Term 4 Week 3 Thursday 23 October 2014

Staffing News
Mrs Barrett has Long Service Leave 3 to 14 November. Mrs Denise Boyd will be replacing Mrs Barrett for these two weeks. Mrs Hall returns from her Long Service Leave next Monday 27 October. I would like to thank Mrs McNeilage who has been replacing her as acting Deputy Principal. Also Mr Boff has done a great job as our acting Head of Curriculum for the last six weeks. A number of our school’s Administrative team have Long Service Leave during the remainder of Term Four. I have Long Service Leave from 31 October to 7 November, Mrs McNeilage has Long Service leave from 17 November to 12 December and Miss Murray has long Service leave from 1 to 12 December. For the remainder of this term, Mr Boff will remain in the Admin Team as our acting Head of Curriculum. For continuity with the Prep3 class, Miss Amber Butler-Davis will continue teaching Mr Boff’s Prep class for the remainder of the school term. Mrs Jan Beggs will continue undertaking the NCT role and teaching 3C & 3D one a day a week for the remainder of this term.

Whilst I am on Long Service Leave from 31 October to 7 November, Mrs Hall will be acting Principal and Mrs McNeilage will be acting P - 3 Deputy Principal.

Proposed Class Groupings For 2015
The school’s administration is at present working on class groupings for 2015. Planning is currently being based on 31 class groups. This year we currently have 34 class groups but there will be a significant reduction as we lose our Year 7 classes to high school from the start of 2015. If our projected numbers for next year increase, we may possibly grow to 32 class groups. This will be monitored and a decision made towards the end of this school year. At this stage we are planning for the following number of classes in each year level:
Prep Year: four classes Prep/Year One: one class
Year One: four classes
Year Two: four classes Year Two/Year Three: one class
Year Three: five classes
Year Four: four classes
Year Five: four classes (Year Five/Six: one class - if 32nd Year Six: four classes class is formed)

These year level compositions, however, could still change depending on the changing enrolment numbers. Final arrangements for class groups will not be confirmed till the start of the 2015 school year. All Class groups will be published on the first day back next year on the block wall next to the bookshop and outside all classrooms.

Parental Educational Requests - 2015
The process for allocating children to classes is a complex process where class teachers, support teachers and administration use their professional judgement to consider the academic, social and emotional needs of all students and how these needs can be best met the following year. Determining the best possible educational environment for all children is a high priority. If you are aware of specific educational needs for your child, please list these concerns on the form available from the school office. This form is not intended for specific teacher requests but for genuine educational issues. Teacher class allocations have not been finalised at this stage and may not be finalised till the end of term. Parent requests will be considered in light of providing the best possible educational placement for all students. Because of a number of factors, it is not always possible to meet all parent requests. Multiple requests concerning the same child should not be made and cannot be catered for.

Forms are available from the school office and must be submitted to the office by 3pm Friday 14 November. After this date, class requests will only be considered if operationally convenient to the school.

Sports/Musical Photos
Ordering is available online at www.silverrose.com.au/schools
Username: Groups Password: 285023
Silver Rose can be contacted on 3262 5788 for any questions regarding photos.

2015 Year 4 Camp Information
Advanced information: The 2015 Year 4 Camp will be held in Week 9 of Term 1 at Currumbin Farm School. Cost will be approximately $165.00. PAYMENTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED THIS YEAR.

GROUP ONE GROUP TWO
23 - 25 March 25 - 27 March

Groups will be determined after classes are established next year. A deposit will be required by Friday 13th February 2015 with the balance required by Friday 6th March 2015.
To view where the camp is and find out more go to www.thebeachschool.eq.edu.au. This camp is managed by Tallebudgera Beach School.

Human Relationships Education (HRE)
Last year our school used Family Planning Queensland to run our school’s HRE Sexuality Program. A decision has been made to use them again this year. The HRE program involves Years 5, 6 and 7 only. The R&C and school will be jointly funding the program so there will be no cost to the students. The content of the program will be very similar to previous years. A number of schools are using Family Planning Queensland to present their school’s HRE. The Family Planning HRE student sessions will be held in the week beginning Monday 17 November. A timetable for each of the classes will be developed and published in a future newsletter.

2015 Prep Enrolments
We are currently accepting Prep enrolments for 2015. Enrolment packs are available at the office. All enrolments must be accompanied by the child’s birth certificate and proof of residency. The school will be holding a Prep Orientation Day on Wednesday 29 October 2014 in the MPC. Parents may choose which session to attend. The morning program runs from 9.00am to 11.00am and the evening program runs from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase Book Kits and Uniforms at the end of each of the sessions. The school also arranges a school experience morning for new Prep students in November. We have found that these mornings are invaluable in demystifying the school environment and help children to have a better start to the school year.

PE NEWS
Prep to Year 3 Term Four Swimming
All students from Prep to Year 3 will be involved in a six week swimming program this term commencing next week. Information and permission notes have been sent home with the children in these year levels. Payment is due by next Wednesday 29 October.

**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.

**Student Banking**
Student banking continues each Monday. Please note that the penguin keychain and whale shark pencil case are out of stock and no longer available. The projector cup and sea streamers are now available.

