**From the classroom**

This week is already week 8 of a 10 week term. It’s proving to be a quick start to the year. This week the older students have been working on decimal numbers and converting basic fractions to decimal numbers.

The younger students have been working on telling the time using an analogue clock.

We are also still continuing on the math mentals program that encourages the students to work out some of the question in their head using some common skills that we have been developing.

In the area of writing we have been working on sentence structure. We are working on simple, compound and complex sentences. We are also working on Grammar and Punctuation such as ,, ? , ” ” and capital letters.

**Helping our kids**

Primary school children may be starting to bump into the cliques and teasing that can occur as children begin to establish the "social order" of their schools. As they start to study subjects about the world outside of their homes, they look to teachers as well as to parents to make them feel safe.

Talk to your children. When they have questions, answer them honestly but simply and with reassurance that includes black-and-white statements that leave no room for doubt, such as "I will always take care of you." Don't discount their fears when they bring them to you. When there is a situation outside of the home that is frightening, limit the amount of news your children watch or listen to. You don't need to hide what's happening in the world from your children, but neither do they have to be exposed to constant stories that fuel their fears. Realize that extra stresses may heighten normal daily stresses. Your children might normally be able to handle a failed test or teasing, but be understanding that they may respond with anger or bad behaviour to stress that normally wouldn't rattle them. Reassure them that you just expect them to do their best.


**School attendance**

School attendance is vital for any students success. We have an excellent attendance rate at our school which is very important if we want our students to improve. If a student misses just 10 minutes a day, that amounts to 480 hours in their school career. That's 80 days which is 1 and a half terms. WOW.. Please keep them coming.

**Tuckshop**

Spaghetti Bolognaise  Ice block  Popper  $4:50

**Project Club**

This Friday the Project Club will be having a dress up day. Come along dressed as anything you like. Admission is free.
Hello week 8

What a productive little team we have become in the prep/2 class. We have really got into the homework habit and have been busy collecting stamps towards our prize cow. Mr Cow has come for a visit quite a few times over the last couple of weeks, which has been great to see.

Just a reminder with homework. When your child does homework at home, please make sure it is signed so they can receive a stamp towards their reward book. We have a no signature no stamp system in place. Homework is kept to a minimum with the most important part being their reading!!!! Read, read, read every night. It has been wonderful to see their progress in their home readers so keep up the good work. For the next 3 weeks we won’t be sending home sound books. Sound books are to re-enforce their sounds that they learn in class. Over the next three weeks we won’t be learning any new sounds, just practicing the ones already learnt and putting those sounds into spelling words and syllables. If you still want the sound book sent home please just send a note in and we will be only to happy to send it home.

English has been heaps of fun, we have been learning to persuade! Great fun when you’re a kid. We have been also learning to write descriptive sentences and add adjectives onto nouns and verbs. This week we also have been working towards completing our History assessment which is looking at a special family celebration and answering some questions. In our Math’s we have been busy doing testing and looking at areas that need a little extra work next term. We have also started looking at pulling number stories apart and working out how to write a number sentence to work out the answer. Last week the team had to build/create something from my “mystery” bag. We had some wonderful ideas. What I love most about our design and build projects on Wednesdays is watching everyone co-exist in a group setting. It is a wonderful experience for them to realize when you come together as a group we work together as a team and we need to change our language from “me” to “us” and “mine” to “ours”. It is a wonderful skill to be able to work within a group and create an idea!!

Here’s to another wonderful week, hope everyone has been receiving the weekly reports on Fridays!!!
Cheers Angela
Fun Science Trivia

1. What food makes up nearly all (around 99%) of a Giant Panda’s diet?
2. True or false? Mice live for up to 10 years.
3. What is the name of the phobia that involves an abnormal fear of spiders?
4. What is the largest type of ‘big cat’ in the world?
5. True or false? Crocodiles have no sweat glands so they use their mouths to release heat.

Fun Facts with Eden

How many people in my family: 4. Mum, Dad, my brother and me
My favourite insect: Butterfly Why? Because they have different colours
My favourite place: Nanny’s house Why? Because she plays with me

Community Notice

MUNDUBBERA JUNIOR NETBALL
Come ‘n’ Try and Sign On days
Tuesdays 17th, 24th and 31st March
Marg Kelly Hall, Mundubbera S School
from 2.30 to 3.30pm
There will be a parent information and committee formation session at 3.30 on Tuesday 17th March.
All interested people welcome. We must have a committee.

Quote of the week

Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save.
Will Rogers
HARMONY DAY

Culture Cuisine

Building togetherness through food

Come and bring an insight to your own culture or just come and let your taste-buds dance on foods from around the world!!

When: Monday, 23 March 2015
Where: Mundubbera Community Development Association Centre
Time: 11am until 2pm
RSVP: Friday, 20 March 2015

What to bring: A plate of food from your own cultural background! (Optional)

For more information please contact Mundubbera Community Development Association on 07 4165 4690

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