From the Principal’s Desk

**From the classroom**

Week 6 already. Last week I was lucky enough to be unable to go to Biloela so I got the chance to be at school on Friday and see all the crazy hair. Our students did a great job to support such a worthy cause. Our students enjoyed hot dogs for tuckshop which are always a big hit. Last week and this week we have had quite a few students away with illness. We are encouraging our students to keep washing their hands so we can hopefully reduce the spread of germs.

**Wrist bands**

Our students have started to receive the wrist bands to highlight positive behaviours. The concept is working well and the students are enjoying getting them. Each day in the afternoon we collect the wrist bands and record how many each child gets for the day. All of our students are off the mark and heading towards 40 wrist bands which allows them to get a movie on the final day of term.

**Weekly reports**

Our weekly reports are continuing to go home on a Friday afternoon. Please remember to sign them each night to say you have observed your child reading. Looking back I remember when I was a young fella playing soccer I use to look up in the grandstand to see if I could see my dad watching me, if I could I remember I tried so much harder, I worked harder because dad was there, it was so much more fun. Children’s reading is the same, they will do better if we listen and be there for them, 10 minutes a night.

**NAPLAN tests**

We have been doing some test practice with all of the students. We are focusing on reading the question and paying attention to what they are asking; don’t guess what they are going to ask. For example last week there was a question that asked which shape was an octagon. Every student knew an octagon has 8 sides, however instead of counting the sides; they all ticked the shape that looked similar to an octagon, not the actual 8 sided shape. These simple errors are made every year.

**Headlice**

Please keep checking for head lice in your child’s hair.

**School grounds update**

Last week we had the tree loppers come to tidy up the branches in the pine trees on the oval. While they were here they trimmed other trees and removed any trees that were going to be an issue in the future.

**Prep, 1, 2 news**

This week in our classroom we are experimenting to see if beans will grom in cotton wool and water. The herbs we planted last week have started to sprout. We are giving them all the things they need to live, water, sun, shelter, food and oxygen. We have had a few things come in from the past, an iron, a key and a model horse and carriage. I would like to encourage more as we are fascinated with this topic. We are learning to write and remember out address in Geography and we are learning about our local and wider community. Maths this week will be a lot of fun, sorting and classifying colours, shapes and sizes. We are also creating and solving number stories for subtraction. Everyone is doing a fantastic job with their sight words, sounds and spelling, well done!

**Student awards**

This weeks awards on Parade were; Jasmine Anderson for excellence in reading and Connor Adams for Sportmanship. In the junior school, Eden Morris, Erin Oppermann and Zachary Baumgart received awards for spelling and knowing their sight words. Phoebe Thornycroft, Charlotte Madden and Connor Adams for knowing their sight words.

**Congratulations**

**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop this week will be toasted sandwiches, chips and popper all for the low cost of $4. All orders with money must be in by Thursday.
Date Claimers

March
Tuesday 4th  -  Play Group at Binjour School  -  9:30am start
Wednesday 12th  -  P&C meeting -AGM
Monday 17th  -  Book Club orders due
Friday 21st  -  TED x—Mundubbera
Mon, Tues, Wed, 24th,25th,26th  -  Mrs Goldie in Brisbane - Rock & Water program

P&C News

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday 12th March commencing at 7:30pm. This meeting will be the AGM meeting as well as the General meeting. All welcome.

Book Club

Book Club order forms were handed out to children today. Please return any orders with money to the school by Monday 17th March.

Last Weeks Trivia Solutions

TOWN
Down town

LIFЕОНСЕТІМЕ
Once in a lifetime

EEGVTABLES
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GEEVTABLES
VEEGTABLES

Mixed vegetables
1. In which country would you find the ancient ruins of Angkor Wat?
2. What three colours appear on the flag of Thailand?
3. What peace treaty was signed on June 28, 1919, between Germany and the Allied Powers?
4. In which English city is the Old Trafford football stadium?
5. What is the capital of Slovakia?
6. Which country in south-east Europe is also called the Hellenic Republic?
7. What country was created from the remains of the Habsburg Empire?
8. What was Mumbai formerly known as?
9. From which Kenyan village do Barack Obama’s ancestors hail?
10. Was Napoleon Bonaparte’s empress, Josephine, born in Madagascar or Martinique?
11. What is the currency in the Indian Ocean island nation of Mauritius?
12. Name both of Australia’s “cultural” World Heritage listings?

Can you solve these?

What is represented by this?
HEAR T
Broken heart

What is represented by this?
CITY
Capital city

What is represented by this?
VESTPRIVATEIGATOR
Private investigator

Fun Facts with Ryan

My favourite colour: Blue
How old I am: 5 years
What pets I have: 2 dogs and 2 cats
My favourite food: Meat, Zucchini, Watermelon
When I get home from school I: Do my homework
My favourite book: Five Minutes More

Quote of the week

TO PURSUE YOUR PASSION AND NEVER ACHIEVE IS FAR BETTER THAN NEVER HAVING A PASSION AND LIVING WITH REGRET FOREVER.
KEITH ABRAHAM
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