Term 3 Week 8 Thursday 4 September 2014

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 8 August at 6.30pm in the Staffroom. All parents are invited to attend. The Staffroom is situated at the end of the Administration Building. The Outside Hours School Care meeting will also be held on the same evening commencing at 5.45pm in the MPC. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

Term Three Reporting to Parents - Parent Teacher Online
Parent/teacher interviews for Prep to Year 7 have been scheduled for the end of this term. The majority of interviews will be held on Wednesday, 17 September from 3.30pm to 7.30pm in the classrooms. A selection of other times will also be offered by class teachers. Mrs Cavalier has Long Service Leave from 8 to 16 September and therefore will have her Parent/Teacher interviews a little earlier than other classes.

Student folios will be issued at the interviews. These should be returned to school before the end of term. It is hoped that the majority of parents will take the opportunity of attending the planned parent/teacher interviews.

A letter has already been sent home with each student outlining the procedures to follow for making online parent/teacher interviews.

The online system opened for bookings from 9.00am today, and will remain opened through till 3.00pm Friday 12 September. Teachers have already selected the times that they will be available during Weeks Nine and Ten for their parent/teacher interviews.

Parents who are unable to access the internet for online bookings can complete the Request for an Interview section of the letter and return it to the school office ASAP so the booking can be made for you. Please ensure you send all family members in at the same time so we can coordinate times for you.

All interviews will be scheduled at 10 minute intervals. Parents are reminded to be on time and to notify the school if they cannot make their scheduled interview time for some reason. It is important to allow at least a 10 minute gap between interview times if you have more than one student.

Specialist teachers will not be included in the electronic booking system but parents will be able to request an appointment with a specialist teacher when the letters are distributed. Any interview requests will be passed onto the respective specialist teacher so that a mutual interview time can be arranged.

South Coast Primary Teachers' Ball
The South Coast Primary Teachers’ Ball is being held this Saturday 6 September at the Gold Coast Convention Centre Rooms. Our school’s teacher representative is Mrs Powell. We all wish her the very best and congratulate her on being nominated as our school’s representative. I’m sure it will be a great night.

Year Four Bicycle Education Program
Year 4 students will attend a Bicycle Safety session at the Ashmore Bicycle Centre, 50-56 Avenue Road, Ashmore, Gold Coast. The program is being funded by donations from parents. Each class attends separately and the schedule is below. It was necessary to split 4M students over the various sessions. Permission notes have been sent home with each Year 4 student, and should be returned with the $5 cost by tomorrow, Friday 5th September at 9.30am.

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8 Hour Famine
Children participating in the 8 Hour Famine are reminded to return the sponsorships and donations by Wednesday 17 September to Mr Epiha.

KidsMatter - Wellness Day
On Thursday 18 September, the teachers and students will be engaged in focus activities that promote positive mental health and wellbeing. Year 2-7 classes will be timetabled for activities between 9:30 and 2:55. Prep-Year 1 students will be involved in their activities from 11:30-2:55. Activities have been planned to foster the use of music, art, dance and movement to maintain individual wellness. We will also explore nutrition, team building and maintaining positive relationships with our peers. Parents are invited to visit during the day to engage in activities with their children.

Early Arrivals at School
It is recommended that children arrive at school from 8.30am onwards. It is not a ‘play time’ before school. There is no rostered teacher supervision before school. Children are not allowed on the play forts or the school's oval of a morning. It has been noticed of late that a growing number of children are arriving very early before school. Any children who have to be at school early and arrive at school before 8.00am must remain outside the school’s administration building until this time. They are then allowed to go to the area outside their classrooms to wait quietly.

Although the behaviour of our students is very good in general, it is more likely for children to misbehave or do the wrong thing if they are at school of a morning for a long time. Our school has Before School Care which is held in the Multi Purpose Building. The operating times are from 6.30am to 8.50am. Enquiries and bookings can be made through the coordinator (phone 55252617). A fully supervised activity based program is undertaken and breakfast is provided. Fee relief is available for eligible families. Parents may wish to consider using the Before School Care Service where children have to be dropped off early to school on a regular basis.

Life Education Program
The Life Education Van is currently at our school and will be here till Thursday 18 September. All students are invited to participate in the Life Education Program at Merrimac State School. Life Education is an important program that effectively educates children about health issues. The program puts students in situations where they need to make decisions, solve problems and interact with other students by discussing possible alternatives to problem situations relating to their own health and well-being. The Life Education visit is $7.00 per student.
Thank you to those parents who attended the information session yesterday in the Life Education Van. Mrs Ros Bates, our State Member for Mudgeeraba visited one of the Life Education classes yesterday and was presented with an award from Life Education for her ongoing support of the program.

Note: Students away on their scheduled day may attend with another class in their year level on a different day and will be given the book as there are no refunds on this activity.

