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PRINCIPAL’S DESK

What an amazing effort by such a small team at the recent West Akuna District Swimming Championships. Our school representative team won both the Overall and Aggregate trophies along with some age champions being awarded and some old records being broken. My Thanks to Mrs Crawley, Mr Graham, Mrs Harle and Mrs Campbell for supporting our young ones on the day. Mrs Crawley has a full report in this edition.

Parking, dropping off children and picking up children in all three streets around the school will continue to be a problem for our school and the best solution for the interim is to have everyone follow the rules. Some key factors that will assist everyone is to: a) ensure that your child or children have a very clear understanding of the pick-up plan in the afternoon, and b) abide by the road rules with regard to NOT parking and leaving your car in the DROP-OFF zone at the end of the school day. Some other measures in the ‘pipeline’ include a waiting area for all students in front of the hall and a new pedestrian gate near the pool. Please remember two other items: a) the gates near the pool are closed in the morning and in the afternoon for approximately thirty minutes to ensure the safety off all students at the beginning and at the end of the school day, and b) parking in front of the Admin building is restricted to taxis and parents of children with significant physical or visual disabilities. Everyone’s support, tolerance, patience and courtesy is always expected and greatly appreciated.

A reminder to all families that ALL students are required to assemble under the Junior Shed near the Tuckshop upon arrival before school commences. Again, this request is based on student safety. There should be NO children playing or wandering around the school before 8:40am unless they are attending Before School Care. It should also be noted that there should be no children waiting around school or playing immediately after school. All students MUST go directly to the pick-up point (or OSHC) as soon as they are dismissed from class. We appreciate all parents reinforcing this with their child or children.

Volunteers are a valuable resource for any school and we are thankful to have such a high number each day throughout the school BUT it is essential that ALL volunteers SIGN-IN and SIGN-OUT at the office on each occasion. Again, this is essential for everyone’s safety.

All state school students from Prep to Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment. Students who want the free software will need their login (for example mine is cw44@44), their school email account (for example mine is cw44@44@44.edu.au ) and their password (all students have the initial password of ‘password’). The login (which is also the first part of their email address followed by: eq.edu.au) can be obtained from the classroom teacher. Currently, MS Office Suite 2013 is available for students’ personal equipment only - not equipment that is part of a school network. . Click on this link for a document that will assist parents and students with the download and installation.

Anxiety is a common aspect amongst many children in a variety of contexts. Anxiety can be an every day part of life for some children whilst it can be a problem for some in certain conditions such as “test” anxiety or anxiety associated to social situations and friendships, or perhaps anxiety associated to the fear of failure and so on. Some children have very obvious signs of anxiety whilst others can show no signs on the surface. The following articles provide some excellent background and tips on helping children who suffer from anxiety:

Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress has been taken on by many students with great eagerness and enthusiasm since our school purchased a whole school subscription. Some information on this program is as follows:

Reading Eggs incorporates a wide variety of effective, research-based, learning activities within a highly motivational framework that help to keep students on task for longer periods of time. Through an interactive Web-based program, the design of Reading Eggs uses the following instructional elements that have been shown to be highly effective components of reading programs as evidenced in the research literature:

- an early and continued focus on phonemic awareness and phonics – the alphabetic principle
- building automaticity (instant recall) of a core list of high-frequency sight words
- repetition of activities and re-reading of texts to build
A combined choral, instrumental and theatrical extravaganza has also been scheduled for Monday 27th July, at Brisbane’s City Hall. The musical and dramatical skills of the students from CLASS will be showcased. During the year writing workshops and competitions have also be organised with an iBook and documentary as a record of the events to be produced.

Any interested parent or community member who wishes to volunteer their time or services with any of these projects please contact Natala Crawley ncraw12@eq.edu.au

WEST AKUNA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Jamboree Heights were victorious at last week’s West Akuna Swimming Carnival, winning the overall district Hardman/Perry Shield, as well as 12 years Age Aggregate trophy.

