13th February, 2015 Term 1 Week 3.

Principal's Info

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES – to give the Year 6’s a little extra preparation time the scheduled Leadership Speeches have been moved to next Friday (20th February) after assembly. The Years 2 – 6 will remain after parade to listen to the prospective student leaders.

TUCKSHOP
Thank you to the parents who assisted with Tuck-shop over the last two weeks. It was a definite ‘hit’. Just a reminder to parents that if your child/ren have not ordered lunch from the tuck-shop they are required to eat a packed lunch before purchasing from the tuck-shop.

THANK YOU to Mrs Marini who baked some scrumptious biscuits and prepared the tea /coffee for the Parent Information afternoons this week.

UPDATING DETAILS
If any contact details have changed over the holidays, please drop in or drop us an email so we can update our information.

P&C News

Well it is that time of year again, Annual General meeting time!! How quickly the last year has flown by. The AGM for Ingleside SS P&C will be held next Wednesday 18/02/2015 at 3:15pm. Everyone is encouraged to come along and be involved.

Carrie Dart P&C President

School Houses

It has been decided to consolidate the four School house teams into three. This will put a greater number of students into each house, making each house stronger, with a greater representation of senior students. The three teams will be Yowgarah, Jingree, and Boonah. Students will be reallocated into these teams shortly.

Student Leader Speeches

Our senior students will be giving their very important speeches for 2015 leadership positions, on Friday 20th Feb at 9:00am. Parents are welcome to attend and give their support and encouragement.

Dedication Service, Burleigh Heads War Memorial Park

On Thursday 19th February, at 10.00am the year 6 students will be representing our school at the unveiling and dedication service at the Burleigh Heads War Memorial Park. The committee and members of the Burleigh Heads RSL Sub-Branch commissioned a local artist, Steve Bristow to construct a statue of a WW1 Digger in reverse arms for the Burleigh War Memorial Park to commemorate the Centenary of the landings on Gallipolli. Parents are welcome to attend.

Dental Services

Gold Coast Oral Health Services are offering free dental check-ups to children in all grades at Ingleside State School. This service will be provided off site by Mobile Dental Clinic 86A. Situated at: Elanora State High School corner of 19th Ave and Avocado St Elanora. Please use 19th Ave entry to the school. Hours of operation for this clinic are Monday – Thursday 8:00 – 4:30 pm.

To arrange an appointment for your child telephone:

The Oral Health Client Service Centre
01300 300 850
Monday – Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Excluding Public Holidays

Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers are accepted. When your child’s $1000 cap is reached, there will be no out-of-pocket expenses provided your child meets *eligibility criteria.

* Eligibility – All Queensland resident children aged four years or older who have not completed year 10 of secondary school.

Further information on public funded oral health services can be accessed via URL: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/goldcoasthealth/html/services/oralhealth.asp
Classroom Comments Prep/Junior

The first three weeks of school has absolutely flown by. This week we welcomed some year one students into our class and Ms D as our second teacher aid. Most of our classroom routines and transitions have been set and we will continue to ‘polish’ them throughout the term. Our weekly timetable will constantly adjust to fit student and class needs, however a few things will not change including the day each subject is taught. English and maths are taught every day. Geography by Mrs Stasuik is on Tuesday, Mr Sing takes science and sport on Thursday. Music with Mrs Cameron is Thursday. I am still confirming our art lesson schedule but year 1 is probably Monday and prep Wednesday. Technology will be taught alternately with art. Our ‘You Can Do It!’ Program will be Tuesday and every other Friday.

We have some really interesting learning topics to cover over the next seven weeks. Our class science unit will focus on life and living. It will cover pets and their needs, life cycles of plants and some animals plus how habitats provide for the wild animals that live in that environment. Geography is about different places and their features plus how each place can be utilised in different ways by people with a variety of needs. Art will cover drawing techniques, colours and a variety of mediums will be used to produce art across the curriculum.

Prep have a heavy focus on ‘Jolly Phonics’ beginning and final sounds in words, rhyming, sounding out words and counting how many words are in a sentence. This will pre expose students to pre reading/writing skills that are necessary for success. Year one students will continue to focus on reading, spelling and writing. Fine motor skills and correct letter formation is also an important daily feature for both year levels.

