Date Claimers

- Tuesday 23 June
  End of Term SWPBL beach party, invitation only
- Wed 24 & Thu 25 June
  Leadership Day Camp, Picnic Bay
- Friday 26 June
  Last day Term 2
- Monday 13 July
  First day Term 3
- Monday 13 July
  Queensland Youth Orchestra free concert, Whole of School 11am
- Tuesday 28 July
  ICAS English exam
- Thursday 30 July
  Australian Maths Competition
- Friday 31 July
  Artist Arthur Conlon will run art classes for the whole school to help celebrate NAI-DOC.
- Monday 30 August
  Dental Van arrives
- Thursday 6 August
  Entertainer of the Year
- Tuesday 11 August
  ICAS Maths exam

Principal’s Note

Welcome to Week 10. Holidays are nearly here, and I think we can all agree that everyone (staff and students) have been working extremely hard in the ‘teaching and learning arena’ and are ready for a break! Over the last few weeks, the teachers have been working particularly hard preparing written reports which will be posted on Friday.

Reporting is an important part of our communication with parents and an opportunity to build partnerships to improve student learning. We try very hard to make the written reports ‘understandable’ but sometimes they do include jargon that may need further explanation. So, early in Term 3, we will be scheduling parent interviews to have further discussions and answer questions about the report and your child’s progress.

Reports attempt to make clear:
- the learning expectations for the student
- the student’s achievement against year standards set in the Australian Curriculum
- how well the student is progressing with the expected learning
- how the student may be able to improve

A mark or standard is given for student achievement in each Key Learning Area, and student effort and behaviour is also reported. Reporting scales vary across the years of schooling:

- In Prep, Year One and Two achievement, effort and behaviour are reported on using comments.
- In Years Three to Six, the traditional ‘A-E’ rating is used for achievement and a comment for effort and behaviour.

From the teachers’ point of view, the effort rating is extremely important and reflects whether the student is working to potential. Keep this in mind as you read your child’s report over the holidays.

Have a great week!

Caron Grey
Acting Principal

OUR SCHOOL FETE
Sat 12th September

On Friday 19th June, our school netball team travelled to Palm Island for the Cathy Freeman Netball Challenge. Nine schools competed and our girls performance and behaviour was excellent. We even scored a win against Garbutt SS. Well done!
“All students can achieve high standards given the right time and support”

Gold & Silver Awards

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PE Awards went to Ella and Carl.

Stanley went to the Cleaners!

LOST PROPERTY

Please be advised that any unclaimed items left in the Lost Property Box on the stage in the undercover area when Term 2 has finished will be donated to St Vinnies. Please make sure you have checked for any lost property by this Thursday.

School Athletics Carnival

by Yayoi and Craig, Curlew House Captains.

We would like to congratulate all Curlews for participating and having fun on the day of our Athletics Carnival. Good job on winning! We’re all happy that we won the carnival. Good job to the other teams too. The points were extremely close.

Thank-you to all the teams that participated in the sports carnival. Thank-you to the teachers and staff for organising the events and supervising each event. Special thanks to Mrs Crouch for all of her organisation, and Mrs Dwyer for all of her preparation and record keeping. Also, special thanks to Mr Phillippo for preparing our oval for the carnival. Thanks to all the parents for encouraging all of your children to come along on the day, and for those who could also come to cheer and watch.

We hope everyone will attend the swimming carnival later in the year, and all future events, and we look forward to competing against the other teams.
**Prep News**

We have had a very productive Semester One and the children will definitely enjoy a well earned break.

While on holiday try to remember to keep up the reading and practice sight words. Keeping the routine going will mean your child shouldn't regress and will surge on when we return next term.

We have had such a busy semester that we will be requiring a few more school supplies. Please try to have these ready for the beginning of next term:

- 3x 64 blank page scrapbook
- 1x 48 page standard exercise book
- Soft eraser

Congratulations to the Prep children and their efforts on sports day. We had a great morning of events and all children did their best and showed great sportsmanship. Well done.

Enjoy the break and keep safe.

Julia Shafer

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**Year 1 News**

Almost half a year gone, but there are still important things to do. We have almost finished our unit on poetry and children should be practising their poem ready to present it to the class this week. We are looking forward hearing those.

Congratulations to all Year 1 students! Everyone earned an invitation to the end of SWPBL Beach Party by either getting 60 Gotchas or having less than two time-outs.

Many Year 1 students are without a supply of suitable writing pencils. They have been sharpened down to “too small”. Please check with your child and, if they need replacing, please choose good quality pencils. Cheap ones break frequently and so are frustrating and time-wasting.

Thank you to all who have supported their child by helping them organise themselves ready for a busy day at school, and practise their spelling, sight words and home readers. Thank you also to those who have helped with home readers on Thursdays and Fridays and special thanks to Natalie M who has helped us with reading, sight words and Maths groups. All that support makes a big difference to the children’s learning.

I hope everyone has a happy and relaxing holiday break.

Jo T

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Award winners and record breakers from the Athletics Carnival!
**Year 2 News**

Year 2 have been working on dramatic interpretations of classic characters. We have been delighted to welcome wolves, witches and giants into the classroom to tell us the ‘real’ story about Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Hansel and Gretel and The three little Pigs. Turns out, they are all innocent.

**The Wolf** by Gabriella Speare

If only those kids didn’t tell that nonsense I would be happy, the wolf did that, the wolf did this. The wolf tied Little Red Riding Hood’s Grandma up in her own knitting wool they yell. But I just asked her for a knitting lesson and muddled up and I put it on her to see if it fitted her. Then I accidentally bumped her and she fell into the cupboard.

