New Zealand Conference Feedback

Last week I was in New Zealand for the Trans-Tasman Principals Conference - a combined conference involving the Australian Primary Principals Association and the New Zealand Principals Federation. There were approximately 600 New Zealand school leaders present as well as 200 from Australian states and territories. I was part of a QASSP delegation of Principals from Queensland who attended the conference.

The actual conference was a huge success with a number of international presenters. The conference theme was ‘Knowledge in our Hands’ and focused on the difference that educators can make in educating our students. Sessions were presented on Transformational Change, Performance through People, Resilience and Well Being, Inquiry and Innovation - strong outcomes for all, and How to understand and Lead your Culture.

During the week, I had the opportunity to visit two New Zealand schools - Yendarra Public School and Orminston College. Yendarra was a smaller, low socio economic school with about 300 children who were mainly Maori students. This school was doing some fantastic work around developing a strong and diverse school culture. The New Zealand schools are doing a great job with their indigenous students and as a system are closing the academic gap between indigenous and non-indigenous students in all areas of learning. Orminston College is a new Years 1 to 6 school which will be a sub school of eventually a multi campus college catering for over 3000 students. The school is very modern with open classroom spaces (called Habitats) with various learning spaces attached to each Habitat (make a space, media space, multi space, meeting space and a my space). The students all have individual learning programs and goals. There is a strong focus on Information Technologies as well.

Overall, the experience to attend the conference and to visit the two New Zealand schools was a very professionally rewarding experience for myself.

Thank you to Mrs Hall as acting Principal for the week and to the rest of the Admin Team in making sure that the school ran smoothly in my absence.

Staff News

The following staff have leave during the remainder of the school term or at the beginning of next term:

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Mrs Hall has Long Service Leave from 16 to 24 June. She will be visiting our past teacher Miss Coleman on Murray (Mer) Island in the Torres Straits and working with the students. Mr Boff will be acting Deputy Principal in her absence. Miss Kitching will be replacing Mr Boff as our Student Engagement Officer and Mrs Jan Beggs will be teaching 2B for this time. Mrs Boccaccini has Long Service Leave from 13 to 24 June. Mr Niotakis will be replacing her as acting HOSE for this period and Mr Greg Chin will replace Mr Niotakis in Week 10 and Mrs Lauren Hutton will be replacing him in Week 11.

Student Council Free Dress Day

The Student Council is running a ‘Blue Dress Day’ for the Asthma Foundation on the last day of term, Friday 24 June. Children are asked to wear something blue to support research into childhood asthma and to bring a gold coin donation. Students are reminded that sun safe clothes are still required with covered shoes to allow access to all curriculum areas.

Centenary Meeting News

At the last Centenary meeting, a list of possible activities and events for the 2017 School Centenary was developed. This list has been attached to this newsletter email. This will be presented and discussed at the next P&C meeting. Please take the time to look through the list. If you are interested in being involved in any of the planned activities or events, please let Mrs Hall know, come along to our next P&C meeting or attend the next Centenary meeting. Also if you can think of any additional events or activities that could be incorporated into the Centenary Celebrations, please suggest these to Mrs Hall.

Our Centenary next year will be a big whole school community event and your input and contributions will be valued and appreciated.

The next Centenary meeting is planned for Tuesday 14 June commencing at 3.30pm in the school’s staffroom. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Prep Toilet Block Upgrade and Covered Walkway

The upgrade to the P1 and P2 toilets and the construction of the covered walkway linking these two Prep classes are now complete. The work has certainly enhanced this area.

Year 5 Camp

Next week, our Year 5 students head off to camp from Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 June at the Runaway Bay Sports and Recreation Centre. I’m sure they will have a fantastic time. We wish them and all the accompanying staff all the best for the three days.

Student Leadership Day

Our yearly student leadership day for the year will be held on Thursday 23 June at the Tallebudgera beach School. Miss Parkes will be attending along with Mrs Lees. We will have about 50 students taking part in various leadership activities. Miss Parkes has sent home further information to all the students involved in this leadership day.

Breakfast/Fitness Program

Next Wednesday 15 June will be the last Breakfast/Fitness morning for the term for Years 1 to 3 students. I know that the lower school students who have been involved in this program each Wednesday during the term have thoroughly enjoyed the fitness activities and the nutritional breakfast that follows. A big thank
you to Chappy Steve for running the program. Also thanks to the many staff and parent helpers who assist each week. We certainly appreciate the support from Carrara Woolworths and the Merrimac McDonalds.

