Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week flies by and suddenly we are almost at the end of the term. Due to our Athletics Carnival we have changed the day of distribution for the newsletter from Wednesday to Thursday for this week only.

School Review

After highlighting the review with you for a number of weeks now, the time is finally upon us. Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the Review team will be in our school. After just participating this week in a review as a peer reviewer at Whites Hill State College, P-12 school, I am excited that our review has arrived. From my experiences participating as a peer reviewer this week and in the past, it is a positive experience and an opportunity to share with an external team of educators, all the good things that we do. What never ceases to amaze me is how good our state schools are!

Our Review team, Garry Lacey (Internal Reviewer and Chair), Matthew Glen (External Reviewer) and Sussan Cannon (Peer Reviewer-Principal Theodore SS), will probably be out and about on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning wanting to talk with parents about your experience at the school and possibly about our priority – 80% or higher students achieving an A,B or C in English. It is possible that some parents may also receive a phone call. Thank you in advance for your participation. Have you been asking your children the 5 Questions about their learning?

Report cards

Due to the Review individual report cards will be issued in the first week of Term Three. Positive Partnership meetings will be scheduled for Term Three week 3 and 4. In week one you will be notified that our online booking system will be open and be ready for you to book interview times. This is your best opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher, with your child and you to set learning goals for the term. When you prioritise partnerships about your child’s education, research shows that there are strong benefits for your child’s learning.

Lockdown Drill

To keep in line with Department Policy of one drill each term, today the school had a lockdown drill. These drills
are important to keep staff and students aware of procedures in the event of a real lockdown occurring.

**Athletics Carnival**
Unfortunately I missed the carnival due to being in Brisbane but from all accounts it sounds like it was the usual great few days. Carnivals don’t just happen – there are a lot of people who do a lot of work. Thank you to Mr Green, PE teacher, and all his helpers from the office, grounds and other staff.

**Under 8’s week**
Another great experience for our P-2 students is our annual celebration of Under 8’s. Here at Oonoonba this will be celebrated on Friday 23 June from 9.00am. Our staff and students do a great job in organising this fun event. After a hard term of rigorous learning this provides an opportunity for students to engage in lots of fun. I can’t wait!

This year’s theme is inspiring learning in the early years through play.

The theme encourages us to consider how children’s play might look different depending on where they live, and it’s a great chance to explore play in the early years.

If you are looking for some fun activities to do at your events this week, or in the classroom, visit [The Early Years Count website](#) for ideas.

Regards

Anne-Marie Day
Principal

**FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK**
The interhouse athletics carnival has been run and won. Thank you to Mr Green and the many staff and volunteers who have assisted over the two days to make the event successful. It takes a lot of work from a lot of people to make the carnival successful. As I said yesterday at the presentation, it was great to see so many parents and family members at school cheering on the students. Even better was the number of positive comments I received from speaking with parents and family members at different times during both days.

The carnival this year was organised in a new format and with new ways of doing things and when this happens we sometimes run in to unforeseen issues and unexpected happenings. We did have an unexpected happening in a high jump event however I am pleased to report that the issue has now been rectified in the ‘spirit’ of the carnival to nobody’s disadvantage.

**Shell Questacon Science Circus Visit – Tomorrow**
The Science Circus experience is designed to stimulate and challenge students to explore science and technology. It includes an exciting and interactive presentation covering aspects of science in everyday life. The presenters use slime, bubbles, pressure, the marine environment, structures and states of matter, and a touch of theatre to inspire and enthuse students.

We have four shows planned during the day and they will begin at the following times:

- 09:00am - 10:00am 3R 3G 3DB 4A 4J 5BT
- 10:00am – 11:00am 5W 4C 54O 6P 6H 6W
- 12:20pm - 01:20pm 2K 2L 2C 21M 1P
- 01:50pm - 02:50pm 1B 1FM Prep O Prep P Prep P Prep V

Please note that students who attend our school shows will receive a free complimentary ticket to the public exhibition. The public exhibition will be held at the Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre on **Saturday 17 June from 11:00am - 4:00pm**.

**Collaborative Inquiry in English**
Recently teachers in Year 3 and Year 5, along with members of our Curriculum Leadership Team completed a series of focussed weekly meetings in a collaborative inquiry. A collaborative inquiry is an opportunity for classroom teachers and others to regularly work together to review and reflect on student learning as it directly relates to what students need to do to be successful in the English unit assessment...
task. During each meeting teachers discussed samples of student work that demonstrated learning against the marking guide and decisions were made about where to next, and how, for that student and other students who had demonstrated similar learning.

In the assessment task for Year 5 English Unit, students were required to select information and create a multimodal feature article to present a particular point of view about an issue. The issue was about how to best manage the population of feral rabbits that inhabit Australia and students had to present a point of view about the appropriate management of rabbits in their feature newspaper article.

A finished example (format changed to suit newsletter) of one of our student’s writing from 54O is below. In this example below, Isobelle integrates and links ideas from a text that conveys her point of view, influences the reader to accept her point of view with print and visual features, and uses precise vocabulary to present her point of view.

