

## 12 October , 2016 Term 4 Week 2.

### *Date Claimers*

<b>17/10/16</b>	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
<b>18/10/16</b>	<b>Mobile Library</b>
<b>24-28/10/16</b>	<b>Year 3 Swimming</b>
<b>26-28/10/16</b>	<b>Senior Camp</b>

### *Principal's Info*

#### **2017 Classes**

We are in the process of planning classes for next year. As of today we will have 109 students enrolled in 2017. This number will allow us a fifth class teacher. If the number drops to 102 students we will maintain four teachers. It would be appreciated if you have plans of moving on next year that you let us know. Thank you.

#### **Prep/1/2 Swimming**

These children will be attending swimming lessons at Palm Beach Aquatic Centre in mid-November. Information regarding this curriculum activity will be sent home with the next newsletter. The cost will be \$85. The school is subsidising a portion of the bus hire to help keep the cost of the activity to a minimum

Crichton Roberts

### **P&C NEWS**

Hi and welcome back to Term 4. It is promising to be a very busy time for everyone.

I would like to send a big thank you to Naomi Capps who has worked tirelessly as uniform co-ordinator and helper ( beautiful school banner maker) at the school. Naomi and her family have moved on from the school but her contributions were greatly valued and they will all be missed. We wish the family every success in their future endeavours.

While on the subject of helpers I would also like to thank Jodie for all her wonderful work preparing and organizing the delicious and healthy lunches she and her helpers provide for

our children every Thursday. We are very lucky indeed to have someone who donates so much of her time voluntarily to make sure our children are eating well. Thank you also to the Parents and Grandparents who cook, prepare, serve and help Jodie on Thursdays. I know that just one extra volunteer a week would reduce the workload , so if you have a little spare time one Thursday a term please consider helping out it would be greatly appreciated and you would be seriously welcomed!

Lastly I'd like to remind everyone that we will be having weekly fundraising meetings at 2pm each Thursday in the staffroom and that everyone is welcome to come along. We will be discussing the Twilight Christmas Markets, 25<sup>th</sup> November, this week. Camilla Skye will be co-ordinating the markets and if anyone can help out I know it will make a big difference.

***Next P&C meeting is on Monday 24th October at 2pm in the library, everyone is always welcome.***

#### **News from the Science Hub - Term 4**

##### **Prep/1 Class 'What it's made of?'**

All around us are things made from interesting materials. The materials of objects that we now take for granted are the products of imagination and exploratory science.

This science unit ('What it's made of?') focuses on the properties of materials and objects which can be observed using the senses. During their investigations the Prep/1 students will identify examples of every day materials and observe and describe the properties of these materials. Students' explorations will also include testing various materials for water resistance and investigating the purpose of certain materials.

##### **Year 1/2 Class 'Spot the Difference'**

Changes occur to many substances around us every day. These changes occur because of an input or removal of energy, such as the removing heat energy to freeze water or adding mechanical energy to knead dough. Some changes are easily reversed and others are difficult or impossible to reverse.

While exploring the properties of everyday materials, the year 1/2 students will conduct simple investigations into how materials might change. Students will be given the opportunities to describe the changes and compare the observable properties of everyday materials.

### **Year 2/3/4 Class 'Material World'**

In this unit, the term 'material' refers to what an object is made of. Different materials have different properties and are therefore suitable for different objects. The properties of these materials can also be used to describe and classify them. Some of the physical properties used by scientists to describe materials include: absorbency, strength, flexibility, elasticity density, hardness and brittleness.

During investigations for this unit, students will plan and identify an appropriate use for a material based on its properties. Students will also select & compare materials for various uses showing an awareness of consequences for humans and the environment.

### **Year 4/5/6 Class 'Change Detectives'**

Physical change occurs when an object receives or loses energy. This might be from a force, for example, by being hit, or when a substance gains or loses heat energy, for example, when an ice cube melts. A chemical change is where a substance is transformed into a new substance (or substances) at a molecular level. The new chemical substance may be in the form of a gas, liquid or solid.

While exploring the physical & chemical changes of various substances the year 4/5/6 students will plan and conduct investigations that demonstrate reversible and irreversible changes. The students will also make and record their observations and identify any patterns in their results.

***Kerry Cameron***

### ***Classroom Comments Prep/1***

Welcome back to Term 4.

We hope you all had a fantastic holiday. The children have been sharing stories about their great adventures and it sounds like lots of fun was had by all!

They are also very excited to be back with their friends again and the battle to be on the 'sun' has begun!

We would like to welcome India and her family to our school. India is settling really well and the children have welcomed her with open arms.

It is hard to believe that the children only have one term left as Preppies!

This term will be jam packed with lots of learning and fun with the lead up to Christmas.

Enjoy your week,

Mrs Cameron and Miss Debbie

### ***Classroom Comments Year 1/2***

Term 4 is off and racing! We have changed our daily morning routine. Now after marking the roll we have a mini writing lesson. The lesson focuses on the correct writing of particular sentences and is used to make students aware of the variety of punctuation that is needed. Some students have already started to automatically include their new skills into their sentence writing.

We are having a ball learning about persuasion. Please try to encourage your children to give you a reason if they are trying to convince you to: do an activity, give them something, or if they are trying to convince you to feel a certain way. It's all part of the learning experience. Heads up, they seem to be very focused on chocolate, money and staying up late.

Papier Mache' animals will begin construction as soon as every student has bought in a plastic bottle. Something of small to medium size would be perfect.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

Brenda Grima

### ***Classroom Comments 2/3/4***

Welcome back to our final school Term, which will be filled with learning, fun, personal growth and friendships.

The students have settled back into their routine well and have continued working on their times

tables, saying them out loud to the class and extending their number pattern skills.

We are beginning a new Technology unit this week, so keep your eye out for a note coming home about collecting materials for this project.

Next week is a short week with the Pupil Free day on Monday and the week after the Year 3 swimming begins.

Could I please just remind parents that getting your child to school on time is very important. We often start the day with crucial learning that can be difficult to catch up on if arriving even just 5-10 minutes late. I'm looking forward to a great Term 4 please drop in to see me at any time.

Amanda Skuse

### ***Classroom Comments 4/5/6***

Welcome back to our final term, we have lots planned over the next 10 weeks from school camp, to assessment and end of year celebrations.

However, despite these variances to routine, please ensure that students continue completing their weekly Maths and English homework as this will help ease their transition into higher year levels or High School next year.

This week, we have a few well deserved awards, they go to:

Grace for showing an amazing effort in Maths both in school and with her homework.

In addition, Kyah, Keshra and Maya for displaying fair play and good sportsmanship during class games.

Well done 😊

Vicki Straw

### ***Birthdays***

**Happy birthday to the following students :**

**12/10/16                  Lilah**

**25/10/16                  Cooper**

Have a great birthday everyone!

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### **Tennis Lessons**

Tennis lessons have begun again with Sophie from Miami Tennis Centre on Wednesday at lunchtime. If you would like your children to participate please contact the office for details.