costs. The tuckshop will be open for the purchase of food and drinks (menu below).

Theme: ‘Let’s Go Wild’

WILD HAIR . . . . WILD STYLES . . . . WILD DANCING!

Tuckshop Menu

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UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE TEXT MESSAGES

Since the beginning of 2017, our school must notify parents (by way of a text message) if their child is absent from school and we have not yet received a reason for the absence.  

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO RESPOND TO OUR TEXT MESSAGE IS BY A REPLY TEXT MESSAGE CONTAINING THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE (ie. sick, away for appoint etc)

Your reply text automatically matches up to your child’s record & inserts the reason next to your child’s absence for that day so it is no longer recorded as ‘unexplained’.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT CONTINUES TOMORROW
Please ensure your child brings their BUS MONEY, a HAT and a WATER BOTTLE.

Hats can be purchased from the office for $8.00
LEARNING PLAN REVIEW
The development of our 2017 Learning Plans is in full swing with 7 classes having completed their plans. Their plans will be referred to as the year progresses particularly at the end of Semester 1 when students will be asked to check their actual progress against their plan. A formal review of the plan with parents and some students will take place in Term 3 following the receipt of our NAPLAN results. Parents are encouraged to check with students on their progress towards their identified goals. A timetable for all classes yet to hold their meetings is published below.

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLAN METEINGS

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NAPLAN PREPARATION
At present our Year 3 and Year 5 teachers and other school staff are working diligently in preparing our Years 3 and 5 students for their upcoming National Tests to be completed on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY MAY 9th, 10th AND 11th 2017. As parents you too can give your children the opportunity and confidence to do the best they can in the tests. You can help in simple ways at home by having them read at home, spend time using the online Mathletics and Reading Eggs programs, count money and calculate change, tell the time and in general assist with every day chores. We will be doing all we can to give every child the best possible chance to do their best and assistance from home will support their efforts.

SPORTING SCHOOL PROGRAM ENDS
Next week marks the conclusion of our Sporting Schools Program for Term 1. The two activities offered were Surf Lifesaving and Gymnastics and both were extremely well received. Students were actively engaged while learning new skills and confidence. The Sporting Schools program is an excellent way for students to be exposed to a range of different activities. Next term we will again be offering the program with the activities yet to be confirmed. We shall keep you informed of the activities on offer in Term 2 once sports have been finalised.

AUTHOR VISIT – CAMERON STELZER
On WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH, we will have a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is visiting our school to run workshops with our Year 5 students in the Library. Cameron will be engaging students in a workshop that will motivate and inspire students with their writing, and help prepare them for their own writing tasks. Classes will work with Cameron for the full school day, and will explore both writing and illustration skills. Students and teachers are looking forward to a fantastic day!

In conjunction with the Author Visit, our families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalized copies of Cameron’s books at special prices. Individual items are $15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the day of the workshops. Forms and payment can be returned the following day, Thursday 16 March, to the Library. Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child’s name and a message), and students will receive their books the following week.

BUNDABERG ARTS FESTIVAL
Well done to JACQOBI! on her success in the Bundaberg Arts Festival taking out 1st place in the junior section. Jacqobi’s painting of a lion is on display in the Civic Centre along with other works of art which reflect the huge talent in our district. I would encourage families to take the time to pop in on the exhibit and wander through the work.

Well done Jacqobi!
ONLINE SAFETY: Do you know how to keep your children safe when they are using social media or playing an online game? What’s the story on keeping your kids safe online? Think about the amount of time you spent teaching your children how to cross the road safely. You told them about looking to the left and right, pedestrian crossings, “green and red men” and lollipop ladies. You taught them not to talk to strangers. You knew they needed to learn how to stay safe. You held their hands and walked beside them when they were learning.

But we give them access to the digital world of gaming, the internet and social media with not a lot of hand holding. We ask children to cross a digital highway on their own and hope they make it to their other side in one piece without finding something or someone nasty on the way. They might think they know everything there is to know, certainly the technology doesn’t scare them, but they don’t know all the risks.

