From the Principal’s Desk

**Principals Conference**

Last week I was lucky enough to get down to Brisbane to attend the biannual State wide Principals conference, held at the Brisbane convention center. All state school principals were expected to attend. There were a number of guest speakers and we also got a chance to hear the Education Minister, and the focus of the govt in relation to education. It was a worthwhile couple of days to spend listening to experts in the field of education.

One interesting study we heard about was of a group of families asked to sit down and play a board game for 1 hour a week for 4 weeks. They discovered after this the children’s reading improved. Interesting!

This study was based on the positive relationship a child has with family increases their ability at school. On a quiet note Professor Ontario said that research had shown that homework in fact had a negative impact on relationships, and had little or no benefits on primary school age children. However he did recommend the children keep a learning journal in which they write down other things they have learnt that day. So it might be as simple as dad taught me today how to tie down a load., or boil an egg. I have spoken to the students and they are quite excited by the idea. After all learning doesn’t happen just at school.

**Department News**

**Parent and community engagement framework launched**

Research tells us that students achieve more when schools, parents and the local community work together.

To this end our school will be using the newly-launched Parent and Community Engagement Framework to better work with you for the benefit of our children.

Visit the [website](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/parent-community-engagement-framework/) for more information on the framework.

**Schools to enhance teaching**

By the end of 2013, our school will have developed a pedagogical framework in collaboration with the school community. This framework is designed to ensure our school delivers high quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student.

**Don’t play in stormwater drains**

As the wet weather season continues please take the time to warn your children about the dangers of playing in or near flood waters and stormwater drains.

Queensland Fire and Rescue’s Swift water site can help you get this important message heard by your children or listen to flood stories told by young people. [https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/swiftwater/default.asp](https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/swiftwater/default.asp)


Cheer Andrew

**Tuckshop**

This week the junior group have been working on the letter ‘n’, so for tuckshop this week we will be having nachos, nice popper and Neapolitan ice cream. Cost $4. Please have money and orders in by Thursday.
Date Claimers

March
14th—AFL Gala day (Mundubbera SS)

Tuckshop
Please have your money and orders in by Thursday 3pm

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 2 order forms were distributed to students today. Please return orders to school by Monday 18th March.

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
1. Which leg starts a swimming medley?
2. How many medals did Ian Thorpe win at the Sydney Olympics?
3. Who holds the record for the most tests as prop for the Wallabies?
4. How many medals did Russia win at the 1984 LA Olympics?
5. What is Don Bradman’s middle name?
6. Which country has the most volcanoes?
7. What is the name of the fictional cricketer created by ‘The Panel’s Tom Gleiser?
8. In what year did South Melbourne become the Sydney Swans?
9. Which swimmer was known as Madam Butterfly?
10. In which 1981 film does the soccer legend Pele appear?

We’ve made great medical progress in the last generation. What used to be merely an itch is now an allergy.

Anonymous

Are there more 2s or 8s in the numbers from 1 to 50,000?

Below, 10 nine letter words have been broken into chunks of three letters. These chunks have been mixed up, no chunk is used twice and all chunks are used. Can you determine what the 10 words are?

tin som mea and all ple
sca eth ile rbr man ssl
pol rec hai yes gra wat
ing ter ice eap erf ate
nwh pin obs ush row day

Something, hairbrush, grassland, pineapple, policeman, meanwhile, waterfall, scarecrow, yesterday, obstinate

Garfield
Gayndah Garden Friends

BUS TRIP

VISITING

CHILDERS ORCHID SHOW
16th MARCH 2013

LEAVES GAYNDAH TOWN HALL 7.00AM

COSTS ARE

BUS $12.00
ENTRY FEE $2.00  M/TEA $3.00

LUNCH CHILDERS BOWLS CLUB $10.00

MAIN MEAL SERVED WITH SALAD Tea & Coffee

SWEETS $4.00

AFTER LUNCH A VISIT TO A GARDEN

THEN HOME

CONTACT JOY AT 41611854

MONEY MUST BE PAID BY THE 8TH MARCH
NO REFUNDS