Congratulations to our three swimmers who have qualified for the regional level- Matt, Helen and Lauren. Matt and Helen both received age champion for their respective ages, with Matt also attaining the Open Age Group championship.

Congratulations to the 14 swimmers who represented our school. It was a team effort!

INTER SCHOOL SPORT

Over the last two weeks, Year 5&6 students have had the opportunity to nominate for inter school sports- Netball, AFL, Touch and Soccer. Over 100 of our students have begun training in their chosen sports and will represent the school next week; in the first week of our West Akuna sporting season. Good luck everyone!

Parents/carers please be aware that notes have been sent home this week concerning payment. Please remember, students cannot take part in the interschool sports season without payment or a pre-arranged payment plan with our Business Service Manager.
MUSIC NEWS

Music Diary Dates:

- Music Committee Meeting – Wine and Cheese Night - Monday March 2nd 7pm Staff Room
- Choirs (Senior and Junior) - Week 3: combined rehearsals to commence 13th February – Senior Choir start time7.55am.
- Senior IM Ensembles Rehearsals - Commenced Week 3 (Senior Ensembles ONLY - Strings and Band)
- Metropolitan Regional Choral Honours Camp– March 2015 for nominated students
- School ANZAC Ceremony - April 24th – Senior Choir performing
- Choral Fanfare – Senior Choir - May 2015 (TBC)
- QYMA - Senior Choir - May 2015
- WESTCENT IM Camps - 1st to 5th June - Kenmore SS and Brookfield QCC
- JHSS School Fete - Long Weekend in June – 7th June - various performances from across the school
- Maryborough Music Teachers Conference - 9th -12th July 2015 - Mrs Hooper presenting two sessions
- Monday 27th July 2015 - CLASS Combined Schools Centenary Commemorative Event City Hall
- Monday 17th August 2015 (TBC) - SINGFEST Senior Choir
- Annual School Concerts “African Safari” - September 8th and 10th

Choral Program 2015 – Some New exciting News!

This year we have now opened up Junior Choir to include Year 2 students! This is very exciting for these keen students!

Expressions of Interest (EOI’s) were handed out last week after Junior Assembly and also during Year 2 music classes. Upon receipt of these EOI’s, the students will then need a Membership Form and Welcome Letter (see Mrs Hooper for these) and then payment needs to be made at the office – once you have receipt of this payment…you can join us at choir rehearsals.

- Any questions, please see Mrs Hooper ASAP.
- Junior Choir will commence on Monday 16th February starting at 1.50pm and we finish each week at the 2.20pm bell.
- Senior Choir (Students in Years 4,5 and 6) will commence this Friday the 13th February at 7.55am. Please bring in all EOI’s and Membership forms this Friday (if not already submitted)....

Well done to our Leadership “pre” choir who performed “Count on Me”at our induction ceremony this past week. Great start

INSTRUMENTAL HIRE 2015

- Students who are hiring instruments from the school year will need to pay their invoices (at the school office) before these instruments can be handed to the students. External Request for Equipment forms are also required to be returned to the office (for students who are hiring school instruments).
- Invoices have been sent out to the relevant Band and String students. Apologies for our delays in sending out these invoices.

Many thanks in advance for your wonderful support of your child’s quality musical education.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM 2015

- Mr Kukulies commenced brass and percussion lessons Tuesday (week 2) and Mrs Martin commenced her woodwind lessons Monday (week 2).
- Some students still have purchased – all required equipment or tuition book/s etc. as outlined in the Instrumental Information Booklet handed out last year. We need this to be organised and ready for week 4 lessons.
- All IM students should now have their initial copy of the IM timetable and know when to come to their lessons each week. Lessons are held in the IM room off the OLD HALL.
- Senior Concert Band (Year 6 students only) commenced week - Week 3 and they will rehearse every Tuesday morning from 7.45am.
- Mr Hoey commenced strings lessons on Wednesday and Thursday of week 3.
- Senior String rehearsals (Students in Years 5 and 6) commenced week 3 on Wednesday mornings before school. Strings rehearsals commenced at 7.30am will arrivals welcomed from 7.15am in the OLD HALL.