**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 and 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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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
**Roster for week commencing 27 October:**

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*Add 50c extra to upgrade to Springwater or flavoured milk

A huge thanks to all our volunteers this week. Your continued help is very much appreciated. A reminder to parents that a special menu runs each Thursday and Friday BIG LUNCH. Also, all students travelling away for interschool sports should purchase big lunch foods at little lunch or before heading on the bus. Do not place an order for BIG lunch as we do not hold foods over at the end of the day. Have a great week. ~ Denise ~

**INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DRAW 24 OCTOBER**

**Boys Touch at Pizey Park Soccer Fields**
5A v St Andrews on Field 3 @ 1.35pm
5B v Mudgeeraba Red on Field 2 @ 12.50pm
6A v Mudgeeraba on Field 6 @ 1.35pm
6B v Elanora White on Field 6 @ 12.50pm
7B v Caningeraba on Field 11 @ 12.50pm

**Basketball at St Andrews Lutheran College, Tallebudgera**
6B v St Andrews 2 on Court 1 @ 12.45pm

7B v St Andrews 2 on Court 1 @ 1.15pm
**Girls Touch at Robina Common Fields**
5A v Elanora B on Field 3 @ 1.30pm
6A v Caningeraba on Field 9 @ 12.45pm
6B v Elanora B on Field 12 @ 1.30pm
7A v Hillcrest on Field 7 @ 1.30pm
7B v St Andrews on Field 3 @ 12.45pm
**Softball at Coplicks Fields, Tallebudgera**
Team A v Elanora on Field 1 @ 12.50pm
Team B v Hillcrest on Field 3 @ 12.50pm

**MUSIC NEWS**

**Music Count Us In Surfers Paradise**
For the past eight years on October 30th at 11:30am schools across the nation have participated in Music Count Us In, Australia's biggest school initiative. More than 600,000 students, teachers and parents from schools all over Australia sign up to learn, rehearse, then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time.

**MUSIC COUNT US IN** is an initiative created by the Music Council of Australia to bring the importance of Music to the forefront of Education. This council is involved in a number of programs to further Music Education in our schools. MCUI is an event which involves the singing of one particular song by hundreds of thousands of school children throughout Australia, from country towns in community halls to huge multi school events.

It is a celebration and acknowledgement of the contribution of Music to a rich and rewarding Education program. We hope to ensure that music remains an important part of the National School Curriculum.

Once again this year, our Merrimac Senior Choir students, along with students from 12 Gold Coast Schools, will be taking this initiative to “new heights”. Students will perform this year’s Music Count Us In song, “Paint You a Song” atop the Q1 and on Surfers Paradise Beach while students around the country will be singing along via a live feed on the music count us in website. [http://www.musiccountusin.org.au](http://www.musiccountusin.org.au)

The live feed this year will be from the students in Parliament House in Canberra. It would be wonderful if Merrimac Teachers and students could access the live feed and have their class sing along at 11.30 on 30th October with the rest of the country’s school students.

*Music stimulates the mind, body and spirit as almost no other activity can*

*Music builds social networks and enriches entire communities. Yet despite worldwide research showing the many benefits of being musically active - the physical, intellectual, social and emotional rewards - most Australians are not music makers. Currently in Australia as few as 2 out of 10 Government Schools offer students an effective music education program.*

*Music helps build and strengthen our identity and self-esteem.
* Music has a direct and positive effect on learning and helps develop confidence in group and social situations.

**Magic of Music Concert**
The Merrimac State School Magic of Music Concert will be held on Wednesday 19th November in the Merrimac State School PAC Hall. All friends and family welcome.

**Entry Fee: Gold Coin Donation**
Once again we are combining the Junior and Senior Groups into one Concert. The Concert Program will commence promptly at 6.00pm with the Senior Choir and conclude at 7.40pm with the Junior Choir leading a finale for All Music Students.

It is only fair to all students that Attendance is Compulsory. If unexpected circumstances arise which prevent your child attending please contact the respective music teacher.

Instrumental Students are to arrive at 5.15pm.

Choir students are to arrive at 5.30pm
* Junior and Senior Choir - Meet Mrs Powell in the Hall - side stage
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK


COMMUNITY NEWS

Robina State High School
Orientation Days for 2015

9.30am – 1.00pm
Year 7 2015 – Friday 31 October 2014
Year 8 2015 – Friday 24 October 2014
Year 9 2015 – Friday 7 November 2014
Prior to these days all families regardless of their primary school must complete and submit Robina State School enrolment forms. When enrolment forms are submitted we will book your individual enrolment interview. Enrolment packs are available on the Robina SHS website or from reception. For more information contact our Head of Junior Secondary - Mr Ben Weeks bweek12@eq.edu.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

Magic United TFA will be running a girls Academy in term 4 for girls aged 6 to 12 years old on a Wednesday afternoon. As part of the Academy we have created a girls only League (internal). This will allow the girls to train and play games. Girls can sign up as a group or individually and we will place them in a training group and team.

Teams and training groups will be separated by age or ability and may be combined with younger or older age players. Each week each team will have two games and two training sessions. The Academy commenced on 14th of October and will run for 8 consecutive weeks, 5.00pm to 6.15pm. The fee is only $99.

Sign up online at www.totalfootballacademy.com.au and select the Academy tab. Please call Andy on 0413 888 643 if you require any further information. Venue: Magic United TFA, Birmingham Road, Carrara, QLD, 4211.

Girls Academy

Lunchtime Soccer Program
Total Football Academy is running a lunchtime program during Term 4 at Merrimac State School. During the program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills area focussing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. Students in Prep - Year 7 are invited to participate from 1.10pm – 1.40pm each Friday until 28 November. Cost is $55 per student. You can register online at www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or by phone Adem on 0439757718 or email adem@totalfootballacademy.com.au.

Robina State High School
Enrolment Information Evening 2015 will be on Wed 5 November 2015 in our school library.

Starting Times are as follows:
- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10: 5.45pm – 6.30pm
- Years 11 and 12: 6.30pm – 7.15pm

Students attending Year 10, 11 and 12 will be required to attend the Enrolment Information Evening. Staff will be on hand to provide information on enrolment, curriculums, subject options, NAPLAN and other standardized testing, scholarships and school excursions. Enrolment packs will be available from the Administration Office.

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