

## 16th March, 2017 Term 1 - Week 8

### Date Claimers

21/03/17	Mobile Library
21/03/17	Yr. 5/6 Trip St. Helena
28/03/17	Disco
30/03/17	Easter Hat Parade
31/03/17	Last day of Term 1
1-16/04/17	School holidays
17/04/17	Easter Public Holiday
18/04/17	Start of Term 2

### Principal's Info

#### Bunnings

Thank you to those families and staff who helped out last Saturday. It was a huge day that started at 6:30 pm and finished at 3:45 pm. We made a profit of approximately \$2400 which was extremely pleasing. This fundraiser is held once a year so if you can spare one hour next year it would be greatly appreciated.

#### Every day counts

The school attendance this term has been fantastic, thank you to all parents for getting their children to school every day. Our level of attendance is currently at 96.5%, the best we have ever had at this stage of the year. Well done!

#### P & C

At the recent P & C AGM we had several parents interested in taking over the executive roles. I am very pleased to say that we have secured a treasurer in Glenys, William's Mum in Prep and next newsletter we will be able to confirm the new President and Secretary positions. Thank you to everyone who considered taking on these roles. An active and vibrant P&C helps build a co-operative and happy school environment.

President: TBA

Secretary: TBA

Treasurer: Glenys

#### Tuckshop upgrade

At the recent Principal Convention I spoke with Fleetwood, the company that installed the new classroom block last year. They have sent through a quote of the cost to build a new tuckshop and P & C meeting room at the back of the Administration block. We needed an idea of the cost so that we can plan for grants. The cost is \$480 000.00.

#### Home Reading

Thank you to all parents who have been supporting their children by listening to them read each night and signing their home reading record book. There are a large number of children who are about to receive a certificate for reading 25 nights since Week 3.

#### St Helena Excursion

Year 5/6 class need to ensure you are organised for our excursion next Tuesday. Students need to be at school by **6:50am sharp**. You will need to:

- wear full school uniform including hat and closed in shoes.
- bring a back pack with water, lunch and snacks for the day.

Students will arrive back at school at approximately **4pm**. If any families feel they may not be able to get their children to school at the earlier time, please contact the office on Monday.

#### World Science Festival Brisbane 2017

In 2017 South Bank Parklands will again turn into a science playground with dozens of FREE immersive events for families to enjoy. You can participate in hands-on activities and explore the science behind robots, fossils, bubbles, slime, spiders, solar energy, drones, augmented reality, experiments and even explosions!

**Date:** Saturday 25 March and Sunday 26 March

**Time:** 10am-4pm

**Venue:** Cultural Forecourt, South Bank Parklands

<http://www.worldsciencefestival.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Street-Science-Activities.pdf>

#### School Water

Late last year an audit of our school drinking water processes indicated that we needed to put procedures in place to ensure that our drinking water is always of a high quality. As a result the following work has been completed:

- all gutters have been cleaned
- gutter-filler has been installed in the gutters that feed the tanks for our drinking water. This product filters all the sediment before the water passes into the tanks we use for the bubblers
- gutter filler will be gradually be installed to all gutters
- all tanks have been emptied, cleaned and refilled with 13500 litres of water
- first flush systems have been replaced on the three tanks which we use for the bubblers

Now the system has been refurbished and checked our filters and UV lights will be replaced to ensure that the system can cope with our increased numbers.

*Crichton Roberts*

## P&C News

### Easter Raffle

Last call for Easter egg donations for the raffle!!! We could use some more to make up our usual fantastic prizes.

We will be putting the prizes together on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, so if you could have any donations in by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, it would be appreciated.

The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

### Easter Egg Guessing Game

At our previous Winter Fair & Family Fun Days, the "Guess How Many Lollies in the Jar" has always been popular with the students, so we've decided to have an Easter Egg equivalent.

Commencing on Monday of Week 9, before school, the children can have 3 guesses for \$2. This will run Mon – Thur in Week 9 and Mon, Tue, & Wed in Week 10. Whoever guesses the correct number (or closest to it) will win the jar of eggs. The money raised will go to the Project Club.

*Thank you P&C*

## Classroom Comments Prep

Huge smiles of excitement could be seen on every child's face last Friday as we started to create our special garden. The bridge was placed and a deep hole dug underneath, maybe a troll will live there? The winding road was dug and the hill climb has started. The volcano is stirring, I hope the dinosaurs will be safe! Needless to say the students cannot wait for the rain clouds to disappear. Thank you for all of the donations and hands on help last Friday, we could not have achieved so much without you.

Back in the classroom the students have been consolidating their letter sound knowledge by building words. We have started writing words and sentences plus we have read a few books that feature our gold sight words. The students are so impressed with their

new skills and it is a joy to watch their ability and confidence build.

