**WELCOME BACK TO 2015**

**Value of the Week - RESPONSIBILITY**
Each of us has a responsibility to do the best we can to make our homes, school and community the safe, respectful and happy places that we want them to be. We act responsibly when we keep the rules and do what we are expected to do and keep our agreements. When we take responsibility for our own actions, others can trust and depend on us.

**School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning Focus:** Know the school rules and keep them—Be SAFE, Be RESPECTFUL, Be a LEARNER.

**Social & Emotional Learning:** With rights comes responsibility. Right choice behaviour brings positive acknowledgement. Poor choice behaviour results in unwanted consequences.

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**Term 1 Week 1**
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*Term 1*

*Every Tuesday,*
Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00am

28th, 29th & 30th Jan
Prep Interviews

31/1/15
State Elections P&C BBQ & cake stall

3/2/15
RE Volunteer Induction

9/2/15
P&C Meeting 5:30pm everyone welcome

10/2/15
RE commences Safer Internet Day

11/2/15
Parent Teacher Information session & School Services Expo

19/2/15
Yr 3.4.&5 Swimming starts 7wks $70.00

20/2/15
Surf Ed Year 6 for 6weeks
Dear Parents / Caregivers;
Welcome back to the 2015 school year. It is a delight to see all our students return with such happy faces, ready to learn and eager for the great year ahead with their classmates and teachers. We especially welcome our new staff, families and our Prep students. It has been a great start to the year.

As parent and school we work together to support and encourage each individual child to be the best they can be in their learning and their behaviour. Together we make and IMPACT on student achievement as each child strives to meet their learning goals and the expectations that we have for responsible behaviour where rules focus on the need to be safe, be respectful, be a learner and where it is our individual responsibility – the Power of One to do the right thing in the classroom and playground.

School Priorities for the Year:
• Continue to build on our trajectory of continuous academic improvement that we set for each year level and each student in reading, writing and numeracy and to maintain, and even exceed, being at National Standard.
• Develop a culture of Safe, Respectful and Responsible Behaviour.
• Provide Quality teaching and learning
• Build 21st Century learning skills and elearning.

Parent Input: We love to hear new ideas to make our school even better for students and families. Similarly if you have any complaints and concerns please speak to the class teacher or the principal, so that any matters can be immediately addressed or come along to the P&C meeting.

Parents &Citizens Association (P&C): We value all that our P&C do under the leadership of P&C President Sue Elliott. Please do your best to come to the meet and greet, first P&C meeting, Monday 9th February. The P&C not only fund raises for additional student resources, but works with the Principal in decision making for school improvement.

Thank you parents: Your daily efforts in your child having a good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast, healthy lunches, the resources they require for school, in full uniform, with homework, notes and payments returned on time and being punctual for class makes a very big difference to your child’s wellbeing, their capacity to learn, their work ethic and attitude and their success as a learner. It’s off to a flying start.

• Resource scheme: Thank you to the many parents who have made in full or in part payment for the student resource Scheme $120 Prep students and $60 Yr 1 – 6. This enables us to purchase student access to Literacy Planet & Mathletics and provide other essential resources for whole class use.
• Uniforms: All students should have at least one full school uniform with the blue collar and school logo and black shoes. Full uniform must be worn on class photo day, Tuesday 19 March, for special assemblies, excursions, and when representing our school. A reminder that necklaces and jewellery are not permitted unless a note is provided for cultural, religious or medical alert reasons.
• Some families may be eligible for the Federal Government School Student Bonus of $422 which is paid half yearly, $211 per primary student, for student uniforms, books, and school activities. Please check your eligibility through Centre link so that you don’t miss out.

Staff News: We welcome to our teaching team, Ms Hannah Buckley working in Middle Gold with Mrs Cecil; Mrs Paula Besford, Junior Blue replacing Mrs Calder who is on leave for term 1; Mrs Cath Cornish, Master Teacher to support teaching and learning 3 days a fortnight. Sadly we farewell our Guidance Officer, Ms Edith Saedt who has been transferred. She will be replaced by Janette Over. We thank Ms Edith for all the work that she has done for students and families and the difference she has made. Our best wishes go with her.

Classes 2015: This year, for the first time in Queensland history, our classes only go to year 6, with year 7 students now enrolled in secondary school. Consequently we have a smaller school population, starting with 7 classes. Day 8 will determine final numbers and staffing arrangements with any changes to be made advised next week.

Parent Class Teacher Information Sessions: Wednesday, 11 February Wk 3, 3:00 – 5:00pm. Look out for your class invitation to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss learning, assessment, homework, class routines and behaviour expectations that are essential for a positive parent partnership and to answer any questions parents may have. You are also invited to the School Community Services expo in the hall which will provide further information on what is available within the school and in the local community that can support you and your child. A free sausage sizzle will be provided over the afternoon.

Every Day Counts: Attendance and punctuality and remaining at school the whole day is essential for student’s to keep up with their learning and to maintain friendships. Aim for 100% attendance with absence only when sick or emergent. If late for school the student must be signed in at the office. If departing early, parents must come to the office to sign out their child. A reason for absence must be provided by phone, email or note for school record purposes. When students are absent it is expected that they catch up on core work they have missed.

Positive Behaviour Learning: We all want a safe, happy school both in the classroom and in the playground. We have high expectations that students keep the school rules: Be safe, Be Respectful, Be a learner. Rules, expectations and social skills are explicitly taught, modelled, practiced and monitored each week.
• “Gotchas” are our currency for positive acknowledgement with Bronze, Silver and Gold awards to aspire too.
• Noncompliance with rules will result in time out in the classroom or playground. This year we are introducing Wednesday after school detention for repeated offenders as arranged between the school and the parent.
• Change to play / eating time: A trial will commence next week to have play time followed by eating time. This is a successful strategy that some schools use to facilitate students entry back into class after break, having time to sit and cool down and relax. Eating time for younger students will be carefully monitored. Midmorning munch and crunch, a healthy brain food snack remains essential for first session class routine.

