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Principal's Points

School Leaders Investiture Ceremony

Last Wednesday our Year 7 students voted for the positions of School Captain and School Vice-Captain. All of the prospective candidates did an outstanding job presenting their speeches to the school community. We then undertook our election which was run in a formal manner by the Australian Electoral Commission. As a result of the preferential voting, I am pleased to announce that our School Captains for 2008 are:

School Captains

Caitlin Aittola

Luke Beesley

School Vice-Captains

Laura Cruickshank

Cameron Robinson

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the election process. I am eagerly looking forward to working with our School Leaders throughout this year.

Friday morning completed the second stage of our Leadership Elections. I would like to congratulate the following students who were elected into Leadership Positions:

Amaroo Captains

Kristy Armitage Samuel Thwaites

Nooroo Captains

Julia Mortimer Tyler Barthez

Moongara Captains

Claudia Cramond Taylah Swindell

Music Captains

Emily Lane Sarah Wood

The first official function for our Year 7 Class will be our Leaders Investiture Ceremony tomorrow. This year we will have our State Member of Parliament, Kate Jones, as our special guest on this occasion. Following the ceremony there will be a morning tea for our Senior

Class and their families. Parents please note that there will be no parking available in the school grounds on this morning. All of our school community are most welcome to attend.

QCAR-Standards

This week, we focus on Standards. Standards describe the expected qualities of student work and provide a basis for judging how well students have demonstrated what they know, understand and can do. Within the QCAR Framework, the Standards are arranged as a five point scale and describe how well a student has demonstrated their learning based on a collection of evidence.

- Achievement standards describe:
- What students are expected to learn-expressed as two dimensions: Knowledge and understanding (concepts, facts and procedures) and Ways of working (application of processes)
- How well students have achieved-expressed as the degrees of quality of the individual student's performance or achievement (very high, high, sound, limited and very limited) on these dimensions.

Standards provide a common language to describe achievement. They connect the Essential Learnings to assessment and reporting practices-they are integral to the alignment of curriculum, assessment and reporting Next week I will discuss the Assessment Bank.

Parade Next Week

There is a special item on parade next week. Mrs. McCollow (our Prep Teacher) will be participating in the Shave for a Cure (in aid of leukaemia).

If any parents/families wish to donate to support this cause, please put the money into an envelope with your name and the amount on the front (this way Jan can provide you with a receipt). On this day, we will also have a Free Dress/ Crazy Hair Day in aid of this worthy cause. Students are reminded to wear suitable clothing (no bare midriffs or bare shoulders) and appropriate footwear. Please send along a gold coin as a donation.

Fundraising Opportunity

Baker's Delight are offering Sports Grants to schools. To enter the

competition you simply nominate your school when you make a purchase. Entries must be received by Friday so please mention Payne Road SS if purchasing bread. A \$5000 grant would be a great help in upgrading our equipment.

School Banking

We are looking for someone to take on the role of school banker. It would require being at the school one morning a week when the children bring in their banking.

Suzanne Ball fulfilled this role last year and we thank her for her efforts. We would like to continue to provide this service to our families as it teaches the children good saving habits and also provides the school with a small income.

School Organization

Due to the short weeks coming up, there will be no newsletter the week of 24 March.

Vicki Richards (Acting Principal)

TERM 1 DATES

Week 6

- 5 March – Leaders' Induction Ceremony
- 6 March – Fundraising Meeting – 7pm
- 7 March – Treat Time – SHOCK Coffee Van

Week 7

- 13-15 March – Worlds Greatest Shave
- 15 March – Brisbane City Council Elections

Week 8:

- 19 March & 20 March – Life Education Van
- 20 March – Easter Bonnet Parade Prep – Yr 2
- 20 March – P&C AGM Meeting 7.30pm
- 21 March – Good Friday

Week 9:

- 24 March – Easter Monday
- 25 March – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 26 March – School Photos
- 27 March – Life Education Van finishes
- 28 March – Yr 4G – Memorabilia for 150 yr of The Gap
- 30 March – Working Bee P&C

Week 10

- 31 March – 4 April – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 1 April – Midi Yr 4 String Camp
- 2 April – Midi Tr 4 String Camp
- 2 April - School Photos
- 4 April – Summer Sport concludes
- 4 April – Treat Time – SHOCK Coffee Van

VACATION: 5 APRIL – 15 APRIL

LOTE NEWS

Please see the weekly LOTE news on back page. _

Cara Dean (Lote Teacher)

INTERNET AGREEMENT AND PHOTO PERMISSION

The Internet Agreement and photo permission form, that was sent home last week, must be signed and returned to the office no later than this Friday 7 March 2008. If the internet agreement is not returned by this date, there is every possibility that your child will not be able to use the internet.

