16th February, 2017 Term 1 Week 4.

Date Claimers

17/02/17	Surfing
21/02/17	Mobile Library
24/02/17	Surfing
03/03/17	Surfing
06/03/17	Mobile Library
06/03/17	P&C AGM /Meeting
11/03/17	Bunnings BBQ

Principal's Info

I would like to thank everyone for the great start to the year. The Preps have settled in beautifully and are learning new things every day.

In the last week I have received some positive comments about our Year 5/6 students. The surfing coach said that our children were very well behaved and polite. Some of our Year 5 children are participating in an online reading extension program which is taught from Brisbane. The children's online teacher emailed me last night and said,

"Thank you to you and your students for a wonderful Lesson 3 today. I was really impressed with the way they worked in the break out rooms -commendable!"

We have been working on our budget for 2017 making sure that we can get maximum value for all our students' education. We have purchased 12 laptops which will be used in the classrooms.

The new school sign looks fantastic, many thanks to Matt for his fantastic design. We have received many positive comments. Our ARD, Darren Scott, was most impressed!

This year we will be celebrating Ingleside State School's 125th Anniversary. We are planning a low key event being held later in the year. If there are any parents who would like to assist in planning the day please let me know. We will confirm a date at the P & C meeting on 6 March.

Crichton Roberts

Newsletter

This year the newsletter will be sent home on every second Thursday of the term (Weeks 2,4,6,8 and 10). A large percentage of families receive their newsletter by email and we would encourage all parents to opt in

for this choice. Please supply your email address to the office if you do not already receive the newsletter by email and wish to. We will have an A3 version of the newsletter displayed on the notice board each fortnight for you to read. The newsletter is also uploaded to our website each fortnight and there are spare copies available in the office for anyone who would still like to have a hard copy.

Hello Ingleside Families!

A quick update from the Combined Christian Education class. The wonderful Mrs Penny Svasti who has been taking the children for a combined ages class up until now, feels this year she would like to invest her time into the senior (Grade 6) children. They will have a program that is specifically designed for their age in preparation for transition into high school. What a gift! As a result myself (Emma Dickenson) and Julia Satten, both Ingleside parents (Azariah Yr 1, Ayla Prep, Syriya Yr 4) have stepped up to take on the class of younger children (Grades 1 - 5). We are all looking forward to having a fun filled year, using the CONNECT program we will be celebrating our beautiful world, discovering and enjoying the uniqueness of who we are through games, creative activities and friendships. All are welcome to attend. Parents if you have any questions or are interested in knowing more about the classes please feel free to have a chat if you see us at school pick up/drop off, or be in touch with the school office.

Starting/Pick-Up Time

Students should not be at school before 8:30 unless prior arrangements have been made, or they catch the bus to and from school

This year we are ringing the bell at 8:45 am to give children time to go to the bathroom, get things out of their bags and be ready to start work in class at 8:50am. Thank you for your assistance. The teachers have all commented about how well this process is working for a smooth transition into the classroom.

School finishes at 3:00pm. Children need to be collected at this time unless alternate arrangements have been made, or children are catching the bus. With our increased numbers there are more cars in the carpark, please have patience as the safety of the children is paramount. If you need to leave your car it must be parked in a bay not the pick- up line. This seems to be the most challenging situation for everyone to manage.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to support the Havafeed Project. We have collected lots

of donations but there is still plenty of time before Friday to contribute if you would like.

Student Resource Scheme

Thank you to everyone for their support with the new scheme. Parents that have opted to pay by instalment can come in to the office to pay by either Eftpos or cash. If you would prefer to pay the total amount online we will generate an invoice for you to do so. All part payments will need to be made at the office.

P&C News

Bunnings

Our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle BBQ, which is a fantastic money raiser for P&C is less than a month away, 11-03-17. We are looking for a special someone to get involved and help co-ordinate the day. If you are even slightly interested please contact Jane on 55 074333 or jane@footstompmusic.com Thank you

Easter is fast approaching!

Can you believe it! It seems like Christmas has only just happened and now there are hot cross buns and Easter chocolates in all the supermarkets.

At Ingleside, we have an Easter raffle which gets drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

We would love to start receiving donations for the raffle. Chocolate eggs, Bunnies, chocolate blocks, chocolate biscuits, Easter activities, in fact anything that would fit into an Easter theme.

A donation from every child in the school would result in an amazing Easter Raffle with lots of prizes to be won. Let's see if we can achieve this.

Donations can be left at the office at any time.

Many thanks in anticipation P&C

The AGM for 2017 will be held on Monday the 6th March at 2:00pm in the School Resource Centre, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Cheers Jane

Tuckshop

If anyone can spare a few hours to help out on Thursdays for Tuckshop it would be greatly appreciated. Just contact Jodie or leave your name at the office.

There is a small Tuckshop which operates during first and second break after eating time on Thursdays only. It sells fruit ice-blocks, chips and home baking. There has been a small price rise (unfortunately inevitable) for chips and ice-blocks, they are now \$1.20. The children really love to line up and independently choose something to buy. If you would like them to purchase they will need some money sent to school with them on Thursdays. The prices range from 0.50c for baked items to \$1.20 for chips or an ice-block. If you would like any further information please contact the office.

Classroom Comments Prep

The Prep children have continued to have an amazing time with their learning. The students are all well and truly in their routine and have quickly adjusted to school life. Here is an overview of this term.

English: We are already busy learning the Jolly Phonics song and actions. We are also using the Starfall website to help us remember all letter names, the sound that the letter makes and a word starting with that sound. We are working on our Gold Sight words. Book Club has also started. We are currently reading and discussing 'Mr McGee' by Pamela Allen.

