Principal’s Note

Welcome to 2015!

What an exciting year we have ahead of us.

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new parents to the school. I encourage all of you to actively participate by involving yourself in the many school activities we have. There is a long tradition of parent support in our school, particularly in the lower classes with reading in the morning. Please contact your child’s teacher to organise a time for you to help out. I guarantee it will be a great experience for you and satisfying to know that you have contributed to your child’s education.

This year we are launching our SWPBL (School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning) program. This is an exciting time for the students and teachers. Every week there will be a focus lesson on a positive behaviour that we want the students to demonstrate. Our school expectations are in our ‘Matrix’ on the noticeboards in the Undercover Area. Students demonstrating the focus behaviour will be rewarded with ‘gotchas’. The students then collect their ‘gotchas’ until they reach a certain amount and they receive a prize. If the students get to the highest amount (40 ‘gotchas’) they will receive a ticket to the end of term pool party. So the idea behind SWPBL is to explicitly teach expectations and reward those who are doing the right thing.

Finally, we have two new staff members joining us. Mr Jeremy Pullen is our Year 4 teacher and Miss Sarah Gossage is our Year 2 teacher. Please make them welcome by finding some time to say hello.

Jo Sinclair-Jones

Gotcha Girl visited each classroom to explain the new program
Admin News

Office Hours
Susan and Helen are back and office hours are:
- Monday & Tuesday 8.00am to 11.30am & 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- Wednesday Office closed
- Thursday & Friday 8.00am to 11.30am & 1.00pm to 3.00pm

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to talking with you during these times. It is important to remember that the office is unattended on a Wednesday. Arrangements for your child/children need to be made before the school day starts as there will be no-one here to answer your phone calls that day.

Fees:
Thank you to everyone who have already paid their fees due in Term 1. They are:
- SRS $30 per student
- Swimming $22.50 per student
- Voluntary contribution $20 per student (not compulsory)

Payments can be made at the office by cash, cheque or eftpos. We also can accept payment via direct debit BSB 064 817 Acct 00091216 Reference Child’s name and description of which fees are being paid.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE DROPPED OFF AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8am. THERE IS NO SUPERVISION BEFORE THIS TIME.

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Prep News

I would like to congratulate all the children for an amazing start to our school year. The Prep Class have been extremely well behaved and are adapting to the many routines of school life. I would also like to say thank you to the parents for having text books and stationery supplies at school on the first day. A great start to the year for everyone.

Our first week was very busy and it will continue to get busier with the addition of our whole school assembly (Parade) on Monday afternoons and swimming lessons on Thursdays. Please help your child by making sure they are well rested and prepared for their day. That means sending a good healthy lunch, a water bottle and getting them to school on time.

Swimming lessons begin on Thursday 5th February at 8.30 until 9.00am. Parents are encouraged to come along and help both in the pool and after the lesson to get the children dressed. Please bring your child dressed in their swim gear on Thursdays and be ready to head to the pool at 8:20. Goggles, rash shirt, swimmers, towel, a plastic bag and slip on shoes/thongs will be required.

Library borrowing will start on Wednesday 4th February. We have already visited the library for an introduction lesson and are looking forward to being able to borrow books of our own. Books cannot be borrowed unless the school preferred waterproof library bag is brought along. Like the new school uniform, these are available from www.schoolthread.com.au. Please see me if you are unsure about the library bag.

A reminder for those parents who may be interested, Caron Grey will be running the 1,2,3 Magic Parenting course this term. The course is extremely worthwhile and is aimed at raising happy, competent and well behaved children. Please see the poster in the classroom for dates and times. The course is free of charge.

In our key learning areas this term will include:

**English:** Enjoying Our New World. In this unit students listen to and read books to explore the structure of a text. They identify the main character(s), discuss their likes and dislikes about these characters. They will retell an event from the story by talking about the characters, events and ideas.