We have taken number learning to a new level; students are now matching the numeral to the word, picture and tally marks. We are currently revising numbers from zero to ten. We have also started to add. We are using counting stories (there were 2 elephants eating peanuts, 1 more came along, how many altogether?) and counting on (we need 5 and have 2, how many more do we need? Say 2 out loud then count on 3, 4, 5...we need 3 more). This skill will take lots of repetition but is an essential foundation skill. Have you seen our pattern work in the classroom? Students are really good at making all types of different patterns.

As the end of the term approaches the children are getting really tired. Students often need more food in their lunch box to provide extra energy to get them through!

Enjoy your fortnight,  
*Brenda Grima*

## Classroom Comments Year 1

Week 8 already! We all enjoyed the Clean-up Australia gardening day, thank you to those who came and helped.

**Home work** – Thank you to everyone who is keeping up with the new homework routine and remembering to sign the children's reading record books. Remember we sign books for nights of reading not for the amount of books read. We only need one book recorded per night, however please read as many as you like!

Congratulations to **India** who will be receiving an award for being an active learner who is always focused and ready to learn. Well done India!

Congratulations to **Charlie** who is also receiving an award for being an active learner who is always focused and willing and able to be a great peer tutor. Well done Charlie!

Have a great week,  
*Tracey Cameron*

## Classroom Comments Year 2/3

Over the last couple of weeks the 2/3 class have been busy exploring narrative stories during their new English unit. They are learning about narrative structure, responding to stories and connecting to emotions in stories.

Last week we also started our Technology unit where students will be constructing a bridge made of straws. It was a lot of fun to discuss the different types of bridges around the world and find out what students already know about bridges. I can see there are some great ideas already.

Merit awards

**Liam**- For great improvements in your handwriting, all your hard work and concentration is paying off!

**Reef**- For making positive behaviour choices in the classroom. Thank you Reef for also been a willing helper to other students and the teacher!

Thank you,

*Amanda Skuse*

### Classroom Comments Year 3/4

'Time flies when you're having fun' can you believe we are already at the end of week 8! It has just been full steam ahead in the year 3/4 classroom. First I would just like to thank and congratulate the students for their amazing effort and attitude on Friday afternoon while gardening. It was such a warm afternoon but they just continued to give their 100% with a smile the whole time.

In English we have been putting the finishing touches on and publishing our additional chapters for the novel "The Twits" by Roald Dahl. Students have also done wonderful illustrations to accompany their story. Artistic talents have also shone this term with students investigating drawing techniques, particularly the use of shading to give depth and effect to objects transforming them from 2D to 3D. Hopefully from the start of next week we will have some amazing artwork on display in the classroom.

It has been great to see all the wonderful reading students have been doing at home as part of the home reader program. Please just remember to log their reading as we keep a record and tally of nights read that all goes towards students receiving awards. I would like to congratulate the following students for receiving a Merit Award:

**Charlie**- For his positive and helpful attitude during our school clean up Australia Day. I have never seen a wheel barrow filled and refilled with mulch so fast before! Well done.

**Phoenix**- For being an active listener and for having a great attitude towards all classroom learning. I can always rely on Phoenix to set a great example in class.

*Chloe Pidcock*

### Classroom Comments Year 5/6

It is only a few days until our trip to St Helena Island, so please ensure that all children have returned their notes and payment has been finalised. It should be a great day out with some very special learning opportunities.

We are finishing off the term's work at the moment with tests & assessments ready for reporting. The children have been working very hard and their sustained effort up to the end of term with homework and classwork is much appreciated.

The class did a wonderful job in the garden on Friday afternoon for Clean Up Australia Day and special mention goes to **Aziah** for his happy enthusiasm and hard work in the garden on the day. He was a great help to everyone.

Our Buddy system with the Preps is working extremely well, with the 5/6's providing fantastic support to the younger ones on our weekly visit to their classroom. Additionally, a number of staff have noticed **Anastasia** in particular being caring and kind to the younger children in the playground and she receives an award this week to acknowledge her thoughtful 'Buddy' behaviour.

Well done to both Aziah and Anastasia.

*Vicki Straw*

### Birthdays

**Happy birthday to the following students and staff:**

<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Noah</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Marcus, Gus</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Muki, Kees</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Mrs Skuse</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Hudson</b>

**Have a great day everyone!**

*Mummy and Me*  
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- 3-5 digital images PLUS
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## Tennis Lessons

Sophie Letcher from Miami Central Tennis is offering lessons again next term for our students. We do need a certain number of students for lessons to proceed. Please contact the office to put your child's name on the list. We already have several students ready to play.