From the classroom

I can’t believe how quickly this term is going, as I am sure all of our parents feel the same way. Some of our students have been making some excellent progress with their reading and spelling this term. Please continue with the home reads and sight words. The sight words are words that pop up frequently in our reading; our children need to know them quickly, without sounding them out. This helps to improve fluency with reading sentences. We try and listen to your child read every day, if not every second day. They really enjoy reading the teacher which is great. We are currently working on punctuation with the senior class. We have explored full stops, question marks, quotation marks, capital letters and commas. In maths we are working on division with and without remainders, fast facts and problem solving strategies. The students are all doing well and beginning to grasp some new concepts.

Don’t forget the poetry
All of our students have again got poetry to practice for the end of term. I have told them they need to be able recite in on the night without the paper. Please remind them to practice. Talking in front of a crowd really is a great skill to develop. Even if it just helps them speak up at high school, it’s helped them gain some confidence.

Cross country
The cross country this year will be on the 4th of April in Mundubbera. We have been doing a little training in the morning at the beginning of school however due to time restrictions if you want your child to do well and go on they will need to do some extra work at home. I would encourage every child to have a go regardless of their outcome, just for the sake of having a go. Each morning I ask the students to run 1 lap of the oval and 2 if they are keen. Those that are keen and want to do more can. Cross country is not for everyone, no stress....

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.

P&C Note
This week’s AGM has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances; we will try again next Wednesday night at 7.30pm, Sorry for any inconveniences.

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

Student awards
This weeks awards on Parade were; Jaycia Adams for going out of her comfort zone to learn something new. Meisje Anbeek for the wonderful work she is doing in Project 600. Eden Morris for knowing all her sounds and Zeb Bigg, Ryan Baumgart and Riley Duggan for knowing their sight words.

Congratulations

Tuckshop
Tuckshop this week will be Hot Dog, LOL Can and an Icy Pole. Cost $4. All orders with money must be in by Thursday.

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY.

Mr Goldie’s whereabouts
Tomorrow was to be my admin day; however Mrs Goldie has a problem with her middle ear (I think) and needs to travel to Bundy tomorrow to see a specialist. As she has lost her balance because of this, I thought I should possibly drive her over, so Mrs Littleton will be here instead.
Date Claimers

March
Wednesday 19th - 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 Meeting Date Change

The next meeting of the P&C has been postponed until next Wednesday 19th March commencing at 7:30pm. This meeting will be the AGM meeting as well as the General meeting. All welcome.

Book Club

Reminder: Please return any orders with money to the school by Monday 17th March.

Community Notices

Gayndah Scout Group Easter Trivial Pursuit

Friday 28th March
Town Hall
Doors open at 7pm
$5 per player

Guardian Pharmacy Colouring-in Competition
Prize: Electric Scooter

The Guardian Pharmacy Colouring-in Competition due date has been extended to Friday 21st March 2014. Don’t forget to drop your colouring, into the Mundubbera pharmacy for your chance to win this great prize.
Can you answer these?

1. What are the flora & fauna emblems of Queensland?
2. What are the flora & fauna emblems of New South Wales?
3. What are the flora & fauna emblems of South Australia?
4. What are the flora & fauna emblems of Victoria?
5. What are the flora & fauna emblems of Western Australia?
6. What are the flora & fauna emblems of Tasmania?
7. What are the flora & fauna emblems of Northern Territory?
8. What are the flora & fauna emblems of Australian Capital Territory?

Fun Facts with Riley

My favourite colour: Purple
How old I am: 5 years
What pets I have: Cats & kittens
My favourite food: Toast & Spaghetti Bog

Brain Teaser

There is a very small room in which four cats are sitting on the four corners. Opposite to each cat are three cats and at each cat's tail, is one more cat.

How many cats are sitting in that room all together?

Quote of the week

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE RETURNING TO A PLACE THAT REMAINS UNCHANGED TO FIND THE WAYS IN WHICH YOU YOURSELF HAVE ALTERED.
NELSON MANDELLA — A LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

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