Welcome to the first winter newsletter for the year. Although we haven’t experienced too much cold weather I am sure it is on the way.

Last week I went to Gladstone for the Regionals Principals Conference, which was excellent. On the first day we met with the DG (Director General – Dr Jim Watterston) and for the rest of the week we participated in workshops and other activities. The 4 days were extremely worthwhile and I am sure will benefit not just me but our whole school as some of the messages are passed on.

The key message of the week was about capacity building in our schools. The conference was aimed at Principals of both large and small schools, so it outlined the job of the Principal to support both teacher aides and teachers through up skilling and feedback to help them learn and develop also.

Another important factor was to have a **clear vision for our school**, a vision statement that everyone who comes into our school can see and can work towards. At the moment in our school we have great attendance, kids are happy to come to school, families say they are happy. Students, parents and staff are treated with respect and honesty. We need to make sure this level of satisfaction amongst the students, staff and the community continue into the future. A vision statement sets goals for all of us. I would like all of our parents to contribute to our schools vision statement for the future development of our school. Please take the time to have a think about what you see as important for the school and your child, if you have any ideas please write them on the sheet provided and return it with your child, no need to put your name on it…. My thoughts

> Every child should be learning everyday
> Every child can learn
> Every child will improve
> Students should enjoy coming to school
> Parents should be part of their child’s education
> Students should be engaged and develop a love of learning

**Students, parents and staff should feel respected and appreciated.**

We have been notified of some students having head lice, please take time to have a look in your child’s hair.

**Nitbusters’ myth busters**

Kids with head lice don't always scratch. The only way to rule out infestation is to look carefully through your child’s hair.

Head lice are only found on the human head.

Head lice and nits live in long, short, curly, straight, clean or dirty hair.

They are not found on family pets.

Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment.

Head lice don't leap or jump. They crawl from hair to hair, from one head to another.

There is no way to prevent your child from getting head lice.

You may be able to help reduce transmission by tying girls' hair back and braiding it.

Never use insecticides, methylated spirits or kerosene on your child’s head.

You don't need to use an expensive commercial product.

> Cheers Andrew

**Tuckshop**

As we are having a P day today tuckshop this week will be pizza, popper and pink jelly. Cost $4. All orders with money must be in **by Thursday**.

**NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON FRIDAY.**
Date Claimers

JUNE
4th - Musical Matinee
5th—P&C meeting
9th - Queen’s birthday holiday
10th - Book Club due

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 4. Orders due by 10th June.

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Pyjama Day

On Friday the students are having a Pyjama day at school. Entry fee is a gold coin donation. The money raised will go toward our movie night for the hire of a video and refreshments. Come along dressed in your PJ’s for the day.

P & C Meeting - There will be a P&C meeting at the school at 3:45pm Thursday. All welcome.
Country Quiz

1. In what country was Nelson Mandela born?
2. Adidas and Volkswagen are companies from which country?
3. Zurich is the largest city in what country?
4. In what country is the Great Pyramid of Giza found?
5. In what country would you find the cities Lyon and Marseille?
6. Leonardo da Vinci was born in what country?
7. In terms of land area, what is the largest country in the world?
8. What country was known as Ceylon until 1972?
9. In what country would you find the cities Ankara and Istanbul?
10. Mount Fuji is the highest mountain in what country?

Fun Facts with Rhythm

My favourite colour: Green and Blue
How old I am: 11 years old
What pets I have: A Dog and 5 chooks
My favourite food: Subway and Pizza
When I get home I: Do homework and play outside
My favourite book: Specky Magie
When I leave school I want to be: Athlete or motorcross rider.

Quote of the week

THE ELEVATOR TO SUCCESS IS OUT OF ORDER. YOU’LL HAVE TO USE THE STAIRS ....... ONE STEP AT A TIME.
JOE GIRARD
Presents ...  

SMITHY!

Classes enrolling now at Shakespeare High where the only subjects on the curriculum are music, merriment & mayhem!

Where: Gayndah Town Hall  
When: June 6 + June 7

TICKETS:
Angela's Hair Salon  
Capper St., Gayndah

Adults: $10.00  
Concession: $5.00 (Pensioners & students)  
Family: $25.00 (2 adults + 2 or more children)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

Doors open: 7.00 pm  
Curtain Up: 7.30 pm