School Excursion

On Monday we all headed into the Gayndah Museum to look at some great pieces of history. Our students were given a task to find certain things inside the museum and we discussed how much things have changed. It was a great day, I left thinking I should really take my own girls there more often. Although I did feel old as some of the displays were what I used and interacted with when I was younger.

It was a great day and I know the students got a lot out of it. A really big thank you to Mrs. Goldie for organizing the day and the scavenger hunt. Great effort.

Food for thought—Raising independent children

The important thing to remember is we need to train our children to be successfully independent because they will not learn that by themselves. One common mistake is habitually doing things for your child that they are already capable of doing themselves. That will send your child the wrong message that you don't have any confidence and trust in their abilities. If a parent continues with that kind of behavior, they may end up with a child who lacks independence, self-esteem and problem-solving skills.

Parents sometimes think their child is still too young for being independent, but it is never too early to teach children how to stand on his own two feet.

Four points to consider:

1. Create an Independent Environment: Let children help themselves. Don't help them unless they exhausted all possibilities of doing the job themselves.

2. Acknowledge an Accomplishment: Praise children for completing the task on their own. This can be any task, no matter how small it might seem.

3. Find the Courage to Let Go: Parents need to show confidence in their child's ability. In my case, my mother showed tremendous courage by letting me pursue my goals. It is easy to say, but sometimes this could be the biggest act of love one could ever give a child.

4. Learning Opportunity: By constantly doing things for a child, a parent robs them of learning opportunities. Every experience is a learning opportunity. Things adults barely notice can be interesting to children. For example, something as simple as putting toys in basket or book on the shelves can help to build organizing skill development.

We all want our children to grow up and become independent adults. But figuring out how to get them there can be very challenging.

Reading to Learn

Next week I will be heading to Brisbane to finish the final part of the Reading to Learn program. I will be away Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The DRT will be here while I am away. Mr Brad Blissett.

Cheers Andrew

Tuckshop

McGoldie Meal Deals
A) cherrios in a cup with sauce, popper and a rainbow paddlepop
B) 6 chicken nuggets, sauce , popper and a rainbow paddlepop

$4.50 Please pay and order by Thursday morning.
We had a wonderful day at the museum yesterday. We had a lovely tour from Mr Hutchinson who spent over an hour describing all the wonderful items on display. The museum is really a wonderful place to visit, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day. I am sure that this visit will help the grade one and twos complete their history assignment in a couple of weeks.

We are spending this week finishing off our English assignments. All students are onto typing their rough copy, ready for editing and then re-printing their work. They are all doing a great job. All students are learning the computer technology, and are able to save, print, import photos and input typing around a picture. Next week we will start on a new unit which is looking at Australian authors.

We have started out Maths assignments this week. We are looking at grouping objects together to make larger counting easier, and continuing a pattern using beads. We are also continuing on our number facts, 3D shapes and writing numbers.

Cheers Angela
Optical Illusions

Is the book pointing towards you or away?               Duck or rabbit?

Quote of the week

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

James M. Barrie
You’re Invited

Fontainebleau State School Centenary

Come and celebrate the 100 Year Centenary of the Fontainebleau State School at Branch Creek, with the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

A plaque commemorating the Branch Creek Cheese Factory will also be unveiled on the day.

**WHEN:** Saturday, 12 September 2015 at 11am

**WHERE:** Branch Creek

All welcome. BBQ Lunch. Bring a chair.
For further information please contact Cr John Bowen on 0458 625 961.

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