Any queries please contact the office.

THE GAP- CELEBRATING 150 YEARS!

As part of a local area study this term, 4G are organising a display to help celebrate the 150 year anniversary of The Gap on Friday 28 March. We are seeking any memorabilia from The Gap area (photos, maps or any other “olden day” items) for our display. If you have any items you think may be suitable, please contact Nicole Goodwin (Year 4 Teacher).

Nicole Goodwin

SUPPORT-A-READER PROGRAM

We are offering an evening program of Support-A-Reader. This program will help you to help your child learn to read. Are you interested in picking up some extra skills to support your child as they enter the world of written word? Yes! Then come along to **The Gap SS -**

When: **Monday, 17 March, 2008**

At: **6.30pm to 8.30pm**

Where: **The Resource Centre/Library, The Gap SS**

The evening's activities will be led by Mary Crombie, our Guidance Officer, and Kari Lloyd, our Support Teacher. We will share with you strategies that all parents can use to support their child in developing effective reading skills. If interested please contact the office

Kari Lloyd

RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

Continuing our series of articles on delayed or impaired Theory of Mind (TOM) we will examine a seventh area of difficulty – managing conflict, an area that has huge implications for school.

Managing conflict successfully requires considerable TOM skills. As children develop they become more skilled in the art of persuasion, compromise and management of conflict. They are able to understand other's perspectives and how to influence other people's thoughts and emotions using strategies of persuasion and compromise. They learn by dealing with parents, siblings and peers. Think about your children and how they know how to heal rifts and make peace.

Children with ASD will resort to 'primitive' conflict management such as emotional blackmail or an inflexible adherence to their own point of view. They fail to understand that they can achieve what they want by being nice and polite. When an argument or altercation is over the child with ASD is less likely to show remorse or understand that apologies are the best way to heal rifts.

The child with ASD will need assistance dealing with conflict resolution. The characteristics associated with ASD in relation to conflict resolution are:

1. difficulty conceptualising the other person's perspective and priorities
2. limited skills in persuasion
3. a tendency to be confrontational and rigid
4. reluctance to change a decision and admit making a mistake
5. an aversion to being interrupted
6. a compulsion for completion
7. a tendency to punish rather than praise
8. a tendency to avoid demands
9. a lack of knowledge of alternative strategies

Thus children with ASD can appear to oppose the decisions of others, defy their priorities and deny their reasons.

Strategies used to assist in this are social stories, comic strip conversations and role plays – all of these are tried and tested strategies for helping children with ASD see other's perspectives, feelings and reasoning.

(for further reference The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome by Tony Attwood)

RAINBOW ROOM THANKS

A big thank you to the Johansson family for donations of technology bits and pieces for our techno box and for the scanner, printer and software.

Jill Darch

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

String lessons have now started and students are reminded to bring their tutor books and display folder to their lesson. There are some second year string students who have not yet bought their new book - Music Maestros Book 2 (you still need to bring your Essential Elements book). It is very important that you have Music Maestro because at the end of term, you will be invited to attend the Midi String Camp where Maestros Book 2 will be used.

There is a change to our first Senior String Ensemble rehearsal on Wednesday 5 March. There will be NO Senior String Ensemble rehearsal BUT instead there will be a rehearsal for the Chamber Ensemble at 7.45 am (arrive at 7.30 am) - Emily Lane, Lachlan Claffey, Oliver Shann, Savanna Gabriele, Sarah Rossiter, Claudia Cramond, Eliza Cooke, Rachel Limpus, Tallulah McVilly, Jess Clarkson, Tim Watson and Tim Holmes for the performance at the Leadership Ceremony on Wednesday 5 March. Please wear your music uniform (with performance hair – girls). Don't forget the correct shoes and socks. Our first Senior String Ensemble rehearsal will start on Wednesday 12 March at 7.45 am (please arrive by 7.30am).