Maths this term relies heavily on creating a solid number understanding with other outcomes such as identifying coins, measuring length, volume and capacity, sorting and patterning. Many parents have commented about learning songs being stuck in their head...I’m so happy that the kids remember them!

Homework will be sent home this Thursday. Preps do not need to bring theirs back until the end of term. Year one students should return theirs each Thursday.

Most students are remembering to put their brain breaks in the container before school. A few kids are putting in their whole lunch box which makes it difficult to monitor them eating just a snack. Please encourage your child to just put a piece of fruit in the box.

I am currently being really strict towards classroom behaviour and respecting the rights of everyone to learn. Our biggest issue is talking during group learning time and students continuing an activity after being asked to pack away several times. Unfortunately these two choices are resulting in kids having to put their name on a cloud and if persisting then time out, followed by buddy class. Hopefully this will encourage better choices to ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn without distraction.

Enjoy your week,
Brenda Grima

Classroom Comments Intermediate

The children have settled into class routines and we have developed our class rules which help set the standard of behaviour in our room. It has been pleasing to see all children attempting to follow these rules at all times.

We have spoken about honesty and admitting if you have done something which does not fit into our class standards. The children need to understand that they are responsible for their actions and they must accept the consequences and learn from the experience.

Home Readers were be introduced on Wednesday. The children need to be reading between 10-15 minutes each night. The recording books need to be signed by a parent each night. I would encourage you to drop in and discuss any aspects of your child’s schooling.

Student of the Week: Lille for beautiful writing in her Day Book

Crichton Roberts

Classroom Comments Senior

The last fortnight has passed quickly, with the senior class learning about the features of short stories and writing their own ‘Sizzling Starts’. The aim of a Sizzling Start is to hook the audience with ‘action’. Students have tried to show rather than tell what is going on. They have introduced something important about the character and setting with revealing too much. They aim has been to leave the audience wanting to know more. You be the judge – are you hooked???

Some examples of some great sizzling starts generated in our classroom this week are:

**BANG!!!** Went the gun as I jumped out of the sight and fell face first.

**BOOM!** I was shot down, I frantically pulled at the rip cord but nothing happened.
Arrghh! Rye groaned as he pulled on his barred door.

This is your Captain speaking we’ll be landing in 20 minutes, I sat there twiddling my fingers thinking.....

Aaaggh!! Ouch the rock hits me in the back, I am going down the rapids full blast.

I have included a Curriculum Overview in the newsletter for Semester 1. The objective is to give parents an insight into what we are doing and to see if anyone has any expertise or knows of someone with expertise that may be willing to share.

Senior Students have also written personal learning goals this week. Please feel free to come in with your child/ren to discuss their goals for Term 1.

Homework commences this Friday, with students needing to complete spelling activities/games, mental facts activities/games and nightly reading. I would also like to recognize other styles of learning so I have attached a grid with ‘other’ activities that can earn extra homework credit points.

Class Dojo is another new approach I am using in the classroom this year. Class Dojo is a free app that can be downloaded onto your phone/ipad/computer allowing parents to keep track of their child’s positive behavior and behavior that needs to improve. Please find attached a short letter explaining Class Dojo as well as a login code for yourself and one for your child.

Sarah Stasuik

Birthdays

Happy birthday to Kyla in Senior class on Feb 16th, Chelsea on the 17th, and Aziah Muller on the 26th. Have a great birthday everyone!

Students of the Week

Junior: Taylor and Harlan
Intermediate: Sam and Lille

Senior: Kyle and Dior

Date Claimers

18/02/15 P&C AGM 3:15pm
20/02/15 Student leader speeches
26/02/15 Principal’s conference
26/02/15 Mobile library
10/03/15 School leader’s badge presentation
12/03/15 Mobile library
13/03/15 Life Education
26/03/15 Mobile library
02/04/15 Last day of term 1
03/04/15 Good Friday
20/04/15 School resumes for term 2
25/04/15 ANZAC Day (School march at Burleigh)

Tuckshop

This week’s tuckshop 19/2 is Quiche and next week’s 26/2 is Nachos with lots of optional extras. Tuckshop Order forms are available at the office. All orders must be placed in the tuckshop order box in the office with payment in full for the term or weekly the day before the food day. Baking, chips, ice blocks are also available to purchase on food days during both break times. Students will need to bring a small amount of money to purchase on the day.

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