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Principal’s Award: Edward C, JP for high level extension words in spelling and Taiti A for his maths expertise.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Term 4 week 7**

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Every Tuesday, Free Breakfast

18/11/14  
Yr 6, 7 PASS program
International Men’s Day

19/11/14  
Wednesdays After School Sport
4:30pm – 4:15pm

19/11/14  
Prep Orientation 9am

21/11/14  
P-2 / 3 Swimming
Surfing & summer sport

24/11/14  
Year 1 Personal Safety Program

25/11/14  
Tuesdays After School Sport P-3
3:15pm – 4:15pm

26/11/14  
Prep Orientation 9am
RE Christmas Concert 9:30
Wednesday After School Sport 4-7:30
4:15pm – 4:15pm

26/11/14  
Prep Orientation 9am

28/11/14  
P-2 / 3 Swimming
Surfing Elective

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Value of the Week – FAIR GO: When we are tolerant and understanding and give people a chance we are allowing them to have another go, do a better effort, make amends and be successful.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning: This week’s focus is Be RESPECTFUL: FOLLOW DIRECTIONS, FIRST TIME. When adults give a direction or instruction, students are to stop, look and listen and follow what is being asked of them the first time.

Social & Emotional Learning Topic: RESILIENCE
When things are not the way we want them to be, we need to deal with the problem then move on.
Dear Parents / Carers,

International Men’s Day: The objectives of celebrating this day include focusing on men’s and boys’ health, improving gender relations and highlighting positive male role models. It is an occasion to celebrate their contributions to community, family, marriage, and child care. Thank you dads and father figures for all that you do in the all round education and development of your child. We also thank our male staff for the positive influence they have on students.

Flying Start to High School: This year two classes head off to high school - Yr 7’s who move to year 8 and Yr 6 students who become the inaugural students to transition form primary to high school from Yr 6. This is a big step for the 56 students involved and their parents. By now, students should be already enrolled in their high school of choice, and families had the opportunity to attended information and orientation sessions. Please contact your child’s school if you are not sure of upcoming student orientation days.

Prep Orientation 2015: Tomorrow and next Wednesday from 9:00 – 10:00, incoming prep students are welcome to come to Prep class for their own special learning time. Parents are welcome to purchase school uniforms, attend assembly and have a general discussion on early childhood development. Please advise families of prep age children of these arrangements. Classes for 2015 will be announced on Wed afternoon 2:00 – 2:45, 3rd December when children will spend time with their 2015 class.

Instrumental Music Program 2015: Congratulations to the large number of students in Yr 3, 4 who have been accepted into the school’s instrumental music program for next year. It is so pleasing to see this program grow from strength to strength. A parent information session this Thursday will outline the commitments that are required (see Instrumental Music teacher notice in this newsletter for details). I encourage students who were unsuccessful at this time, to keep up their interest in music and to apply again next year. Learning to play a musical instrument goes so much further than the reward of being able to make a tune and entertain. It is excellent for brain development and developing values of commitment, persistence, striving for excellence, working as a team and the sense of accomplishment.

School Captains 2015: Year 5 students will have the opportunity to nominate for next year’s school captain and vice captain positions next week, as yr 6 becomes the final primary year. Students will be advised of the criteria and the expectation of their duty. A short list of nominees will present their school captain speeches at assembly on 3rd December. Staff and student voting will then occur. Successful nominees will be announced at awards day assembly, Wednesday 10 December. Nominations and voting for other leadership positions will occur at the start of the new school year.

Use the QSchools app to hear our news: With the free QSchools app you can find out the latest news from our school instantly. No more missing newsletters or hearing about school events at the last minute. We also use the app to issue notifications such as emergency announcements to you. You can ‘favourite’ more than one school on the app if your family has children attending another state school. QSchools is available for Android, Apple and Windows devices. www.deqa.qld.gov.au/about/app/qschools-app.html

With warm regards and best wishes for a great week,
Sharyn Mahony

P&C News
School banking is on Fridays please leave books at the canteen.
Tuckshop news: Watch this space Red Day coming soon.
Christmas Concert Raffle
$1.00 per ticket, and will be drawn 3 12/14. P&C are asking if each family could please contribute an item for our hamper. Please place it in your class Christmas Box. Thank you for all your support.

Uniforms for 2015: on sale now.

Chaplain’s Chat: Chappy Lisa
Does your child or teen worry a lot? If so, BRAVE is an interactive online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. The programs are free and provide ways for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There is also a program for parents. Look online at: https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/

Thought for the Week:
Advice From A Tree
• Stand tall and proud
• Go out on a limb
• Remember your roots
• Drink plenty of water
• Be content with your natural beauty
• Enjoy the view

Instrumental Music Band News: Miss Deb
There will be a meeting this Thursday 20/11/14 from 8:30am-9:30am. This meeting will give students and families an idea of how the school instrumental music program is run, fees, hire information and what each instrument sounds like. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Chatter matters – new SPEAK app
The SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) oral language app has been developed by the department as a joint initiative with Queensland Health and Redland City Council to help develop children’s speaking and listening ability. The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.