**The Witch** by Maggie Vanderduys

I am a kind, caring, thoughtful, gentle witch and don’t go with that silly story you’ve heard from Hansel and Gretel. Because it is WRONG. I didn’t want to hurt Hansel or Gretel. I just want to be friends with them. And I didn’t want to eat Hansel when I locked him in a cage I just wanted to play jokes and stuff like that.

**The Giant** by Bailey Seaman

What do you think of when I say giant? Yep, mean, cruel, sly and scary. Not all giants are like that. Jack on the other hand thinks that I’m the Big Bad Giant well that is wrong! I’m the nicest giant in the whole world I’m thoughtful, caring and patient.

Sarah Gossage

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**Year 3/4 News**

**Athletics Carnival** – Congratulations to all students who participated in the Athletics Carnival. The positive attitudes and great sportsmanship from the students made the day very enjoyable. A special congratulations to Jai Duxbury for breaking two records in the 800m and 200m. Well done!

**Holidays** – Two weeks holidays starting this Friday. Have fun but be safe. School resumes Monday the 13th of July.

**Peer Support** – Peer Support 2015 will start in Term 3.

**PBL Beach Party** – Tuesday 23rd June, 12:30-2.20pm. Please make sure your child has a hat, closed in shoes and a drink bottle for the day.

**Class Party** – As a reward, two students have requested to use their ‘student of the week’ on a class party. This will take place on Friday 26th June for both the Year 3 and 4 students. If possible, can your child please bring a small plate of healthy food to share?

Kerri-Anne McAtee & Jeremy Pullen
Year 5/6 News

Our final English unit for the semester is drawing to a close, and we’re working furiously to complete the task. We have seen some great work by the students, who have learnt quite a lot about structuring and organising their work in order to present a variety of information about a topic. The children seem to have enjoyed both reading the novel and watching the film, and some children have shown good insights into the author’s and film makers’ choices for inclusion in their works.

We have our Leadership Day Camp this week, to help prepare for Peer Support sessions in Semester Two. This will be a busy and engaging couple of days, and the children will benefit greatly from the two days. We’re looking forward to seeing how the children participate and learn from these days, and we also look forward to starting our program next semester.

Next semester will be as busy as this semester, if not more so, so please ensure that during the school holidays your child has all equipment refreshed where necessary, so he or she can be fully prepared for Semester Two. Unbelievably, some of our class members have only six months before they finish primary school. We need to be right on top of things from the outset of Semester Two, so that children can take best advantage of the learning and self-management opportunities available.

Report cards will be posted at the end of this week. We have requested some interviews, and parents may also wish to meet with us to discuss children’s progress. Please contact us immediately after the holidays to arrange interview times to enable us to be well prepared for the learning time ahead.

Thanks for all of the great support given during Semester One. We look forward to great things in Semester Two. Please be sure to contact us if you have any concerns regarding your child’s progress.

Sharon Jupp and Martin Hammelswang

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL)

Every week students are explicitly taught a behaviour expectation from our ‘Behaviour Matrix’ (find it in the Covered Play Area). Gotchas are given specifically targeting this behaviour.

Today is our SWPBL Beach Party. Congratulations to all of those students who reached the targets for this term. Just before our regular lunchtime we are heading down to Nelly Bay beach for a sausage sizzle, drinks and lots of fun beach games.

Keep up the excellent behaviour and we will look forward to another exciting celebration in Term 3.
Town High Transition Day
by Flinders Gibson, Year 6

Last week, eight Year 6s went to Townsville State High School for the first Transition Day, where students find out about high school. While there, we got to do lots of exciting things, like Home Ec, Manual Arts and HPE. All were fun. The school is much bigger than this one, and once there, it is overwhelming. Their bell is music, not the one we have. Altogether it was great fun and we all had a good day.

Win a School Library Bag

To help our keen readers, we are offering Years 1 to 4 students a chance to win a new school library bag. All they need to do is borrow and return on time a library book for five weeks in a row.

Chocolate Homework!
by Christopher Raccuia, Year 5

This is a homework project that four people had to work on by themselves over three weeks. This is one of my dioramas from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', which we have been working on in class. It is all made out of food, so it can be edible. Some ideas I used were gumballs for the sugar balloons and musk sticks for the trees. This is the scene in the chocolate room with the chocolate river.
**Queensland Youth Orchestra**

On the first day of next term, Monday 13 July, the Queensland Youth Orchestra Big Band will be performing at our school. The performance will be inter-active and will include two numbers performed with our school band. We are very lucky to have been chosen as they are visiting only three schools in the Townsville region.

After performing the school concert for our students, the Queensland Youth Orchestra Big Band with singer Kelsey Girola will perform a free twilight concert in the grounds of the RSL from 5pm to 6pm. Everyone is welcome is come along and enjoy this community performance.

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**SCHOOL FETE 2015**

This year our biennial Fete will be held on Saturday 12th September. The goal is to raise much needed funds for the purchase of new resources for the school eg books and computers.

As a community we need to work together to make this happen, so we ask you to jump on board and assist us with a little of your time. We need volunteers to man some of the stalls on the day and also to help us along the way. If you can help, we would love to hear from you.

Jody McLaughlin 0421 571 052 jodesonmag77@bigpond.com
Christal Ollier 0459 845 030 christalollier@y7mail.com

Also this year we will be giving each student a ‘reward card’. Each time they bring something to help with the Fete, they get a stamp. For example if they bring to school a plant for the garden stall, they receive a stamp. The reward card will be entered into a draw to win an awesome prize for their whole family. Stay tuned!

So if you can assist we would love to hear from you.

Jody & Christal
2015 Fete Co-ordinators

PS Don’t forget to start planting some seedlings for the Plant Stall or bake a cake and freeze it ready for the Cake Stall.
Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Call 13 17 88

C&K Early Childhood Centre

During the holidays, vacancies available for Prep aged children on Thursdays & Fridays. 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.