Focus on reading
This year we have started with a focus on improving our students reading and comprehension. Some of the activities we are using are as follows:
* **Modelled reading** – teacher reading, showing, demonstrating how reading should sound with expression and fluency. If you want to teach a child to throw a ball then you should show them how to do it first, same with reading.
* **Sight words** – even our grade 7s are still doing sight words, even though they know them they need to practice seeing them and knowing them, not sounding them out, practice makes perfect for high frequency words.
* **Guided reading** – students listen to the teacher read a passage and then they get to read some of that passage as part of a reading circle after being able to practice their part.
* **Home readers** (independent) – these books are targeted at your child’s reading level to help improve their reading, if they are working on decoding (reading words) then they are on the lower levels. If they are developing inferential comprehension (reading what is implied) then they are on the higher levels. We are working on other areas but without being able to read everything else is difficult. In the area of mathematics we are really focusing on the tables and getting our students to know these off by heart. The students are working very hard and improving every day. Tables form the foundation to so many other areas in mathematics.

Leadership presentation
On Monday morning on Parade our senior leaders received their leadership badges. The parade was attended by Mr Don Waugh our mayor who presented our leaders with their badges and a certificate. Thank you to all those parents who were able to get here for the morning. Our senior leaders did a great job with their acceptance speeches.

School Staffing
Our school has received .5 (half a teacher for 2014) which is 5 days a fortnight. Head office is currently looking for someone to fill this position. We will use some casual staff around the area until someone is found more permanently.

Weekly reports
Last week we sent home the first of our student weekly reports with 100% being returned signed, which is a great start.

Testing
This week, week 3 our students will be doing a number of different tests in Literacy and Numeracy. These tests will give us a starting point on all of our students so when we conduct some further tests later in the year we can see if the children have improved and by how much.

PTO: More overleaf
Date Claimers

February

19th—DRT Meeting—Mundubbera

More From the Principal’s Desk

Tenders
We will soon be accepting tenders for a ride on mower, rain water tank, tractor & slasher. Please contact the school for further information.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop this week is Tacos, packet of chips & popper for the cost of $4. Please have money & orders in by Thursday.

Community Notice

TENNIS LESSONS: MLC Tennis Hot Shots Learn n Play classes commence Friday 14th February 2014 at the Gayndah Tennis Centre, Barrow Street with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Tennis Coach, Kevin Banner. Beginners: 3.45pm – 5.00pm; Intermediate: 5pm – 6.30pm; Advanced/High School: 6.30pm – 8pm. Registration is Essential. Please phone Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753. New and existing players are very welcome!
The mining town of Coober Pedy in Australia got its name from the local Aboriginals. It means something like "White fella down a hole".

The first Australian Aboriginal word in the English language was "kangaroo" and was used by Captain James Cook. The original spelling was "kanguroo".

The so-called 'dingo fence' in Australia is the longest fence in the world, and is about twice as long as the Great Wall of China. It has a gate every 19kms along its length.

Australia was the 3rd country, after the US and Russia, to launch a satellite into orbit. It was for the British, using a 'Blue Streak' rocket, on 28-10-71.

When driving around Australia, make sure that you circumnavigate the continent anti-clockwise, as it's about 900 metres shorter going this way than clockwise.

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**Fun Facts with Pheobe**

- **My favourite colour:** Yellow
- **How old I am:** 7 years old **today**
- **What pets I have:** dogs, cat, birds, horses, snake
- **My favourite food:** Pizza, Chips & Gravy
- **When I get home from school:** Clean the rats cage
- **My favourite book:** Horse book

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**Brain Teaser**

There are three houses one is red one is blue band one is white. If the red house is to the left of the house in the middle and the blue house is to the right to the house in the middle where is the white house?

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**Quote of the week**

*No-one's ever born into a perfect family, but we are all given the opportunity to create one.*

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**In Washington DC**

- **Nelson:** Have you seen Grampa?
- **Yeah:** He's laying on the floor. He said it's good for his back.
- **No:** He is not laying on the floor. He's lying.
- **No:** Honest. He's not lying. I saw him laying on the floor.
Little Athletics
Introduction to Coaching Course

8am to 5pm Saturday the 1st of March
Cost discounted to $44 (Normally $88)
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Are you interested in helping kids learn more about athletics? The ITC course is delivered by Little Athletics Qld and is specifically designed for parents, beginner coaches, teachers and other interested people who want to coach/teach beginner athletics. It is an “event specific” track and field course designed to give people the ability and confidence to coach basic level athletics to children aged 5-15 years. You will be taught how to introduce and teach beginners the proper skills of each event. The majority of the course is low intensity practical/physical activity, with some theory. It has been found in the past, that to actually “see and do a skill” proves more beneficial than theory alone. The course topics are: Coaching Young Athletes, Warm Up, Running, Relays, Hurdles, Walks, Shot Put (standing), Discus (standing), Javelin (3-step), High Jump (scissors), Long Jump and Triple Jump.

Please be prepared for activity: shoes, water, hat