Report cards

Report cards will be going home on Wednesday afternoon with the students. This year as we are using the C2C (National Curriculum) we are also using their reporting format. This means that if your child gets a C in English, the C comment provided is generic to every ‘C’ student in Australia. This aims to provide consistency across the nation. It is also important to remember that a C is where your child should be for their grade. A ‘C’ is good; they are working at a level appropriate for their age. If your child gets a C that’s good, give them a pat on the back.

2013

Next year will be here before we know it. We are already making plans for next year in relation to assessment plans and Individual plans. In week 2 next year (4th Feb) we will be conducting diagnostic tests. In week 3, the ILPs (individual Learning Plans) will be compiled and then week 4 we will be holding parents teacher interviews. These interviews will be to discuss the results of the tests and the ILPs, so we can work together to achieve the set goals. Letting our students know what they need to do, has had some remarkable results this year already.

Last 4 days

Of course as this is the last week of school for the year we have a few different activities planned. Wednesday will be a fairly normal day with Mrs C here in the morning and music in the afternoon. We will also be sending the student’s books home with them on Wednesday and putting the word tidy back into ‘Tidy trays’. On Thursday it is a free dress day (gold coin donation for the project club), we will be having a sausage sizzle, watermelon and an ice block. (see attached program) Friday will be a cleaning day.

Prepare for bushfires over the festive season

Queensland Health is urging families to prepare for the risk of more bushfires and smoky conditions across the state in the wake of dry weather conditions.

Families can protect their health by reducing their exposure to the smoke, particularly people with pre-existing health conditions such as asthma and heart conditions.

During a bushfire limit physical activity, keep windows and doors closed when indoors, keep at least seven days’ worth of medication on hand, and leave the bushfire area temporarily to help reduce negative health impacts.

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service also recommends tips to prepare for bushfires around homes and properties including mowing the lawn regularly, clearing gutters and checking first aid kits.


2012 in a nutshell

In closing the last newsletter for 2012 I would just like to thank all of our students, staff and parents for another great year. I can honestly say I love going to work everyday (well most days) Its has been a great year with our QSR, T&L audit and the launch of our new schools website. Next year with the centenary promises to be lots of fun. What makes our school such a great place is the friendships and the fact that everyone involved has the kids best interest at heart. I meet with lots of other principals and teachers far and wide and can really appreciate what we have here. Thank you all and I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Keep those kids reading.

Cheers Andrew
Date Claimers

December
12th - School Concert
13th - School festivities
13th - Project Club Dude and Dudette day
14th - Last day of school 2012

Project Club

The Project Club have decided to have a crazy dude and dudette day next Thursday 13 December. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.
Thank you

Community Notice

Give away

3 x Rag Doll Cross female kittens
8 weeks old on Friday
Two grey, one black
For more information
Contact Karen Madden 0411062288

P&C NEWS

At the School Concert tomorrow night we will have our raffle tickets for sale
The tickets will be $2 per ticket of 3 tickets for $5.
The raffle will be drawn at our Cent Sale this Saturday.
To add to the festivities we will also have a Chocolate Wheel.
These tickets will be $1 (who doesn’t LOVE chocolate!!!)

Cent Sale donations would be appreciated, if you could bring your donations with you tomorrow night that would be fantastic as we’d like to be super organised.

If you are attending the Christmas in the Park in Mundubbera this Friday night don’t forget to swing buy our Stall and purchase some lollies and lucky dips!!!
Christmas Trivia Answers

1. What Christmas ballet is the most famous of all? **The Nutcracker**
2. Where was Mummy kissing Santa Claus? **Under the Mistletoe**
3. Who wrote the song “Here Comes Santa Claus?” **Gene Autry**
4. What does Alvin want for Christmas? **A hula Hoop**
5. What should little children leave out for Santa on Christmas Eve? **Cookies and Milk**
6. What is Frosty the Snowman’s nose made of? **A carrot**
7. Who is Ebenezer? **The Scrooge**
8. What colour is the Grinch? **Green**
9. Which reindeer’s name starts with a “B”? **Blitzen**
10. How many reindeer’s names start with “D”? **3 Dancer, Donnar, Dasher**

Remember this December that loves weighs more than gold. **Josephine Dodge Daskam Bacon**

*It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.* **W.T. Ellis**

DAIRY FREE/ NUT FREE/ EGG FREE VANILLA CUPCAKES

- 1 Tablespoon of white vinegar. I used rice vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups rice or soy milk. I used rice milk
- 2 cups of caster sugar
- 2 1/4 cups of self-raising flour – gluten free can be used. Try Orgrans
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda (bicarb soda)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 a cup of neutral seed or vegetable oil. I used sunflower
- either 1 teaspoon of vanilla paste or 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract or the scraped seeds from 1 vanilla pod

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F

Line your cupcake pans with paper liners. Add the vinegar & oil to the rice milk. Put everything else into the mixer bowl. Pour over the oil/milk/vinegar liquid. Set the mixer to low and beat just long enough to combine everything. Set the mixer to medium speed and whisk for 1 minutes, stopping halfway through to scrape down the bowl. Fill the liners 2/3rd’s full of cake mixture and put into the oven for 15-20 minutes. It’s a tough call – everyone’s oven is different The cakes are ready when you gently put your finger onto the top of one and it springs back instead of leaving a dent or sinking…Leave them in the pans for a couple of minutes and then transfer to a rack to cool.

Ice as you desire.

Can you unscramble the following anagrams to find ten well known seasonal words:

-aanst, beeehhlmt, eeilmostt, hlloy, cgiknost, adentv, dhloopru, ejsxu, am-nnosw, ainttvy Santa, Bethlehem, mistletoe, holly, stocking, Advent, Rudolph, Jesus, snowman, nativity.
Binjour Plateau S.S. P&C

CENT SALE

on
Sat, 15th December, 2012
At 1:30pm
BINJOUR PLATEAU STATE SCHOOL

$2 Entry
(Includes Afternoon Tea & Lucky Door)
Cent Sale Tickets—$1 per sheet
Raffle Tickets—$2 each or 3 for $5.
Chocolate Wheel

Join us for a great afternoon of fun
and fantastic prizes!

For more information contact
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