Math: Numerals and number words from 0 to 10
Sorting by colour
Counting forward and backwards to and from 20
Patterns and 2D shapes

History: This term we are looking at our own family and comparing them with our peers. Please look at your homework folders as there is a worksheet that needs to be returned.

Social and Personal Learning and being an Active Learner: We have started the 'You can do it!' (Social, Emotional program) We have met our 5 characters Oscar Organised, Gabby Getalong, Connie Confidence, Peter Persistence and Ricky Resilience. Throughout the term we will specifically focus on Oscar Organisation although the other focus areas will be taught as required.

The Arts: All visual art will be displayed in the classroom until the end of semester. Please come in and have a look. Drama will be integrated with the 'Book Club' program. Dancing is done every day, it's

how we practice our counting, days of the week and months of the year.

Technology: At the moment we are learning how to use the ipads safely and responsibly while sharing with a friend. We are also learning how to use the computer.

Reminder: <u>Homework folders</u> are to come back each Thursday so I can update them. I will also use them to communicate with you.

Parent Participation: Feel free to stay and watch our Jolly Phonics song in the morning. Also if you are free to help at any time (even if it's randomly), please let me know. I am looking for helpers from Monday morning to check sight words and letter/sound/word knowledge.

Yours in Education,

Brenda Grima

Classroom Comments Year 1

We are off to a great start to the year.

It's wonderful to have everyone back with such great enthusiasm for learning!

Thank you for all of the continued support in the mornings with sight words.

Thank you for your support with the new reading program for homework. The children are coming in very proudly presenting their books to me in the mornings which is fantastic! The books that they bring home are 2 levels below what they are reading at school so they should be nice easy ones for them to read. If you forget to bring the book in to change, a book from home can be read and recorded instead.

We had an amazing display of sportsmanship from two students, Taj and Molly. They congratulated the winning/opposing team in our maths game and led all the children to shake hands and congratulate each other on playing the game. I was so impressed! They will both be receiving an award at the next assembly.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Tracey Cameron

Classroom Comments Year 2/3

Such a great start to the year for the 2/3 students! They have been very busy in class and applying themselves at all learning opportunities. With homework, the students have done a great job kick starting their home 'reading logs' and writing out their spelling words at home. Remember that reading 10 minutes each night is our school focus and ideally your child should be reading out-loud to a parent. I will be recording the number of nights each student reads on a chart inside the classroom to encourage and motivate all students. In Mathematics we have been identifying the part-part-whole thinking process to interpret and solve addition and subtraction problems. Ask your child to show you how to draw one and complete the boxes, you will be amazed at how good they have got at it. In English the students have been exploring the rhythm in poems and will be reconstructing a simple poem as their assessment.

The class merit awards this week are-

Taylor for a wonderful attitude towards all learning and great results in her recent Mathematics test.

Lewis- For a great start to grade 2. Lewis you are listening so well, completing all your work and we love having you in our class!

Classroom Comments Year 3/4

What a wonderful start of term we are continuing to have in the 3/4 classroom. The students were just over the moon to receive the class award for top attendance this week. I am also happy to report a great response to students handing in and completing their set homework and home readers.

In English we have been investigating and exploring language features used within a narrative text. This has involved reading the wonderful narrative 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl which the students and myself have been really enjoying, especially having to look up some new words we had not heard of. In Maths this week we have been revising odd and even numbers and looking into number patterns. We will also be honing in on our measuring skills by working on length. I would like to congratulate the following students for receiving a Merit Award:

Harry Wood - For his eager and positive attitude towards writing tasks. Harry has produced some wonderful descriptive sentences in class this week.

Eve Hogan- For always listening and following instructions in class. I can rely on Eve to always be ready and waiting quietly for her next task.

Chloe Pidcock

Classroom Comments Year 5/6

What fabulous fun the Class had on their first surfing outing this term! A huge thank you to all the amazing Mums and Dads who helped the children in the water so that each child could have an increased number of turns.

Thank you too for encouraging your child to complete and return their homework, we have made a great start to the new term. However, in class it is increasingly apparent how disadvantaged children are if they do not know their times tables. Please ensure that your child really practises the weekly allocated table (the four times table this week) so that they can recite them confidently and answer quick fire questions. Songs are a great way to help them learn.

Congratulations to our Year 6's on their eloquence and professional approach when leading Assembly each week, they have all done a brilliant job. This week I would like to make a special mention of Maya who receives an award for her consistently mature approach in the classroom and to her studies, making her an excellent role model.

Finally, please ensure that your child brings a healthy snack each day, as we make this part of our morning and children benefit mentally from the munch and crunch!

Sizzling Starts!

In the 5/6 Classroom we are developing our writing skills by breaking down the elements of a story and working on these week by week. We began with Sizzling Starts and achieved some fabulous, engaging writing. I am so proud of this writer who has stepped out of his comfort zone to create an exciting piece of writing which leaves the reader wanting to know more.

The Ski Race

POW! I hear as all the ski racers jump onto the snow and start the race. The wind on my face is as cold as ice and the snow almost knocks me off my skis but then I realise, I'm in last place. I need to pass them all but then, it's an avalanche. It knocks everyone over except Jeremy! I speed up until we are level, we hit a jump and then one of my skis falls off. One ski in an avalanche – it's a death sentence!

Alex Year 6

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following

Students and Staff:

16/02/17 Kyla

19/02/17 Mrs Cameron (Science)

24/02/17 Ruby

24/02/17 Kale

26/02/17 Keanu

26/02/17 Aziah

01/03/17 Miss Debbie

Have a great day everyone!