Next term we will continue with the Breakfast/Fitness Program of a Wednesday morning from 8.00am to 8.45am but it will be open to interested Years 4 to 6 students.

Indigenous Performance - Embracing our rich culture

At Merrimac state school we celebrate the Gold Coast’s rich local Aboriginal culture. This year our school has organised a number of cultural experiences for our school community and would like to extend an invitation to parents to attend the following events:

Thursday 23rd June

Jellurgal Cultural Centre School Visit
11:30 - 12:30 in the PAC (Performing Arts Centre)
Cultural Talk: Year 3 Students will learn about life in the bush, traditional bush foods, fishing, hunting and the important ecological practices and connection to the land displayed by the Yugambeh people for thousands of decades.
1:45- 2:55pm Science Lab (next to the PAC)
Cultural Painting experience for all indigenous students

Monday 11th July

NAIDOC Celebration
Time: 1:45-2:45
Place: PAC
This year NAIDOC week will be celebrated from 3rd - 10th July, which falls during our school holidays.
In recognition of this important celebration our school will welcome an outstanding performer to visit our school on 11th July. Sean Choolburra’s performance promises to be captivating, vibrant and exciting. All students from Prep to Year 6 will be involved in this exciting presentation and parents are more than welcome to join in the fun.
If you require any further information please contact Marion Prentis on 55691555.

Broadbeach State School Japanese Poetry Competition
Congratulations to our 12 Merrimac representatives who last Thursday competed in the Japanese Poetry Recital Competition at Broadbeach State School. It was a very close competition with entrants from schools across the Gold Coast.
We are very proud of our courageous students who took time to memorise, rehearse and present their poems in front of a large audience. All students received a Certificate of Achievement. A special congratulations to Amelia Bird and Sorina Turscas for achieving first place in their year levels. They were both awarded with a trophy. Omedetou Gozaimasu.

Marshall Sensei

Well done to the following Competition Competitors:
Year 3 - Amelia Bird, Saera Kagami, Coco Saito
Year 4 - Sorina Turscas, Sarah Berghuis, Carmi Trindade
Year 5 - Miku Odanaka, Imogen Knutsen, Ashlee Stojadinovic
Year 6 - Ella Stewart, Zackary Muskee, Emma Mollison

Children Leaving School at the end of Term Two
If your child/children will not be returning to Merrimac for Term Three please notify the school office as soon as possible. We have a number of new enrolments for the start of next term and early notification of students leaving our school will assist with class placement of new students.

Cartooning Lessons
The after school cartooning lessons of a Monday afternoon will finish on Monday 20 June (last Monday of Term Two).

Years 4 to 6 Athletics Days
Our annual Years 4 to 6 athletics carnivals will be held over two days: Monday 13 June (Field events) and Tuesday 14 June (Track events). Students are asked to wear their coloured house shirt, a hat, running shoes and apply plenty of sunscreen. Parents are most welcome to come along and cheer on the students.
Children will be trying out for the various field events over the next few weeks.

Please note that our lower school athletics fun day (Prep to Year 3) will be held on Wednesday 15 June.
Programmes are attached to this edition for your attention. Please note times are approximate and may vary slightly so allow extra time if you are coming along to watch.

Term Two Reporting To Parents
This term Report Cards will go home on Wednesday 22 June for all year levels. As parent/teacher interviews for Prep to Year 6 were held at the end of Term One, it is expected that there will be few parent requests for interviews. If needed, interviews can be arranged during the last week of the term or in early Term Three.

National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEITA)
Nominations are now open for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards. The NEITA Foundation seeks your support in recognising the efforts of the teachers in our schools. The teachers at Merrimac do a fantastic job and parents may like to nominate them for an award. The closing date for nominations is 31 July 2016. All nominations are to be done online at: www.asq.com.au/nominate

Dental Van at Merrimac SS
The Dental Van will be at our school from Monday 20 June. Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in Prep to Year 6. This service will be provided on-site by Mobile Dental Van 61. Hours of operation for this clinic are Mondays to Thursdays from 8.00am to 4.30pm. To arrange an appointment for your child telephone the Oral Health Client Service Centre on 1300 300 850, Monday - Friday between 8.00am and 4.30pm, excluding Public Holidays.

