Principals Welcome

Welcome to week 4. Last week I attended a meeting with a Principal support officer. We looked at some results from a multiple of tests to break down where the students were in their learning. It was very interesting. What we discovered was a need to focus some of our teaching on inferential comprehension and on reading information texts.

Inferential comprehension is understanding what is implied, not just what is written in the text. Our older students are working on division in math’s with the 3s and 4s working on subtraction with and with out trading. We are also working on mental computation, using doubles and near doubles etc. In geography we are working on renewable and nonrenewable resources.

Mrs Meyers Birthday

Next week Mrs Meyer is having a significant birthday. We can’t tell you how old she is but it does end in a zero. What is most impressive is how long Mrs Meyer has been working at the school. She has been part of the school community for quite a long time. She started at the school last century. To celebrate her birthday we will be having a special morning tea on Tuesday at 11am. All welcome, please bring a plate for a shared morning tea.

Principals Conference

Next week on Thursday and Friday I will be in Brisbane for a meeting with every other Principal in the state at the Biannual Qld Principals conference. Mrs Kirk will be at school on Thursday and Mrs Moorrees will be there on Friday as usual. These conferences are usually very good with all of the key messages from Education Qld being delivered together.

Budgeting day

Yesterday Mrs Harvey and I went to Mundubbera State School to work with other school admin staff to complete our 2015 school budget. This is where we look at allocating money to certain areas of our school. It was a very productive day and we were able to complete the budget for the year.

Student learning goals

We are working very hard at the moment to develop some goals and strategies for all of our students. These goals will be sent home with you child soon. The goals we are focusing on will be in Numeracy and Literacy. Please keep your child reading every night.

Cheers Andrew

Tuckshop

Hawaiian toastie (chicken, cheese and pineapple) popper and an ice-cream in a cone

$4:50 Money is due on Thursday.
Well last week was very busy and super exciting in our B Block group. We have been busy looking at teen numbers and pulling the number apart to see how they work. We have also been learning about important events in our own lives and how we remember these events, and how we have changed from birth to now. English has seen us writing some pretty spectacular sentences and using some great descriptive words. Did you know how many books we have read about bears during the last couple of weeks??? Ask the kids...its been A LOT. All stories though have different emotions, settings and morals to their stories. We have also had a heap of fun building bridges with straws, making magic cans stand on edge and getting creative making an octopus with Mrs C.

Today we got a new tv for our classroom which is very exciting and will be used in our daily warm up sessions. Homework has been supported brilliantly...big clap on the back to all parents!! Thanks heaps, it really does help your child grow.

We have had a few of our friends away with the flu...it is coming into flu season and we do encourage hand washing and tissues in the class, however if your child is sick sometimes it is better for them to stay at home and rest so they get better quicker. Hopefully all our friends are on the mend soon and hurry back to school!! (we miss them when they are away)

Don’t forget we are always here for a chat, so if you have any questions or problems either come in and see us, give us a phone call or drop a note in the correspondence folder so we can help.

Thanks Angela
There is a P & C Meeting Monday 23rd February at 3.30pm straight after the buses leave. Everyone welcome with heaps to discuss.

TENNIS: Gayndah Tennis Association in conjunction with Bundaberg Tennis Academy, Professional Tennis Coach, Kevin Banner will re-commence lessons on Friday 20th February 2015 at the Gayndah Tennis complex, Barrow Street for new and existing players. Beginners: 3.45pm - 4.30pm; Intermediate Beginners: 3.45 - 5.00pm; Intermediate: 5-6.30pm; Advanced High school: 6.30pm - 8pm. Please contact Kevin to Register: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753
The Association is supporting the Dept. of Sport & Recreation with the "Get Started" Voucher program - http://www.qld.au/recreation/sports/funding

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars. Les Brown
In recognition of the strong connection between women’s and children’s rights, Children’s Safety Australia Inc. is hosting an International Women’s Day Luncheon with a focus on practical strategies to promote children’s safety. Speakers include internationally renowned children’s rights campaigner Professor Freda Briggs, accomplished author Tess Rowley and internet safety expert Brett Lee.

Key topics include:
- the emerging trend of children who abuse other children;
- internet safety tips including how to protect children and young people from various dangers in a rapidly changing online environment; and
- practical strategies to keep children safe, including how to build their self esteem and resilience.

VENUE: Pullman Brisbane King George Square
DATE: Monday, 9 March 2015
TIME: 9.30am (for a 10.00am start) – 2.00pm
COST: $60 (includes light morning tea on arrival and hot buffet lunch)
BOOKINGS: http://www.trybooking.com/GRXD
FURTHER INFORMATION: Kim Jackson via e: admin@childsafety.org.au or m: 0423 532 868

As highlighted in United Nations report, Women’s and Children’s Rights: Making the Connection, the lives of women and children are tightly knit, as are their rights. Advocating for women’s rights has been essential to advancing the situation of women worldwide. The same holds true for the promotion of children’s rights and improvements in their ability to survive and thrive. However, if the rights of women and children are considered together, they can reinforce each other and make mutually supportive demands on society.

The event presents a valuable professional development opportunity for police, social workers, educators, youth workers, chaplains, guidance officers, parents, carers, grandparents and anyone with an interest in keeping children safe.