Junior String Ensemble (years 4 & 5) will start rehearsing on Wednesday 12 March from 8.30 – 9.00 am. Junior String Members are to arrive at 8.20 am in front of the music room and wait patiently. Beginner String Ensemble (for beginner string students) will start later in the year.

A reminder for beginner string students to have their tutor books organised for their lesson – Essential Elements 2000 Book1 and Music Maestros Book 1. (Please check to see that you have the correct instrumentation.) Other items you will require are: rosin; display folder; soft/cleaning cloth; music stand (for home practice); and library bag or equivalent to carry books.

All string students are reminded to place 4 clothes pegs, spare strings and rosin in their instrument cases. **It will be appreciated if instruments, books, shoulder rest (violin and viola players) and dough nuts/rock stop (cellos players only) are clearly marked with student's names.** Please do not use permanent markers on school or privately owned instruments. It is very important for instrument cases to be labeled (e.g. with luggage tags). This helps students identify their instrument and helps to stop mistaken collection of the wrong instrument. Parents, please remind your students to leave their instruments in the classroom, not in the port racks. Instruments can be damaged by exposure to heat in the port racks (sometimes irreparably).

Happy practicing

Mrs Dinnis

OSHC

URGENT REMINDER – FEES

To all families attending our service - Could you please attend to prompt payment of outstanding fees. Statements have today been re-issued to all families. Our Fees Policy clearly states Fees will be paid, for all days booked/attended, on the last day of attendance each week to the Co-ordinator.

Remember that discount may be applied when fees are paid in advance. Payment plans are welcome. Payments are accepted by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Credit card payments are also available over the phone. Payments can also be made by internet transfer as noted on statements. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

AGM

The Annual General meeting for the OSHC sub committee will be held next Wednesday 12 March 2008 at 7.30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome.

OSHC Committee

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property table is already bursting. With the cooler weather in the mornings children are discarding jumpers often before they go to class. Unfortunately many of these are not named. Please take time to name your children's clothing and have a look to see if any of the items on our table belong to your child.

Susie Berkhut (Coordinator)

JUNIOR 'A' SOFTBALL

It was a close game on Friday against Ithaca Creek, all the girls had fun & played a great game but we ended up losing the game 5-7. After the 2nd Innings neither team had scored a run - Jamie, as pitcher, struck the first 3 batters out - a great effort! Ariel & Jess both scored runs off the safe hits from Eliza & Sam. In our next turn at bat Chloe got a safe hit to 1st & stole to 2nd base, Rachel P, Ariel & Jess all made it home & Rachael I had a great 2 base hit. The play of the day goes to Jess, who caught a flyball & also got the runner out at 3rd base - a great double play! See you all at training 7.50am Friday for some base-running practice.

Lisa Boyd (Coach)

SENIOR 'A' SOFTBALL

A friendly game against our Senior B team was contested on Friday. Just one innings was completed with the A's winning 7 to 5. Some great plays of the game were Laura's home run and Maddy and Savanna's strong bats to the out field. Julia and Zoe completed great tags when fielding. We play St Williams next week.

Liz Clancy

INTERMEDIATE CRICKET

HRSS (6/105) d. PRSS (5/93)

Narrowly losing by 12 runs, the boys completed an enjoyable and close game against Hilder Road last Friday. The difference was their Number 4 batsman, who scored 40 (not out). There was notable improvement from most players as the game progressed. Tim Holmes, side-on to the bowler's wickets, threw a direct run out. Tim fielded well, both in

slips and in the deep. Ben Slater and Rhys Minhinnick shared the wicket keeping duties; both boys played well. Daniel Pullen (2 / 7 runs) achieved the first break through, taking an excellent caught-and-bowled early in the innings. Dave Buttling (1/12 runs) also bowled very well. His wicket was a sharp, accurate delivery that bowled their Number 8 batsman middle stump. Callum Atterton (2/25 runs) took two wickets in his fourth over. All boys played well and acquired valuable playing experience.

Angus Milne (coach)

SENIOR CRICKET

Senior Boys Cricket played Hilder Road. Payne Road batted and were chasing 51 runs. A solid batting performance by James (14 runs), Luke (14 Runs) and Dylan B (9 runs) guided the team to 72 runs. Samuel T also provided a highlight, hitting a towering 6. Congratulations on the first win for the season.