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school. Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oral_health.asp

2016 QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is continuing until 26th August. Prep to Year 2 is to read and/or engage with 20 books, Years 3/4 are to read 20 books and Years 5-6 to read 15 books. Please let teachers know if your child/ren would like to participate. Children receive a certificate at the end of the program. Enquiries to Mrs Boff in P3 or visit www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge
Silver Rose School Photographs Information
Extra curricular photos (sports) are available for ordering online. Follow these simple instructions to place your order:
> type in your address bar www.silverrose.com.au
> select schools
> select Co-Curricular ordering
> select Merrimac State School, then NEXT
> select the year, Category, group and quantity
> add to cart
> proceed with payment process - check with your child what
the name of their sporting team is to ensure you purchase correctly
The photos will be available in the school foyer next week, if you
would like to view before you buy.

Prep Enrolments for 2017
We currently have 120 Prep students. Prep is an extremely
important part of our school. In October each year our school
offers a choice of a morning or evening orientation session for
new families. In November we also hold Prep experience days for
our future Prep students.
Parents of Prep students for next year are encouraged to enrol
their children now. Early enrolment allows the school to be better
prepared for the 2017 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.
All enrolments must include the enrolling student's Birth
Certificate, so apply now if you do not have one as this process
can take many weeks and we cannot accept any enrolment without
this document.

Parent Fitness (Boot Camp) Program - free for Merrimac Parents
Thanks to Tina Nenadic, from Ray White Robina Real Estate, we
are continuing this term with the free fitness program for our
parents. Simone Doyle, who works for Ray White Robina Real
Estate, is the fitness instructor who runs the sessions weekly in the
MPC/Tennis Court area each Thursday from 1.45pm to 2.45pm.
It is completely free. Any parents who wish to be involved in the
fitness program can contact Tina directly on 0402984898.
Simone can only cater up to 20 in the session so please register
your interest with Tina as soon as possible.

School Website and QSchools Smartphone App
The QSchools app is available to the school community as a free
download via the Apple iTunes store and Google Play. Update
regularly to access the latest features.

From the desk of Ralph and Rosie
Merrimac State School Focus of The week
Over this past week, the children at Merrimac State School have
been examining the personal quality of Recognising our feelings
and reactions. In their classes and on parade, the boys and girls at
Merrimac have been asked to engage in discussions and role
plays on how we can recognise our feelings and what reactions are
appropriate.
Congratulations to 6A and P1 for receiving the Ralph and Rosie
Awards this week. 6A received their award for showing resilience
and perseverance in the Language Perfect Competition in an
effort to beat another class. P1 received their award for allowing
others to learn by walking quietly to their Music lesson.
Well done to all the boys and girls for being Safe, Respectful
Learners.
Parents you may be interested to know that FABIC have
workshops coming up:
> Autism Spectrum Disorder – Reducing Anxiety and Unwanted
Behaviours 11 JUNE 2016 - Available Online via Live Webinar
and Delayed Telecast - 1 Day Cost $125
> Changing Behaviour
24 JUNE 2016 - Available Online via Live Webinar and
Delayed Telecast - 1 day cost $125
Please contact FABIC on 55 305 099 for further information.
From Ralph and Rosie

Koala Joeys
The Koala Joeys Family Program - a Transition to School program
- has been specifically created to deliver in all primary schools for
families with children under school age. It focuses on empowering
parents and carers to use nursery rhymes, songs, dance,
movement and stories as a tool to form secure attachments.
Early literacy and numeracy information is shared during the
program in a fun, interactive and supportive environment.
Koala Joeys is held Fridays in the MPC Conference Room from
9.00am - 10.00am. See you there!

Head Lice
A number of cases of HEAD LICE have been confirmed
throughout the school. To help overcome this problem, please
check if your child’s hair has been affected. Finding head lice can
be difficult and time consuming. To check for Lice:
> Apply conditioner to dry hair, and comb through the hair
with a fine tooth comb
> Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper tissue and
look for lice and eggs on the tissue and comb.
> Rinse comb in water and repeat.
> If you find any lice, it is recommended you seek
professional advice from your chemist.
Please note Merrimac State School requests that parents do not
send children with Head Lice to school until the Lice are removed
and treatment has started. Your help in this matter is
appreciated.

