**Principals Message**

Last week I travelled to Brisbane for a two day conference at the Brisbane Convention centre. 1,200 principals from all over Queensland attended the two day event. We heard from a number of speakers from all over the world which was great to see how education in other countries is developing. They spoke about the future and how education needs to keep up with the ever changing workforce that our child will be part of in the future.

We also heard from the new Qld Education Minister Kate Jones, the assistant director general and a few others from the political arena.

On another note, I heard this morning on the radio that there has been an outbreak of gastro from the conference. At this stage Mr Goldie feels fine, but I’ll keep you informed. (fingers crossed)

**Thank you messages** Just a couple of messages of thanks for a couple of people. Firstly to Mrs Adams for organising to get our phones back on at school. Mrs Adams made several phone calls on the schools behalf to report the outage and chased up Telstra to make sure we got the phones back on ASAP. Also to the Duggan family for donating some toys to the school. They were selling them on Facebook but when Mrs Goldie mentioned she would like to buy them for the school they simply donated them for the kids. Thank you

**From the Principal’s Desk**

**From the classroom**

This week in the classroom our students are working on punctuation such as commas and quotation marks. We are also looking at different strategies to help us read and comprehend what we are reading. In Maths we are focusing on Fractions. The younger group are working on common fractions and understanding how fractions work. The older grades are working on mixed fractions, common fractions and improper fractions. We are also continuing on mental computation such as doubles, rainbow facts, near doubles and adding 2 and 3 digit numbers mentally.

**Home work**

I am not a big believer in a lot of homework for many reasons. However every student should have spelling words and a book to read each night. 5 to 10 minutes of reading is great.

Cheers Andrew

**Tuckshop**

*Pizza (ham and cheese)*

*Iceblock*  

*Popper $4.50*
Week 6. Welcome to the Bigg household a beautiful baby girl Lily Sarah!!! 10 pound 7 I’m sure we will get to meet her very soon with a very proud big brother!!!

I think we have everyone back on deck this week. We have had a quiet couple of weeks, with sometimes half our little class missing, so we are glad that everyone is back and ready to rumble!!

You may have noticed a few little changes to our week. First is the spelling homework. Each month Mrs Goldie will try and find some interesting way for everyone to do their spelling words! I just found that some of the kids were getting a little bored with the same layout (or just copying down their words without mum or dad testing them) so I hope that the new plan works out and the kids are having a little bit of fun doing them. Secondly I have changed the weekly report to once a week instead of every night. I have tried to include how they are travelling during the week and some areas that they might be struggling with or need support on. Please let me know if you like this... its always great to get feedback (both positive and negative) After all we are both trying to do the best for your child. In class we have been learning about final blends on our words, playing popcorn blends on the carpet, writing some interesting sentences and overall having probably too much fun!! Our literacy groups are going really well and all kids need a pat on the back because they all moved up a level on their home readers last Friday!!! Woohoo well done guys.

History. Over the next 5 weeks we are looking at personal significant events that your child has been too. We have been having discussions about what an event is and sharing stories and looking at slideshows. For their assessment they need to write about an event and answer some questions. Over the next couple of weeks talk to your child about an event (special anniversary, 21st birthday party, wedding, Christmas etc) some questions to discuss with them are:
1) Who was there   2) Where was it   3) What made it special   4) What traditions happened 5) What did it look like......all these questions will help your child when we do our assessment writing over the 5 weeks.

Please don’t hesitate to drop a line in the correspondence folder if you need to talk about anything!!!!

Cheers Angela
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