**Science:** Exploring Our World. In this unit students observe the world around us and identify the major groups of living and non-living things. They will use the senses to make observations and become familiar with some simple scientific terminology. They will also investigate the needs of living things.

**Geography:** What is my place like? Students will use maps and stories to identify where they live. They will describe features of a familiar place and be able to identify the features on a map.

**Maths:** Areas of study will include number and place value, patterns and algebra, using units of measurement and location.

We will also spend time on handwriting, Reading Eggs, LEM phonics, Technology, Physical Education, Health, Art and Music. With nine weeks to go and all of this to cover, it is very important to have your child at school every day to allow them the continuity needed to develop across all areas.

Thank you for your support.
Julia Shafer
Year 1 News

Year 1 is off to a great start! Thank you, parents, for ensuring all students have necessary text books to begin the school year.

Swimming begins this Thursday. Please be sure that your child has all necessary items – swim shirt, goggles, towel and clothing (all named) in a plastic bag. As our swimming is at 9 o’clock, students can come to school with their swimmers under their school clothes. We will attempt to change readers before we go, so your help with this would be appreciated.

It is necessary for students to have a sunsafe hat at school every day. Hats should “live” in your child’s school bag.

I am looking forward to a busy and productive year with the class. If you have queries or concerns please email me (jterk1@eq.edu.au) to arrange a time to meet.

Jo Terkelsen

Year 2 News

Welcome Back everyone!

In Year 2 we have begun learning about materials in Science. We have explored these materials through our senses of touch and sight. We have been looking at rubber, wood, plastic, rubber, fabric and many more. Different materials are used for different things. We have also started our Poetry exploration in English, specifically looking at rhyme, rhythm and verses in poems.

In Maths we are looking at calendars and seasons to define what happens in different months and seasons. In Art we are looking at portraying emotion through art and how these emotions are different. History will takes us on a journey through life in the past which we look forward to starting this week.

Sarah Gossage

Blake from AFL Auskick visited Parade this week to explain the program. They are offering 8 coaching sessions this term. All registrations and payments are to be made online at aflauskick.com.au. A flyer will come home this week explaining the program and process. Each participant will receive an awesome benefits pack full of gear when they join.
Year 3 & Year 4 News

Welcome to Term 1 2015. What a busy but great start we have had to the year. An overview of the Year 3/4 Key Learning Areas for this term are as follows:

**English:** Investigating author’s language in a familiar narrative. Year 3 students are reading ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl and the Year 4 students ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’ also by Roald Dahl.

**Maths:** (Year 3) – Using units of measurement (Time) and number and place value.

**Maths:** (Year 4) – Place Value and number, revising four digit numbers and introducing five digit numbers.

**Science:** Life and living.

**History:** Fortifying North Queensland – How the Military has shaped our Community.

**Reminders:**

**Parent-Teacher information afternoon** – Thursday 5th February from 2.30pm – 2.50pm in the Year 3/4 classroom.

**Swimming** – Starts this Thursday. Students need to bring their togs, a rashie and a towel.

**Homework** – Reading 15 minutes every night, 10 spelling words every night, an English sheet and a Maths sheet. Due Friday morning. If your child would like help with their homework, there will be homework club on one afternoon. Day yet to be confirmed.

**Home Reading** – Home reading started this week. If you are available to help Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings between 8.20am – 8.50am we would appreciate your help to read with the students. Their home reading book must come back to school every day so that they can read in the mornings.

**Library Borrowing** - Library will be on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child brings their library bag and library books (to be returned) every Friday so they can borrow books.

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Our photos show some of our Guided Reading groups in action.

Kerri-Anne McAtee  
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Year 4 Teacher  
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Year 5/6 News

Welcome back, everyone, and welcome students to Year 5/6. We have already developed some pleasing routines, and children are quickly learning expectations. Many students have risen to the challenges of being the school leaders, and we’ve discussed the children’s role in setting the tone of the school. We will continue to work on skills and strategies to gain maximum benefit from this year, and to help set up the children for future success.