Gerard Donovan

SENIOR B SOFTBALL

Last Friday we have a very enjoyable game against Payne Road Senior A team. Unfortunately we were defeated 7 to 5 but we all had fun. As pitcher, Katherine Pullos caught a batsman out on the full and nearly did a second time later in the game. She worked really hard. Jessie Wynn caught a batter out on strike three while she was in the position of catcher. Tallulah McVilly played a very active and effective game in Right Outfield supporting first base. Well done, girls.

Sue Connell

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Many of you will know that I have been involved in the 'Shave for a Cure' effort for several years now, ever since one of my (then) Year one students succumbed to leukaemia just after her birthday (and a bone marrow transplant that year.) I am planning to shave again this year, but with a bit of a twist, my oldest child has told me that I am to be a grandma some time around July (which is a huge shock to a woman who celebrated a 21st birthday last year, I can tell you!) She and her partner have decided not to know the gender of the baby til birth, so I am going to suggest that all donations be accompanied by a guess as to what it will be - pink or blue. When I get my shave, I will let you know, in due course, if the majority got it right or wrong. I am hoping, once again, to get my shave on Parade, so that you can all share my fleecing. If you wish to donate I ask that you put your donation into an envelope, with name, child's class (eg. 2Mc, 5G) and vote (pink or blue) on the outside. I can then return your receipt to you in the same envelope. The shave will be conducted some time around mid -

March (officially it all happens 13-15 March). Thanks.

Jan McCollow

MORE ON SHAVE FOR A CURE

Jacqui and Jenny (Payne Road mums 4G), Kaela (Payne Rd. ex pupil) and Destiny (4G) are all losing their locks at the shave for a cure event/spectacular at Gap Tavern from 7-10pm on Fri.14th March, in memory of Dom (Payne Rd. ex pupil) and to raise much needed funds for Leukaemia Foundation. Thanks also to Caroline (4G) who will wield the clippers. Enquiries/donations to Jacqui 3312 2232

Jacqui Power & Jenny Woodrow

LAST CHANCE FOR CLASS LISTS

Many families have not sent in their details for the class lists. Please complete the form with the newsletter and return to the office by Friday 7 March at the latest. Class lists will be sent home next week.

2008 CHOCOLATE DRIVE

This Wednesday we will be handing out the boxes of chocolates for our 2008 chocolate drive fundraiser. This is a major fundraiser for our school as we usually raise between \$5000-\$6000. Some families choose to not receive a box and to donate the \$24 profit instead. Other families ask for more boxes to sell. If you would like to choose any of these options please let the office know or email payneroad@bigpond.com. If you receive a box and choose not to sell them, please return the box asap to the office or activities building so that we can give them to other families.

P&C Fundraising Team

WORKING BEE - SUNDAY MORNING 30 MARCH

There will be a Working Bee on Sunday morning 30 March please put this date in your diaries. Final details have not been decided as yet. More information will be in the next few newsletters.

Louise Winn (P&C)

TREAT TIME THIS WEEK!

Ice blocks and real coffee are on again at tuckshop treat time this Friday (7 March) at 2:50pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

We are still looking for 2 parents to go on a roster to lighten the load. If we have 4 parents on a roster it will mean only needing to help out twice a term for an hour.

Please put your name down at the office or email payneroad@bigpond.com.

P&C

ELECTION DAY FUNDRAISER - 15 MARCH

Fundraising on election days is good because we can sell to people outside of our school community. It's also a good

opportunity for us to put our community spirit on show (we know that at least one family chose PRSS after seeing our teamwork at the election last year).

This election day we will be running a BBQ, cake stall, and raffle.

We need parents to help out with these three activities. We're hoping to get enough helpers so we can keep working times to 2 hours between 7am and 4pm.

We are asking for your help.

Please put your name down at the office or email payneroad@bigpond.com. Let us know what time would suit you best.

P.S. We always run out of cakes to sell on the cake stall. If you know of someone not part of the school who loves to bake, please ask them if they can whip up a cake for us to sell.

P&C Fundraising Team

FUNDRAISING MEETING

This Thursday the **6 March** at **7pm** the first fundraising meeting for 2008 will be held in the activities building. We NEED as many people as possible to bring ideas, skills and most importantly time, to help build upon the great work that has been done so far.