FINANCE NEWS

Invoicing
Invoices for events are emailed to all parents/caregivers of
participating/invited students who have an active email on our
database. If your child is participating you can make payment
online but be sure to complete the permission form and return to
the finance window for verification. Look on the top right hand
side of the invoice for the event description. When using Bpoint
follow the directions carefully as incorrectly deposited money
remains unallocated. When using Bpoint or direct deposit ensure
you allow 3-4 days to process. When the payment date for the
event closes and we cancel unpaid invoices if you did not pay for
this event you will receive an adjustment notice email, this is not a
credit.

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MUSIC NEWS

INSTRUMENTAL/CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE
Junior Choir - Monday mornings 8.00am – 8.30am
Senior Choir – Friday mornings 8.00am – 8.45am
Senior Band – Tuesday 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Junior Band – Wednesday 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Senior Strings – Thursday 3.00pm – 3.45pm
Intermediate Strings – Thursday 8.00am – 8.45am (Inst Room)
Beginner Strings - Thursday 8.00am - 8.45am (Music Room)

From Ralph and Rosie
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Students of the Month:

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DRAW FRIDAY 10 JUNE

Girls Oztag at Marymount College, Burleigh Waters
5A v Marymount on Field 1 @ 1.35pm
6A v Varsity 1 on Field 10 @ 1.35pm
5A v Marymount on Field 1 @ 1.35pm
6B v Marymount on Field 10 @ 12.45pm
Rugby League at Firth Park, Mudgeeraba
6B v Varsity 1 on Field 2 @ 12.45pm
Netball at Firth Park, Mudgeeraba
5B v Mudgeeraba on Court 5 @ 1.20pm
6A v Hillcrest on Court 1 @ 12.50pm
6B v Robina on Court 1 @ 1.20pm
Soccer at St Vincent’s, Clear Island Waters
6A Boys v Robina on Field 1 @ 1.35pm
5A Girls v BYE (will travel to St Vincent’s with 6A Boys)
Soccer at Broadbeach State School, Broadbeach
5A Boys v Broadbeach on Field 2 @ 12.40pm
5B Boys v Broadbeach on Field 2 @ 1.35pm

Interschool Sport
Next Friday 17 June will be the final day for Interschool Sport. Our sporting teams have done very well this term. A number of our teams are doing very well and may reach the various finals. We wish them well for the remainder of the season.

JAPANESE NEWS

Following is a list of individual results from the Language Perfect Competition. Congratulations to all participating students:

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P&C NEWS

Entertainment Books
The P&C is running an Entertainment Book fundraiser. These entertainment books are always very popular and we encourage parents to support this P&C fundraising activity. Type into your address bar on the website – (note this is a new address)

BOOKSHOP and UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

During the school term the bookshop opens Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8am – 9am.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Volunteer roster for week commencing 13 June:

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* add extra 50c to upgrade to Flavoured Milk or Springwater

A big thank you to our volunteers this week. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please note many events next week beginning with the Senior Athletics Monday and Tuesday then the Junior Athletics Fun Day on Wednesday. We hope to run our usual mobile tuckshop up above the oval overlooking the events. We have volunteers running the mobile tuckshop on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be no mobile tuckshop on Monday as this tends to be a smaller scale event. Please support both tuckshops. Our usual tuckshop will continue to run as normal also. Have a great week. Denise.

~ Denise ~
FROM THE MASTER TEACHER

Mrs Stringer and the children of 4B enjoyed some Readers Theatre outdoors in the winter morning sunshine this week. Children practise reading a script as one of their reading group activities as a strategy to improve their reading fluency.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CHAPPY NEWS

"I would like to thank all the Children parents and staff who supported Chappy’s Sausage Sizzle on under 8’s day...these pictures are what our fundraising throughout the year supports....My next fundraiser is the Gold Coast Ks4Kids walkathon on June 18th. This year my aim is to complete the whole 30ks again...Please if you can sponsor me, you can do this by going to www.ks4kids.org.au and find the Merrimac State School page...Or come and see me in the Chappy Hut. Once again Thank You all for your amazing support....

Chappy Steve