Cybersafety website
The Meet the creeps cybersafety website helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online. Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

Living with bats: Children need to know what to do if they find a bat, living or non living as injured bats and flying foxes can spread disease via scratch or bite. Learn more: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/living-with-bats.html

EVERY DAY COUNTS: Make the last few weeks a time when students have 100% attendance every day. Unit 8 of the curriculum is still being covered. End of term learning also gives students valuable time to reinforce essential concepts and to catch up deficits so that they can capably access the next years level.
**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**Senior Green : Mrs Ireland**

**Graduation dinner payments are now due.** Please make sure you communicate if your child is not attending so final numbers can be catered for. Students are actively working on their Book Creator stories and will participate in a reading session in Week 8, where they will share their creation with a kindy student. In English, students are investigating the movie ‘Game of their Lives’, which is based on a true story from the 1950’s era. Students will use the movie as a guide to assist with various higher order thinking questions and they will be required to respond to a range of writing prompts. It is essential that your child is attending school every day up until the end of year as they will be heavily involved in consolidating their knowledge across all KLA’s. Mr Alan Junor has finished his Internship with our class, we wish him the very best for his future teaching career.

**Senior Purple : Mr Vogel**

Students from Senior Purple and others from the Year 7 and Year 5 classes went to Kirra Beach on Friday afternoon of last week to test out if the beach was a good facility to play on in Gala Day. (Week 9) The students found out that the north part of Kirra Beach had toilet and water facilities (though a hot walk from the beach) and there is a nice flat place to play frisbee and volleyball. We also learnt techniques to pass the frisbee downwind (easy-flat and up a bit) and up wind (difficult-short low passes) in preparation for the Ultimate Frisbee matches on Gala Day. For Catch Volleyball we learnt to cover our piece of the court and it's ok to dive on the sand. **Graduation dinner payments are due now!**

**Middle Gold : Ms Cronin**

Middle Gold has had a huge week of Science and investigations, ending the week with the Science assessment task. Students looked at the properties of ochre, used by Indigenous Australians. Students then decided if they were testing “water fastness” or “smudge resistance”. Ochre was mixed with 4 different liquids and painted on to paper. After it had dried they performed their test. They then wrote observations about their investigation, using words describing properties and characteristics. This week we also concluded our quest novel “Rowan of Rin”. It was very exciting from the beginning through to the end. Many students in the class are now looking forward to reading other novels involving Rowan by Emily Rodda. Well done Middle Gold on a very intensive week.

**Middle Blue: Ms Scales**

Last week Middle Blue had a big focus on finishing their History and Literacy tasks. Students completed posting on our class blog their thoughts and opinions on the Quest novel ‘Rowan of Rin’. We also learnt all about The Eora Tribe and what life was like before and after contact with the Europeans. Students have been putting in a great effort to finish their assessment task for the end of year! Great work Middle Blue!

**Middle Purple : Mr Stringer and Mrs Cecil**

Students in Middle Purple have completed their assessment comparing the novel and the film “Red Dog”. They have put in a lot of effort and done a fantastic job. We had a visit from surf lifeguards last week and learnt what all of the signs and flags mean. Ask your child to tell you next time you are at the beach- see if they can remember everything.

**Junior Blue: Mrs Calder**

Junior Blue is completing Visual Art assessments this week. We are creating tints and shades of colours and using these a name for our individual artworks.

**Junior Green: Ms O’Callaghan**

This week in Mathematics students will represent and describe half and quarter turns, and give and follow directions involving turn. Students will also follow directions to flip and slide shapes a on a simple grid, and create a shape pattern involving flips and slides.

**Junior Purple: Mrs Waldon and Mrs Winder.**

This week we will be looking at a persuasive texts starting with a fun book called 'Don’t let the Pigeon drive the bus! Our Be Safe with Emmy program continues this week also. Students in Junior Purple will be performing a short poem this week on assembly.

**Junior Orange: Ms Schmida**

This week we have been learning to do letter writing in class. We are also concentrating on our numerals from 1-20 making paper chain as one of our activities. Please remember to pay swimming on Thursday if you haven’t already thanks.

**HPE News: Mr Stringer**

This week we began golf as our PE focus and were lucky to have a professional (Matt Kieran) come in this year to help with swing construction. We will continue golf over the next few weeks (weather permitting) and have a nearest to the pin competition and prizes for closest and effort will be given.

Surfing had a great day down at Kirra Beach last Friday. We had some small windy waves on offer but the standard of surfing was mind blowing! Radical lay back manouvres and airs were on show to watch! Well done to the advanced group and also to the learners who all stood up! Gala Beach Day friendly comp with Tallebudgera, Gilston & Nerang SS is on Monday, 1 December. This event will be held at Kirra Beach.

**Library News**

The end of year is fast approaching. Please start searching for any overdue library books or lost home readers and return them to the library. All library books should be returned by the 3rd December. Thank you for your support. All book club orders have been placed. These will arrive at school in approximately 2 weeks.

**App of the week**

**123 Sheep**

This is a counting game that helps students learn to count. It teaches children to count in groups.

**BOOK FAIR** – save up to buy for Christmas gifts at the end of year Book Fair, first week in December. The fair will be open prior to our end of year concert and art show on the 3 December.

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**Outstanding Monies Owing**

All outstanding fees are now due!

**Surfing, Swimming, Resource Scheme, Life Education. These all need to be paid now!**

**Money for Year 6 & 7 Graduation due on Thursday 27/11/14 for numbers to be finalised.**