Term 1, Week 2 - Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many parents and carers attending parade on Monday. We look forward to your continued presence as it is exciting for the students to know that you are interested in what is happening. Next week we will begin our “student of the week” certificates as well as present each class with a trophy for the year level with the best attendance for the previous week. Attendance is a major factor in students achieving success so it is critical that unless sick, students attend every day of the school term. Parents are advised that it is best to plan holidays during the school holiday season where possible.

Attendance
Parents and Carers are expected to contact the school if your child is sick on any day. If a student is not present when the roll is marked by 9.30am a text will be sent to parents checking the whereabouts of the student. This text system is now operating in all QLD state schools to ensure the safety of our students. Students arriving after the start of school at 8.45am must sign in at the office. Students who are collected early at any time during the day must also be signed out through the office. Parents and Carers are discouraged from making appointment times during the school day. The Education Act deems that during the school day is allocated for students’ education and therapy or other appointments should be made after school or during the holidays. Parents and carers are advised that it is best to plan holidays during the school holiday season where possible. Parents and Carers are also advised that an exemption form must be completed and approved by the principal if a parent or carer is considering the student being withdrawn from school for more than ten days. As it is a legal responsibility of the parents and carers for students to attend school, this process must be adhered to and if the exemption is not approved and parents and carers elect to go ahead, parents and carers are held accountable. Whether an exemption is approved or not is considered on each case within the guidelines. We appreciate your consideration of these facts and ask that if you have any questions that you do not hesitate to contact us here at school.

School Priority
This year we are working hard to ensure we sustain or improve our great achievement results from last year. Our focus will be “80% or higher of students achieving an A, B or C overall in English”. This does not mean this is all we are working towards but rather this is the one main focus that we are going to work on. This year we have a Financial Audit in March which will examine our financial practices as the name suggests. We are also due for a school review sometime in term two to term four. The school review external team will examine our curriculum policies, procedures and practices. Both the financial audit and the school review processes will provide the school with a report outlining the good practices and areas to improve. As a result of the evidence, a strategic plan for the next four years will be developed. All stakeholders will have an opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction for this school for the next four years.
Day 8

Tomorrow is day 8. Should there be any changes parents and carers will be advised and changes will take place in near future.

Regards
Anne-Marie Day
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FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Thank you for your cooperation with regard to the change to students now waiting only at the B Block gate when being collected from the Lakeland Boulevard off-street car park via a motor vehicle. We have also noticed that vehicles are still lining up out on to Lakeland Boulevard when many car park spaces are available in the car park. As a result of this we have received several concerns from motorists about the congestion.

We strongly suggest that instead of lining up, you should move your vehicle in to one of the vacant car park spaces. This way you can then park, then walk across the crossing and then back to your vehicle with your child/ren.

*Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference!!*

Have a great week!
Trevor Milton
Deputy Principal

Payments to the Office

Payments to the office can be made from **8:00am – 9:30am** via EFTPOS at the counter or cash via the new payment slot which is located inside the main office doors. All payments made outside of this time will not be receipted until the next school day. Payments by cash need to be in the correct amount as the office does not issue change. Please ensure that you have permission slips sealed inside the payment envelopes.

**Sporting House Colours**

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to the following students who will receive ‘Student of the Week’ certificates at assembly on Monday.

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P&C Matters

Tuckshop - The P&C would like to thank each and every one of the volunteers that have given so generously of their time in assisting with the Uniform & Book pack service as well as the preparation for Term 1 and our NEW Tuckshop menu.

THANK YOU.

Uniform shop - Is NOW on FLEXISCHOOLS!! Jump online and order all of your Oonoonba School Uniform needs and then simply collect from the tuckshop.

Book Packs - At least 40 book pack items still await collection from the Lucky Charm Newsagency at Fairfield Central. If you did not receive your Felt Pens, A5 Note pad, Prep Coloured Card or any other items in your packs please call into Lucky Charm Newsagency at Fairfield to collect them. They are open 7 days. Likewise any Year 2 orders that have received Year 3/4 exercise books (A4) instead of Year 2 books, please call into Lucky Charm-Fairfield to arrange your exchange.

School Diary - Year 5 & Year 6 School Diary is available from the Tuckshop for $13.50.

P&C Meeting - Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th of February in the Library and commences at 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Library News
Welcome back to another exciting year of reading from our Library. The Library collection continues to grow with new and interesting books for students to borrow. Many of the Library books have been purchased using rewards earned by school families participating in Book Club.

Book Club for the term has been sent home this week. The closing date is the 10 February. To place an order, use the “LOOP” payment which is option 1 on the back of the Book Club brochure. Please note that no payments will be taken through the school, only online orders can be made. Thank you for the support you have given to Book Club in previous years and your continued support in the year ahead.

Jan Toy
Teacher Librarian

Defence and Chappy News from Chappy Roz
Kids Club resumed this week and Miss Donna and I enjoyed welcoming the students to our room. Kids Club for year 1-6 will meet on Mondays at first break this year.

Kids club is an opportunity for students to meet new friends and students from different year levels in our school. There is no set program but students can choose from a range of different games, crafts or activities that are available each week.

Parents, don’t forget Coffee Club after parade on Mondays. Coffee Club is open to all parents and is a great opportunity to meet other parents if you are new to the area. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Chappy Roz (rpark146@eq.edu.au)   Donna Warde DSTA (dward106@eq.edu.au)
Some classes showing they are ready for a fantastic 2017

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS IS FINISHED!!!

Do you have children at School now or starting Prep in 2018?

Are they involved in Sport or The Arts?

Did you struggle with Back to School costs this year?

Do you have an expensive school trip to pay for?

PREPARE NOW TO RELIEVE 2018 BACK TO SCHOOL STRESS!!!

Would you like $500 to help pay for school uniforms, books, sporting fees and equipment, music lessons, camps and excursions, or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings for education costs dollar for dollar, up to $500. Wouldn’t it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the

Saver Plus Program!!

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year, or be attending vocational study yourself
- have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or yourself may have part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment, can also be child minding, ironing or mowing a lawn
- have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information please contact:
Nikki Storey, Saver Plus Coordinator
Call OR SMS your name to - 0418 201 533

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