From the Principal’s Desk

Tony Richards News
Last week we had Tony Richards visit our school to work with our students and also catch up with our parents for an information evening. The evening was very interesting some of the most interesting things I heard was about our children and how they are using technology and the effect the technology is having on them.

In terms of safety he said that no rechargeable technology should be left in children’s bedrooms, all internet devices should be left in the open so mum or dad can see the screen at anytime. These rules need to be implemented now while the students are young, He also said that one of his jobs was working for companies searching new applicants. He would be given a list of potential employees by the company and asked to search the internet for them, looking to see what sort of people they are. For example if they have a Facebook page from younger than 13 (which is against the rules) they say the applicant has made a bad moral judgement and will probably make more, so they won’t employ them. It was all very interesting.

Parent teacher interviews
I have had a chance to catch up with a few parents this week to discuss how the children are going and some of the plans we have for the future. Our main focus this year is to improve spelling and writing, so we have set goals for our students to improve in these areas. The goals are simple and explicit, so our students know exactly what they need to work on.

Cheers Andrew

Dept Update

Every day counts
As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

Tuckshop
We are looking at the letters 'h' and 'r' this week so tuckshop menu will be: Hot dog, Rocky road slice and Raspberry LOL can. All for the low cost of $4. Please pay by Thursday.
Date Claimers
March
20th - Principals Literacy meeting
28th - End of term 1
29th - Good Friday
April
15th - Start of term 2 Monday (No pupil free day)
25th - Anzac Day

P&C News
Pie order delivery will be this Wednesday (tomorrow).

Guardian Pharmacy Colouring Competition.
Congratulations to our Binjour students who entered the Guardian Pharmacy Colouring-in Competition. The competition was open to all students aged 5-8 in Mundubbera. All our students received a prize for their beautiful work. The major prize was a go-cart which was won by Makia Thorneycroft. CONGRATULATIONS Makia !!! Well done.

Makia with her dad and Mrs Julie Oppermann
From Guardian Pharmacy presenting her with her prize.

Students in years prep to 3.
Connor, Erin, Mrs Oppermann, Charlotte, Pheobe and Makia.
1. What is the dog’s name in Family Guy?
2. Who recorded the 1999 album Messenger?
3. Does sound travel faster through water or steel?
4. What is an auctioneer’s hammer called?
5. What is the nickname of the Queensland cricket team?
6. Which Australian tennis player was nicknamed ‘Muscles’?
7. In which Brisbane suburb is ‘The Gabba’ situated?
8. In which year were the Montreal Olympics held?
9. Which middle East country hosted the first F1 race in 2004?
10. Which sport is featured in the movie Cool Running?

Find 17 creatures in this narrative:

Kneel in the kayak grasping the boat, but don’t wrench the bullion or scowl at the chart. Behind the taped and sealed planter is a benevolent collie. The foxglove is in the bath.

Eel, yak, asp, boa, wren, bull, cow, ape, seal, ant, vole, collie, fox, bat, ox, lion, owl.

Customer services at headquarters received the following letter recently.

Luckily our top puzzle solvers were able to determine the meaning and help Mrs Middins.

Can you work it out what her problem was?

r ir,
I recent y vi late one o your out et to buy one o your typewriter , owever, you c h ee I m vi n a prob am.
Te mi e row o te eybo r pper to be u ty.
i wou be very r te u i you cou e p tc rep cement by return po t i i n ti , cou you p e en n en ineer to rec ov eti prob em mett o ur ency.
Your li u y,
Mr Mi i n.
19 March, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: HEAD LICE ALERT NOTICE

It has come to my attention that some students in the school may have head lice. I seek cooperation in checking your child's hair and scalp tonight. To be sure, keep checking every two days for fourteen days after this time.

The best way to attack a head lice outbreak is to check everyone in the family by applying hair conditioner to the head, then comb the hair thoroughly with a fine comb to check for eggs etc. If head lice are found this treatment needs to continue every two days for 14 days. (The inexpensive $2 type of conditioner works well – preferably white conditioner as this apparently paralyses the louse).

If we all take action at the same time, it will help enormously to stop the spread of head lice.

REMEMBER

? We can all catch head lice.
? Head lice are spread mainly through head to head contact.
? For more information, you need to check with your local pharmacist about whether chemical preparations are effective.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and if you have any further questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to come and see me.

Kind regards,

Andrew Goldie
(PRINCIPAL)

_____________________________________________________________________________________
THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT MY CHILD/CHILDREN: ____________________________
HAS/HAVE BEEN CHECKED FOR HEAD LICE ON ……………….. WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

? NO EVIDENCE OF HEAD LICE OR EGGS HAVE BEEN FOUND.
? HEAD LICE OR EGGS WERE SEEN AND TREATMENT AS RECOMMENDED HAS BEEN STARTED.

SIGNED: _______________________________ DATED: ____________________