Assembly: Assembly will be 9:00 Wednesdays. Assembly is a time when we proudly celebrate student and school success and
where classes share the great work they have been doing with the school community. All welcome.

Facilities News:
- An electric bell, alarm and PA system has been installed.
- Removal of trees: Sadly a number of our gum trees and other trees that were deemed a risk for personal safety or to drainage and buildings had to be removed. A revamp of the centre school courtyard in particular will be undertaken this year.
- Substantial maintenance work has been done on D block in preparation for external painting.

Student Safety: Our children are our most precious asset.
- Road safety: Well done to most people for using the supervised crossings to cross roads and for parking legally at drop off and pick up time. Not only is the safety of our students paramount but as adults we need to be positive role models.
- There is no play before school. Students who arrive early are to wait outside the school office on the seat by the hall. After 8:15 Students may play hand ball or sit quietly in the undercover areas or outside their classroom.
- There is no play after school. Students are to go immediately home. If waiting for a parent, they must wait inside the school gates. If a parent is running late, please advise the office, Students must go to the office at 3:15 if still waiting.
- All Gates except the admin entrance gate, will be locked at 9:00 as a safety precaution.

We have a great school year ahead to look forward too.
Next week, the newsletter will have our Stars of the Week and around the classroom news.
Warm regards and best wishes for a great week,
Sharyn Mahony

Chappy Chat - Chappy Lisa
FREE BREAKFAST - is served every Tuesday from 8am from the school tuckshop. We are grateful to our wonderful volunteers from local churches and community groups, Baker's Delight Coolangatta and Vinnies for their contribution of time and donations of food to make this possible. Please make the most of this opportunity to meet other members of our school community.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EXPO - I have been busy contacting a wide variety of community services to be present at this event being held at the same time as our parent teacher afternoon on Wednesday 11th February from 3pm. We hope you will take the opportunity to see what our school and community can offer your child and family. If you come along and visit 4 stall holders you will go in the draw to win one of 4 prizes. More info to come

School Musical 2015
This year Mr Vogel is planning.... Frozen The Musical. I would like to call a meeting for all interested parents, teachers and members of the public. We will be discussing the timeline, jobs, script, sets, etc. When: Thursday 5th February 2015 at 3:00pm in Mr Vogel's Room. Looking forward to seeing all you creative people then. (If you can't make it please email svogel@eq.edu.au)

Mr Vogel

P&C News: The P & C welcomes everyone back for the 2015 school year. A special welcome to our new families joining the school. The P & C needs the support of parents so that we can continue to make a contribution to the school. Last year the P & C purchased 20 new ipads for the school, help to fund the graduation ceremonies as well as redcorating and installing new equipment in the tuckshop. Obviously if left to only a few, the pP & C will not be able to make these contributions to the school in the future. The only saying "many hands make light work" is very true for the P & C.

Tuckshop: The new menu for the tuckshop will go home next week. The tuckshop will be open Tuesday through to Friday each week. We will be advertising special meal deals and themed days. Anyone who can help with either giving a few hours per week to prepare and serve or alternatively give a few hours once a month to participate in a fun baking day, your help would be much appreciated. Please call the school or Sue Elliott on the number below.

Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall: This Saturday is Election Day and we are having a cake stall and sausage sizzle at the school from booth opening to late morning. We would appreciate you baking something at home and sending to school on Friday or bring to the office on Saturday morning. Please provide a list of ingredients with your items so that people with special diets are aware. If you are able to give a couple of hours on Saturday to serve at the cake stall or help with the sausage sizzle please call me on 0418565829.

Our first P & C meeting will be held on Monday, 9 February, 2015 at 5.30pm. Please come along and get to know your school community. Your children are welcome; they will be able to have access to computers and other games. Dinner will be provided for all those who attend (both children and adults). WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP!

PCYC TWEED HEADS Community Open Day
When: Saturday 31January Time: 9am -1pm
Where: Florence Street, Tweed Heads.
Free trial of activities for all ages, Police Car tours, live music, free face painting & sausage sizzle.
Fun for the whole family!

TWIN TOWNS NETBALL CLUB INC SIGN ON: SAT 7th Feb
TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS CLUB, FRASER DRIVE, BANORA POINT 10 AM TO 12 NOON
8 Yrs and under - $150.00 10 Yrs and over - $160.00
KAREN JEFFERIES PRESIDENT - 0411 197968 - EMAIL - makjeffs@bigpond.com

KINGSTON HOCKEY CLUB SIGN-ON: Sat 7th Feb & Fri 13th Feb
Merv Edwards Oval, Sand St, KINGSTON
TIME: Sat 11.00am – 2.00pm & Fri 3.00pm 5.00pm
INQUIRIES: Tim Prichard 0411 490586. Players for all Grades are required ie beginners, 5 to 9 yrs. along with Juniors up to 16yrs.
Parent Information Session, Sausage Sizzle & School Community Services Expo

Wednesday, 11 February


3:00 – 3:45 Class parent information sessions
Junior Blue, Junior Gold, Senior Gold, Middle Purple

3:45 – 4:30 Class parent information sessions
Middle Blue, Middle Gold, Senior Blue

4:45 Lucky draws at the expo for family prizes.

Look out for your class invitation. Come and meet your child’s teacher and be informed of class learning, events and all that is available to support your child and your family.