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Principal's Points

Week 2 at School

Mark and I have visited all classes and all of our students appear to be settling well into the new school year. This week, Music, LOTE and PE lessons commence, with swimming beginning next week when Mrs Clancy returns from camp. All of the children in Prep – Year 2 have made contact with their buddy class and the older children look forward to visiting their buddies in the playground when we eventually have fine weather.

Facilities

The new Junior Toilet Block is in use and is proving to be a blessing in this wet weather as it is so conveniently located beside the Year 1 classroom.

If you have not yet seen the progress of the library extension, you will be amazed. It is looking stunning. There are still some finishing touches to be done and the existing exterior walls are awaiting a paint job, however the library should be up and running in a couple of weeks. Mrs Merefield-Ward and Mrs Vicig spent the last week of the holidays and many hours since, working hard to ensure that everything is in place. We thank them for their dedication.

2008 – The Year of Physical Activity

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, Rod Welford, Minister for Education and Training has declared 2008, the Year of Physical Activity for Queensland State Schools. An extract from his letter reads as follows:

“International Research has shown that along with the physiological benefits, engaging in physical activity at school enhances student’s educational outcomes, supports their personal development and promotes lifelong active lifestyles.”

With this in mind “Smart Moves” will be introduced in Queensland schools in 2008. The program involves all children participating in 30 minutes physical activity each day as part of the curriculum. It is not a huge change, as many classes already go out for physical activity several times during the week. The activities include motor program, PE lessons, Interschool sport and class fitness and games. As part of the “Smart Moves” program, trainees from the Australian Sport and Fitness College will work with our staff in delivering a program. They will visit each Thursday, commencing this week and will work with children in Years 3 – 7. Year 6 & 7 will be involved in

fitness and touch football skills, Years 4 & 5 minor games and Year 3 ball skills. We look forward to being involved in this exciting initiative.

Beginners Band Camp

Good luck to those students who are attending Beginners Band Camp late this week. I look forward to enjoying your performance on Monday afternoon.

Casual Cleaner

We are looking for a casual cleaner to work on Fridays for the next few weeks. The position is a split shift: 5:00am – 9:00am and 2:00pm – 6:00pm.

If you are interested, please contact the office as a matter of urgency.

Treat Time

Great to see so many families and teachers enjoying Treat Time last Friday. Please join us on Friday, 15 February when the next Treat Time will be held.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

SCHOOL NURSE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SCHOOL

The Community Child Health Service offers a free health screening program for children at School-entry age during their Prep year. The screening program includes a vision assessment and, where there are risk factors, a hearing assessment.

Consent forms will be sent home to all Prep year students with this newsletter, please complete and return the consent form to the school office as soon as possible, as the nurse cannot see your child without a completed and signed consent form.

If your child is in Year 1 and missed the prep screening program last year, please collect a consent form from the school office and complete and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Your child's results will be sent home with your child following the screening assessment.

If you would like to speak to a nurse please phone 3335 8783

The Nurse will visit our school on March 31, 2008.

STRINGS NEWS

Mrs Dinnis will be returning to our school this year to take the strings program. However lessons will not begin until Wednesday 20 February. Students should bring their instruments on that day. Beginners will be given their instruments on that day.

Sue Underhill

RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

Asperger's Support Service Network (ASSN) Parent Support Group meets this Thursday 7 February at 7pm in the Rainbow Room.

Agenda:

- Meet and greet
- catch up
- calendar for 2008

Any questions contact Jill Darch 0409632094

Wanted

Any small appliances or pieces of technology required for Rainbow Room. Pieces need to be safe enough to disassemble and reassemble. Cords should be cut off.

If you have anything that fits the bill just drop it off at the Rainbow room near the tuckshop. Any questions contact Jill Darch on school number.

Jill Darch

PARENTING COURSE

Many requests from parents has prompted the scheduling of a parenting workshop facilitated by Mary Crombie. Mary's depth of knowledge will help parents to find positive ways to deal with the everyday issues faced by all families. The cost of the workshop is \$30 (to cover the cost of the workbook) and is being held on Wednesday nights over 4 weeks starting 20 February. Free child supervision is being offered to make it easier for all primary care-givers to attend. Places are limited to 10 families so **BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**. Please register your interest at the office or call 35113111. Melinda Chandler Direct 61 7 3237 5904 Mobile 0434 609 601 melinda.chandler@bdo.com.au

Melinda Chandler

WELCOME DISCO

Frogs, trees, greenies, Shrek, grapes - you'll see all sorts of costumes at the welcome disco on the 16 Feb. The activities building will be transformed into a green disco wonderland for dancing, games with prizes, and the DJ. Parents can meet on the oval side of the building (BYO) and everyone can grab a free sausage in bread and buy a soft drink and glowstick. The disco and sausage sizzle will kick-off at

6pm and finish at 8pm. Please note that children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult - this is not a "drop'n'go disco". All welcome.

Melinda Chandler

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ASD/Asperger Carer Support Group February Meeting

Date: Friday 8 February, from 9.00am Speaker at 9.30am
St Mark's Anglican Church
Cnr Waterworks Road & Kullaroo St
The Gap

Desley Green
3300 3407

Craft Group

Our craft group may be the answer! It runs every Wednesday; we have a variety of classes and provide babysitting!!! We call this group "GUCCE" - Gap Uniting Church Craft Experience. See notice in breezeway.

WESTS JUNIORS AFL CLUB

SIGN-ON: Saturday February 9 (10am-4pm) and Sunday February 10 (10 am-noon). Sign-on before 24 Feb and receive a discount. For more information, see flyer in breezeway or contact **Carrie Ritchie 3870 1746 or 0402 094 910**.

Prep Children

Tennis, Soccer, Netball (at this school) Mums, have you missed out, that's okay you don't have to wait till next term, enrol now and pay less, see the class times and enrol and pay online
www.tinysports.com.au John Berry
3300 2246

The Gap Netball Club

New players wanted, 8yrs - Seniors contact Mikala 3300 6580 -Club Registrar. See flyer in breezeway.

Everton Wolves Junior Australian Rules

- Sign on 9 & 10 February. See flyer in breezeway.

Australian Girls Choir - Positions available. See flyer in breezeway.

Brisbane Netball Association - Nipper coaching program. See flyer in breezeway.