National Capital Tour
On this Sunday morning 60 of our Years 5, 6 and 7 students and 6 staff head off for their trip to Canberra. They will return next Friday 12 September. Children attending will enjoy a busy schedule visiting places in Canberra, including Parliament House and spending a day in the snow. Accompanying staff are Miss Murray, Mrs Prentis, Mrs Blom, Ms Ris, Mr Webster and Mr Epiha. We wish our students and staff all the very best and I'm sure that they will have a fantastic time.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge continues until Friday 12 September. Keep up your reading.

Prep Enrolments for 2015
In October each year our school holds a morning and evening orientation session for our new families. In November we also hold Prep experience days for our future Prep students. Parents are encouraged to start enrolling their children now. Early enrolment allows the school to be better prepared for the 2015 school year.

Now that our school has an official enrolment boundary, all families, especially those residing outside our catchment area, are encouraged to get their Prep enrolments in as early as possible as vacancies are limited. All enrolments must include the student’s Birth Certificate. To date, we have 73 Prep students enrolled for next year.

QSchools Smartphone App
The QSchools app is available to the school community as a free download via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. QSchools is regularly updated with the latest news and alerts. Parents are encouraged to access this free App on their iPhone or Android phone and to update regularly to access the latest features.

Scholastic Book Fair 1st to 5th September (last day tomorrow)
Scholastic Book Fair has been at our school all of this week. Tomorrow is the last opportunity for students to view the newest books from more than 150 publishers. Parents and teachers will find plenty of items to interest them too. The collection is open for sales from 8.15am to 4pm tomorrow in the School’s library. Children have had the opportunity to view the book selection during their class time and parents are welcome to visit the library at any time tomorrow.

The school receives a commission in books on all sales at the Book Fair. Don’t miss out on the fun and excitement of Book Fair.

Prep Experience Days
Prep experience days for our future Prep students.

FINANCE NEWS
The finance window operates Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.00am - 9.30am. These are the only times money is accepted. Parents should ensure payment is made by due dates as final numbers are often required children will miss out on an event if they have not paid by the due date. Pay early and avoid disappointment. We are currently accepting payments for:

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INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DRAW 5 SEPTEMBER
Boys Touch at Pizzey Park Soccer Fields
5A v Mudgeeraba on Field 1 @ 1.35pm
5B v Palm Beach on Field 1 @ 12.50pm
6A v William Duncan on Field 6 @ 1.35pm
6B v Burleigh Heads on Field 6 @ 12.50pm
7B v Worongary on Field 11 @ 12.50pm
Basketball at Hillcrest College, Bridgeman Dr Reedy Creek
6B v Hillcrest on Court 1 @ 1.15pm
7B v Robina on Court
Girls Touch at Robina Common Fields
Games and times to be advised please phone office Friday after 9am on 55691555
Softball at Coplicks Fields, Tallebudgera
Team A v Hillcrest on Field 4 @
Team B v Hillcrest on Field 3 @

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Tuckshop Roster for Week commencing 8 September

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*Add 50c extra to upgrade to Flavoured Milk or Sparkling Springwater

Many thanks to all our special volunteers this week. We have been rather busy and your time has assisted us greatly. As we near the end of the term we will slowly reduce our stocks. However, we will notify any student with adjustments when required. Any students owing money to the tuckshop need to get this in asap please. Good luck to all Interschool sports teams. Remember if you are travelling away from school on Fridays you are unable to order Big Lunch. Slip Slop Slap and stay hydrated. Have a good week everyone!

~ Denise ~

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK.
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
Scarlett Bodewes, Noah Shelton, Luri Lee, Christina Hay, Hyzah Enama, Madelyn Barnes, Evie Clarke, Brooklyn Parker, Arik Eden, Emma Tennent, Taleah Williams, Brayden Kuliesa, Amber Rybak, Mikayla Thorn, Halle Taffs, Jasmine Togo, Sophie Jones, Kyra Bishop, Lexie Meyer, Brody Noon, Joc Thompson, Arisa Egami, Caitlin Haines, Christian Gardner, Vann Daly, Mia Bostom, Nathan Richards, Andreas Diem, Jayden Barnes, Sancia Stephen, Joshua Clarke, Capri Cam, Layla Thomas, Charli Wismann.

SPEECH AND DRAMA RESULTS

BEENLEIGH EISTEDDFOD
Humorous Poem – 8 & 9 years
MADISON PAWSON                      Commended
Monologue   - 8 & 9 YEARS
KATIA WHITFORD                           Commended

SOMERSET EISTEDDFOD
Humorous poem - 6 years and under
ZALI ENGEL-BOWE  1ST
Humorous poem - 9 years
ZANDER ENGEL-BOWE  H.C. (HIGHLY COMMENDED)
Humorous poem - 10 years
KATIA WHITFORD  3RD
TARA GEORGIJEVIC  1ST
MADIPAWSON  3RD
Duologue – 10 & 11 years
KATIA WHITFORD and TARA GEORGIJEVIC  H.C.
GABRIELLE DERN and MADISON PAWSON  1ST

Congratulations and well done girls.
Karen Sleep – Speech and Drama Teacher
0438732009

UPCOMING EVENTS

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