Weekly update

This week we have had a busy start. We had our school photos today, all the students looked great. They all smiled beautifully.

This week we have been working on reading and writing using the Reading to Learn Framework. The framework of R2L is all about letting the students know what it is they are going to be reading about. We give them a thorough understanding of the content that we are going to be reading about, we break the text down into little bits, we reword the sentences which all helps for better understanding. I am finding it to be very successful with some great writing samples already being produced.

Chappy Visits

We have Mrs C come out and visit every week and do lots of different activities with all the students. She does lots of team building games and also works on social skillling. The students love the time with Mrs C and really do get a lot out of it.

One of the games I saw this week was that the students were split into pairs and one member of the pair was blindfolded and the other person had to instruct them around a course. It also helps them participate in games in a positive manner.

Winter Carnival

This week on Thursday and Friday I will be going to Hervey Bay for the Winter carnival (coaching North Burnett Soccer team) Mrs Burt will be here while I am away.

ARD Visit

Mrs Kay Kirkman our New Assistant regional Director visited our school yesterday for the first time. She was very impressed with the students and thought we had a lovely little school.

Cheers Andrew

Tuckshop

Tuckshop this week will be a Pizza, popper and ice-block. All this for only $4:50. Please pay money by Thursday.

Orange Festival Update

We have started getting ready for the Orange festival over the past few weeks. We are using some of Friday to prepare the float decorations.

NAPLAN tests

The NAPLAN tests will be held on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May. If your child is at all concerned please let me know. I have tried hard not to over dramatize it. We do hand out lollies, so that usually puts their minds at ease.
Welcome to week three!

Our morning literacy sessions have seen an addition of Homework Buddy Groups, writing sessions and hand eye co-ordination skills. Our Homework buddy groups are run for 10 minutes where the children are separated into groups of two where they sit and read and do sight words and sounds together. This is beneficial for the younger students because the older group member can help with unknown words and sounds and also helps the younger member by allowing them to listen to the older child model read harder books. It also means everyone is doing reading and sight words three times a day. So far it has been a huge success.

Writing sessions are giving the children the opportunity to start using their knowledge they have learnt in group work to create individual sentences. They have also started proofreading their work. Proofreading their work enables the child to look back at their work, read through what they have written and make adjustments to their work to create a better piece of writing.

Hand eye co-ordination skills are allowing the children some brain breaks throughout group time. Sometimes just getting up and moving between groups helps them refocus and transition from task to task. We have also been working on stretching, crossing over activities (using both sides of the brain) scissor skills and tracing.

Please keep up with the homework!!!! Read Read and Read !!! Grade two’s have started this week with a maths sheet as well.

We are encouraging ALL parents to come and have a chat. Parent info session will be held next week. Note will be sent home tomorrow with your child with a date and time.

Cheers Angela
**Junior soccer**

Open to all Junior players including high school. Training Thursdays 4 - 5 pm Gayndah Sports field. Fee’s only $25 per player/season. Come and have a go!! Ph Laine 0428931151 for more details

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**Fun Facts with Abby**

How many people in my family? 6. Mum, Dad, Jaycia, Connor, Matilda & me

My favourite insect: Ladybeetle

Why: Because they are pretty and harmless

My favourite place: My home

Why: Because there are lots of fun things to do.

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**Quote of the week**

*Nature is a good economist, note the blades of grass which make use of the cracks in your concrete path.*

P.K. Shaw
School Photo Day

at

Binjour Plateau State School

‘Country School Photos’

will be at our school to take class, portrait and sibling photos on

Wednesday 6th May 2015

❖ Each student is to bring their envelope to the photographer on photo day.
❖ Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually.
❖ Photo packages and prices are on the envelope. Payment can be made by cash, credit card or cheque.
❖ Sibling photo needs only to be ordered on your eldest child’s envelope.

As only a Whole of School photo will be taken, parents with more than one child may find the options below helpful.

Child 1 - $25 Photo Pack including Whole of School photo
Child 2 and subsequent children - $15 Portrait Photos only (just cross out Photo Pack and write ‘Portrait only $15’ on envelope)

So, if a parent has 3 children they would pay $25 + $15 + $15 = $55
Sibling photo, if required, is separate again - $20