From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome to term 2
It’s the beginning of a new term already. This week we are attending the cross country run in Mundubbera. The bus will leave school at 8:15am and return at 2:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend the day. There will be a sausage sizzle at a cost of $2 for a sausage and bread, drinks will also be available for sale. Poppers $1 and soft drink for $2. If your child is attending please encourage them to have a go, they don’t need to run the whole thing.

Focus on Reading with fluency
At the moment we are working on developing fluency when reading. Reading with fluency helps with comprehension and makes reading more entertaining. If your child is reading at home ask them how they improve their fluency. Here are some of the things they might say.

Read and re-read several times
Read groups of words for phrasing
Follow punctuation carefully
Change the pace of your reading
Use different expression to show moods
See how many they can remember?

School Gardens
A huge big thank you to all those parents that were able to come down to the school over the holidays to help with the front gardens, believe me I worked one afternoon in laying some rocks to appreciate the fact that I didn’t have to do it all. Thank you all, very much appreciated.

Dept News
A review of research on parental engagement by the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) finds positive outcomes at all levels of schooling. By Dr Lance Emerson, ARACY CEO

Positive parental engagement has the potential to make a major difference to educational outcomes at all levels of schooling. The effects of positive engagement include enhanced cognitive abilities and academic achievement, increased motivation for learning, and improved social and behavioural outcomes.

Tuckshop
This week we will be having toasted chicken and cheese sandwiches, chips and a popper. $4. Please pay by Thursday.

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

Date Claimers
April
17th - Cross Country - Mundubbera
18th—NB Soccer trials
22nd & 23rd—Mr Tooth (Auditor) visit
25th - Anzac Day
May
3rd - North Burnett Cross Country (Biggenden)
7th - Book Club Due

Book Club: Scholastic Book Club Issue 3 has been handed out to the students today. Orders are due back at school by 7th May.
1. In which year was the first Melbourne Cup run?
2. Who is known as the Golden Bear?
3. Which Australian band has an album by the name of Odysey No. 5?
4. When did Patrick White become the first Australian to win the Nobel Prize for Literature?
5. What is the chemical symbol for iron?
6. How many days were there in 2004?
7. In which sport would you shavedown for negative splits?
8. What is Australia’s second oldest city?
9. What is the badge number of Clint Eastwood’s character Dirty Harry?
10. Who was the Australian of the year in 2004?

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**Quote of the week**

A poor excuse is like an old bucket; doesn’t matter what shape it’s in, as long as it holds water.

P.K. Shaw

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**Fun Facts with Zachary**

Nickname: Zachy

My favourite colour: Light green and Dark Green at night

My favourite food: Chocolate and lollies

My favourite animal is: Zebra

My favourite car: V8 diesel Landcruiser

At school I like to: play in the sand pit.

On the weekend I like to: play at home

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**Jokes**

What’s small, furry and bright purple?
A koala holding its breath.

Why did the emu cross the road?
To prove he wasn’t a chicken.

Why did the dingo cross the road twice?
Because he was a double-crosser.

What animal can jump higher than the Sydney Harbour Bridge?
All animals, because bridges can’t jump.
3
Gerry wants to buy this laptop.
What is the difference in the price of the laptop if Gerry chooses to pay monthly rather than paying the advertised price?

$899
OR $45 per month for 2 years

$1  $181  $359  $809

4
Which number is 100 times larger than 0.035?

0.35  3.5  35  350

5
A marketing company asked 20 people which mobile phone they owned.
Six people said they owned an iPhone.
What fraction of the people owned an iPhone?

1/6  1/3  3/10  3/5

6
An earthmoving operator charged a builder $420 for some work.
The earthmoving operator worked for 7 hours and 30 minutes.
How much did he charge per hour?

[Blank] per hour