What can parents and adults do now to protect children online? I encourage all parents and adults who have contact with children and young people to visit iParent section (https://www.esafety.gov.au/parent) of the eSafety Commission’s website. There is an extensive range of hints, tips and resources. Importantly:

- adults need to be vigilant about what children are doing online
- they need to take the time to understand the technology and programs children are using so they can have informed conversations
- they need to have open conversations with children
- children need to trust they can talk honestly with adults about online activities/conversations which make them feel uncomfortable or worried

Critically, adults need to model good behaviour themselves. If parents don’t want their children to post photos online then they need to consider whether they are modelling that it is ok to share photos of everything they do on their social media accounts.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
A list of classes participating in RI is listed below:

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The Religious Instruction program provided at our school is endorsed by the combined churches.

The cost of participating in RI is $5 per student or $10 per family. This amount can be paid at the office.

P&C AGM & GENERAL MEETING
The General Monthly Meeting for March will be held next

WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH at 7:00pm. Business to be discussed is as follows:-

- Change of signatories on account
- NAPLAN
- Sun safety Grant
- School Refurbishment

All members of our school community are welcome to attend.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AT EAST LEAGUES OVAL

I have been contacted by a parent who has serious concerns regarding the safety of children when attending Rugby League training at East Leagues Club.

His concerns relate to children crossing the road without due care and attention. Parents are urged to take appropriate action to ensure the safety of their own children.

CHAPPY KELLY’S NEWS

2017 “SPIN OFF” Chaplaincy Fundraiser Confirmed!!
SATURDAY AFTERNOON 20TH MAY

I need you - students in Years 5/6 - Parents & teachers!

I need teams of up to 10. This is a time trial challenge. Teams alternate riders over a 30 minute period to compete against other schools!!! Which team can ride the furthest in 30mins? (I think ours!!!). You may like to check out a promo video here at www.spinoff.org.au. HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT NEW DATES FOR BUNDABERG FOR 2017 HAVE NOT BEEN UPDATED YET.

☆ PLEASE SEE CHAPPY KELLY TO REGISTER INTEREST ☆

LOW COST GROCERIES

Every Thursday 9-11am only.

Global Care Warehouse, 140 Elliott Heads Rd

1300 991 596 OR globalcare@citicoastchurch.com.au

Blessings, Chappy Kelly

RSL COMMUNITY LINK PLAQUES

Our school proudly supports the RSL Community Link Scheme where students who have deceased relatives who served in the Armed Forces can apply for a distinctive badge to remember them. These badges are engraved with the veteran’s full name, service details and feature miniature representations of their service decorations and are presented by service personnel at our Anzac Day Service each year. I have been talking to all classes this week about this so your children should be well informed. If you would like more information, see a sample badge or get an application form please come to see me. The RSL has modified the process required to get these fabulous family mementoes making it much easier. You must have some evidence of their service history to support your application and they will help with the rest. If you need help to find these details I can also assist. These plaques cost $15 each and applications can be made throughout the year to avoid the rush around Anzac Day. Come and talk to me if you are interested and I will help you remember your relative’s service.

I KINDLY REMIND PARENTS WHO HAVE COLLECTED FORMS, TO PLEASE RETURN THEM TO ME IN THE LIBRARY AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY SO THAT THE PROCESS CAN COMMENCE.

Thank you - Paul McMillen, Teacher Librarian
ATW AFL EAGLES CLUB
Seeking players for the upcoming 2017 season
Age groups available AusKick U8’s, 10’s, 12’s, 14’s, 16’s
Girls welcome in ages 7yrs to 14yrs
Frank Coulthard Oval on Claytons Road
Season Starts April – Training to commence shortly
For more info, contact Kim Trotter 0407 039 877 OR
Email: kimmitee68@gmail.com OR
visit www.atw afl.com.au