Working together as a team we can continue to achieve fantastic fundraising outcomes for our school, our children, their future. Just think, your support may make all the difference!

See you at the activities centre this Thursday!

The P & C Fundraising Committee

CAKES GALORE FOR ELECTION DAY STALL

Payne Road is holding another successful cake stall during the council election day, on Saturday 15 March. We would love you to bake cakes, slices, biscuits, and more cakes for this very popular stall. There are slice/cake boxes at the office for your convenience to pre-package the baked goods. Please help yourself to what you will need. There are also pre-printed labels, as all food will need to include a full ingredient list and your name or class your child is in.

Those of you that do not bake, if you would be interested in dropping off to the office - small packets of flour, castor sugar, cocoa, or even a packet cake mix, and those with pet chickens who have extra egg supplies - that would be highly appreciated too. And anyone baking please help yourself to those items at the office and take them to use.

We need helpers on the day to sell, and some helpers on Friday afternoon to price goods and make sure they are all packaged. Please e-mail Richenda on rwage2@eq.edu.au with the subject Cake Stall if you are able to help.

Please drop your cakes to the tuckshop on Friday 14 March from 2.30pm, or directly to the stall on the morning of Saturday 15 March.

You are all thanked in great anticipation.

Richenda and Jodette

ELECTION DAY RAFFLE

We will be running a raffle of wine at Payne Rd on Election Day. Donations of wine would be appreciated and can be left at the office. If anyone can donate a wheelbarrow to put the wine in please contact Jenny Tucker on 33003637 or 0438400349.

Volunteers to sell raffle tickets on election day will be required. Please contact Jenny Tucker on the above number if you can help.

HELP!!! Wine is needed for the election day wine raffle. Could anyone who is able to donate (one bottle per family would be wonderful) please leave the bottle at the office for me to collect.

I am also looking for helpers for selling raffle tickets on election day. Please ring me on 3300 3637 or email me at jblackford@bigpond.com.au

Jen Tucker

TINY TENNIS & TINY SOCCER

Start your child's friendship with sport! Learn Tiny Soccer and Tiny Tennis at this school.

6 per group. 5 to 8 year olds. Enrol Now. Phone John Berry 3300 2246.

www.tinysports.com.au

(Free advertising for parents)

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub brochures will be handed out this week. Should you wish to place an order, please send your order and payment in a sealed envelope to the office on Monday, 10 March; Tuesday 11 March and Wednesday 12 March. I will be processing the order on Thursday, 13 March. If you are paying by cheque, please make sure to make the cheque out to **Scholastic Australia** and if at all possible, please send in the correct money if paying by cash. There are a few extra copies of the brochures in the library if you need them. Any questions, please call

Thank you.

Petra 3300 3755.

TUCKSHOP

My volunteers don't get much chance to take a break but do have a quick cuppa sometimes. If you can't be there to help them out but would like to donate some instant coffee (regular or decaf) to help sustain them, please feel free!

ROSTER

Thursday 6 March Tuckshop

Melinda Chandler, Jean Wight, Bev Willoby 2 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday 11 March Tuckshop

Michelle Beesley, Mari Boatwright, Jenny Tucker

Don't forget Treat Time this Friday

Lois (Tuckshop Convenor)

NAB AFL AUSKICK

NAB AFL Auskick is an introduction to AFL for primary school boys and girls between the ages of 5 to 12 (Parents are also encouraged to participate). It incorporates fun and safety in a friendly learning environment.

Our fully accredited coaches provide participants with a coaching program over an eight week period, starting on **Saturday 1 March**, from **8.30am-10.00am**, held at the **Ferny Grove Junior Football Club, Keperra Picnic Grounds, Tramway Street Ferny Grove 4055.**

The program costs \$50 and includes a benefits pack: Junior Sherrin Football 2008 AFL Auskick Cap, AFL Auskick Drink Bottle, AFL Auskick Backpack (New style for 2008) **Plus more.** Any queries please call **Scott Wilson on 0411 116 605.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

"Solo Parents' New Members Day - New Farm Park - Sunday 2nd March 11.00am.

For further information please contact: Linda 3269 8695/ 0413 426 605, or Jenny 3379 5532/ 0403 775 532, or Paul 386: 1164/ 0418 664 906."

Guitar Lessons: Pauline 0400489400

Thanks

Pauline Stockil