**Connect to Reading...**

......this year's theme for Book Week. Students have found many ways to connect to reading throughout their many library lessons as well as Read and Respond sessions and literacy sessions in the classroom. They have been interacting with the short-listed books in many different and interesting ways, the results of which will be visible in the school library. Parents and relatives are invited to a morning assembly this, Thursday 21st August commencing at 9:15am. During this time our students will be parading as Book Characters with whom they connect and sharing these connections with all of us. Following the assembly, after a brief crunch and sip, students will be rotating through various activities to demonstrate their connections to books, stories and reading. Parents are welcome to stay for some or all of these activities which will conclude at recess (11:05am).

**Cool Kids Music:** We are sending home an “expression of interest” form regarding an externally provided music tuition program to possibly be held at our school. All information is provided on the sheets. We would need at least five families for it to commence. It is hoped that if we receive enough interested families that we would commence in Term 4. Please note that this participation is not expected and is additional to the usual music curriculum.

“Slugs and snails and puppy dogs’ tails...” We would like to congratulate Alecia and Warren on the safe arrival of their beautiful little baby boy. A brother for Charli to share with her three lovely sisters. Welcome Harvey. We can't wait to meet you.

**School Planning:** Mrs McLennan and I attended a meeting last Wednesday on changes and new expectations around school planning for the next three year period. A follow-up session will see Mrs Mac attending next Wednesday also. The new system will require community/parent involvement/input throughout various stages.

**Enrolments:** It is that time of year where we need to look at numbers for next year. If you are in contact with anyone in our area with a child ready to start school, please encourage them to visit us and to come along to our Kindy Orientation Day on 16th October.

**Au revoir:** I will be heading overseas at the end of this week, taking four weeks long service leave. I am delighted to announce that Sue McLennan will be relieving as Principal in my absence and that Mrs Urio will be teaching my beautiful class. I know that I leave both my class and my school in very caring and capable hands. Mrs Mackay will also be assisting on Wednesdays and Thursdays during this period, relieving teachers for RFF and Library, as well as assisting with Whole School Literacy.
Parents....
Please remember that there is NO Staff Development Day at the commencement of Term 4.
First day for all...
Tuesday 7th October 2014

Our P&C will again be holding a Fathers’ Day Stall on Thursday 4th September in our school Library.
(Preference to follow from our P&C)

Our P&C will be meeting on Tuesday 9th September at 7:00pm in the school library.
These meetings are short, fun and best of all.....

PRODUCTIVE!!!
We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

We have found that enormous tasks have fallen on but a few. It's time we all shared the load a little.

Why not come along to be a voice to be heard. Share your thoughts. Maybe offer some assistance in some small way. We would really enjoy your company.

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.
- Dr Seuss

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please speak to the class teacher to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

Ann Mills
Principal
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New Enrolments 2015

We are seeking our new enrolments for Kindy next year... and indeed throughout the grades.

If you have a young child ready to start school next year, or know of someone wishing to start, please encourage them to come along and visit our school.

Orientation morning for new students will be in the second week of Term 4 (16/10/14)

So spread the word!!

I would love to see us grow....

Just a little ... more!