**WATCH OUT YOU FERAL PESTS THE AXE IS ABOUT TO DROP!**

Rabbits have been persistent pests for 150 years. Don't you think they should be dealt with?

In my opinion rabbits should be eradicated as they are increasing all over Australia and are eating all of our land. The feral rabbit population has destroyed 80% of crops and this is why prices of vegetables are going up because they are so hard to get with these environmental terrorists around.

The feral rabbits have been mauling Australia’s most precious and important native animals and they have been threatening our animals for their homes and burrows. A famous zoologist, Denzel Chapler says that rabbits have been scaring off other animals and there is a chance all of our native species will not survive without their homes.

These menacing animals have been breeding over and over so much that the rabbit population has increased. Some people say that it is a good thing that they are breeding adorable and fluffy balls of joy, however environmentalists state that it is horrible that just a single female rabbit can produce between 18 and 30 young per year, so therefore they are taking over our land.

These furry pests are eating our environment. Scientists say that you could compare our land to a golf course but our area has no grass as the rabbits keep eating until it cannot grow back anymore. Scientist Sally explains that rabbits are moving to different fields and eating so many seedlings that they are completely unable to regenerate.

So come on Australians are we just going to stand here while those feral pests terrorize what’s most important to us? MAKE A MOVE!

**Lost Property**

Staff from our school office will put out lost property from Friday morning between the CPA and Administration Block. Please check as there are many items owned by our students. Items that are left over after a period of time are donated to charity.

**Prep Westfund Eye Care Visit**

This visit offering free vision screening for students has now been completed. Prep teachers have been given the reports to forward to parents. The people from Westfund Eyecare commented on just how beautiful and well-mannered our students from Prep were during their screening sessions. Well done Prep students!! If you have any questions please contact your child’s Prep teacher.

**Have a good week!**

Trevor Milton
Deputy Principal

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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

Olivia Diezel Kayla Tinsley Samuel Riley
Alex Aiden Ella Scarlett Alex Maddison
Jayce Bryce Brannen Jaylah Emily HPE
Health and Physical Education

I would like to thank all staff who were involved with the Athletics Carnival and congratulate the students for a job well done both on the track and field and also the sportsmanship shown. Congratulations to Tobruk for being the overall House Champion with a total of 1686 points. Congratulations also go to the Age Champions: 9 years Ryan and Evoltia, 10 years Travis and Sarah, 11 years Stewart and Haylie, 12 years Ethyn and Keizele. Our fastest sprinters from the Junior Carnival were: 5 years Stephen and Grace, 6 years Lachlan and Salome, 7 years Jobie and Oceanah, 8 years Finn and Ruby. Congratulations sprinters. During the Carnival there were also some new records broken. These were: Chelsea 12 years Shot Put, Stewart 11 years Long Jump, Ethyn 12 years Long Jump, Ryan 9 years Long Jump and Travis 10 years Long Jump. Well done Athletes!

Billy Green
Health and Physical Education Teacher

P&C Matters

Lapathon – Booklets will come home on Thursday for this year’s Lapathon. This year there will be the opportunity for online fundraising by setting up your child’s profile page online and sharing the link with family and friends, as well as the standard collection of cash to return to the school. All the information about this will be in the booklets. We’ll be looking for volunteers to help with collection of cash/documents as well as help on the day. Email your interest to pandc@oonoonbass.eq.edu.au Lapathon Day is Thursday 3rd August.

Red Food Day – Friday 16th June – Order your Munchy Lunch or Munchy Treat Bag by returning your form with payment asap. Spare forms available at the Tuckshop. Some snacks will also be available on the day. We are still looking for helpers on the day from 8.30-11.30am

Tuckshop Help – Can you help out at the Tuckshop? Meet some new people, have fun and best of all help our school. We would love volunteers from 8.30-11.30am any day of the week to help prep food, make lunches, bake goodies and serve the children over the counter. If you can’t get into school or have littlies at home, you could donate items such as margarine, milk, sippah straws, mince or washing up liquid. Talk to Jayde at the Tuckshop for further info

Uniforms – We have an overstock of some uniform items which are being priced to clear! Jumpers at $20, blue and red coloured sports day polos at $4 – stock and sizes are limited so see the stock at the uniform shop asap

Next Meeting Date: Thursday 20th July, 6.30pm – come along to have a say in the things that matter for your children. New members are always welcome.

Your P&C Association pandc@oonoonbass.eq.edu.au

Still looking for a winter sport?

Why not try Rugby Union.
Come and join the mighty North Ward Sandcrabs
Training Thursday 5-6pm at Townsville Sports reserve. Games Friday nights.
We welcome boys and girls from 6 years up.
For more details please contact Jane Wilkinson 0407572191 or Edwina Kennedy 0407612149

Thank you
(Positive Behaviour)

The following students have received “Thank You” cards this week:

Eliza Jassea
Nat L Treston
Tiffany Peter
Elexia Charles
Jakaia-Lee

Congratulations to this week’s winner:

Tiffany

You may collect your prize from the Tuckshop.