Most children have the required equipment – thanks to parents for trying to ensure this. Where children are still missing some items, it would be great if those could be sent to school, labelled, as soon as possible. Please contact us if this is an issue. We very strongly encourage all parents to label every item their child brings to school. It helps to keep things running smoothly.

Many parents have returned their parent questionnaires, which were sent home on the first day of school. If you haven’t yet completed and returned this form to the classroom, please do so as soon as you can. It will help with understanding your child, and will also provide us with important contact information. If you have misplaced your questionnaire, please let us know, and we can send another.

We will organise a parent information session in the near future to explain the structure and routines in our classroom. In the meantime, please be sure to contact us if you have any concerns or enquiries.

We welcome to our classroom Miss Delia Koelman, a student teacher from James Cook University. Delia is working in our classroom for two weeks, and then will return for two further prac sessions later in the year.

We’re looking forward to a productive year.

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DROPPING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

Parents who drive their child(ren) to school and park their car on the opposite side of the road in Mandalay Avenue are asked to take care. Please do not park on the grass verge as, with the recent wet weather, the car tyres are digging ruts into it. This verge is where both children and adults have to walk, as there is no concrete pavement on that side of the road. The ruts make walking difficult and create trip hazards.

If possible, please park on the school side of Mandalay Avenue. This is safer for our students, as they do not have to cross the road. If you are forced to park opposite because of lack of space, please ensure you park on the road and not on the grass verge. Your assistance in keeping everyone safe is greatly appreciated.
123 Magic and Emotion Coaching

Our first 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parenting Course is about to kick off for 2015. The course provides a great opportunity to learn some new skills and share with other parents.

By the end of the course, parents will know:

- the science of the brain as it relates to behaviour
- how to manage challenging behaviour
- how to teach and encourage positive behaviour and self-regulation of emotions

Our first course has been initially offered to Prep parents, but as we still have places available, we are offering the course to any in our school community. **If you’d like to come, please call Caron as soon as possible on 4758.2333.**

**WHEN:** Friday, 20th, 27th and 6th March – 8.30 to 10.30am, School Library

**COST:** Free!
C&K Early Childhood Centre
Vacancies available for children over two years in the childcare program, Thursdays and Fridays 8am—5pm.
Please phone Lana on 4758 1168 for more details.

LOST
Colorado Girl’s Bike - purple with gears – was lost at school at the end of last term. A white helmet had also been left on the bicycle.
If you have seen this bicycle or have any information as to its whereabouts, please ring Amber on 47581392 or 0408844895.

DANCE MAGNETIC
Dance classes for 2015 will commence on Monday, 2 February, at the Active Centre, 2/60 Kelly Street, Nelly Bay.
Children from Kindy to Year 3 can join up for creative/mixed style dance classes, while students in Year 4 and upwards can have fun with hip hop, jazz and contemporary style dancing.
Please contact Amber on 0408844895 for further information.

MyGolf Program
MyGolf is a fun, safe and healthy way for kids to start learning the basics of the game. Our local Magnetic Island Country Club, in conjunction with the PGA, will be offering this program soon to our students.
A flyer will be sent home explaining the program. If you are interested, please call Chris on 0455 268 532 or contact info@magneticislandgolf.com.au.

Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools
Are you a scientist, IT professional or an engineer? Would you enjoy inspiring teachers and students in science, maths or information technology? Would you like to become a volunteer scientist, mathematician or IT professional?
We’re looking for scientists, mathematicians, engineers or IT professionals who are interested in working with staff and students – it would be great to have someone from our local community.
Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools use a broad definition of ‘scientist’ which includes professionals working in a science, maths, IT or engineering-related area, encompassing research and applied scientists, technologists and engineers, medical and allied health professionals and mathematicians.
There are no fixed hours – it’s up to you and the teacher to decide how you can contribute.
Register or find out more information online at www.scientistsinschools.edu.au
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