All instrumental Students Please Note:

Continuing and Beginner students are asked to please return your completed Instrumental Enrolment Agreements to your IM teachers ASAP.

LIBRARY

READER of the WEEK

The reader of the week is a student who is finding the joy of reading. The reader of the week last week was Kalin Andrews of 4F who was reading ‘The Haunted Castle’. The reader of the week this week is Hayley James of 5M who is reading ‘Two for the Road’
LITERACY PRO READING PROGRAM 2015

This year students in 5 and 6 are continuing with Literacy Pro (formerly known as Lexile Reading).

This is a computer web-based program that motivates and monitors your child’s independent reading.

Year 4 students will join the program in the next few weeks.

The Lexile reading ranges for students who are independent readers are:

- 600 - 1000 for Year 5 / 700 – 1050 for Year 6

Students start by taking a LitPro test and receive a Lexile reading level. The Lexile level is a measure of reading ability. LitPro tests may only be taken at school, so we can ensure an accurate and correct score. Students then select and read books around their Lexile and interest level. These books are “real” books and include many popular titles that are in the school library, public library and at home.

When students have read a book, they complete a quiz on the computer to check their comprehension. Each quiz passed earns the students points towards a certificate. By reading books, it will help improve your child’s comprehension and vocabulary. Teachers will continue to have reading and literacy lessons in the classroom as well as this independent reading program.

The link for LiteracyPro is through the Jamboree Heights S.S. website https://jambheigss.eq.edu.au

Click the “Facilities” tab and under this click the “Library” tab. On the library page is a link to “Scholastic learning zone” where students will need to login using their usual school username and the password jamboree1. Then you will see the “LiteracyPro” icon to start.

You can put the Scholastic Learning zone into your favourites folder for ease of access in future.

The school has paid a licence fee of $10 for students in this program. Already in 2015 we have keen readers who have achieved their first award for the year.

Congratulations to the students who have achieved the following awards:

- **Fantastic**: Lachlan Ransay 5F
- **Silver**: Abhishri Chandra 6L, Dillon Rollinson 5-6H, Hunter Thorne 5-6H
- **Gold**: Adam Harle 5-6H
- **Principal’s Award**: Juliet Benn 6L
- **Outstanding**: Ben Jones 5-6H

For more information please ring me on the library direct line 3725 5609

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**P&C NEWS**

Please note correction of dates:

- Monday 23 February – FETE MEETING – 6:30pm in the staff room
- Monday 2 March – MUSIC SUB COMMITTEE MEETING – 7:00pm in the staff room

**ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL**

A big thank you to the parents who helped on the day with their BBQ skills, baking and just willing to help out. The stall made a profit of $1800.

**TUCKSHOP**

- Tuckshop is open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday – first & second break for all orders.
- On Tuesday and Friday – second break for over the counter sales only (no orders).
- New items this term – Peach iced tea $2, Caesar Salad $6, Chicken Chow Mein $4, Funny Finger $1.50, Dragon Popper $1.80
- Preps do not start tuckshop until March, this gives them time to settle in with their classroom routine.
- Preps will be able to enter in a colouring competition when they order tuckshop in March to win a Super Dooper. One child per class per week will win.
- Thank you to all the families who have donated items – it has been a fantastic amount.
- The tuckshop is still looking for volunteers. There are three new faces on board but still need at least six more.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Thank you to the many ladies who volunteered during the busy days in January. Although some days had long queues, 5 or 6 volunteers worked flat out in the shop to serve them all. Special thanks to Jenny Rollinson for her time processing sales on her MYOB system which saved writing out receipts during the busy days in December and January.

Thank you also to those who have agreed to come and help for an hour once a fortnight on roster. Your help is much appreciated. There is now a full fortnightly roster which is working very well.

**AGM**

The AGM will be on Monday 16 March at 6:30pm in the staff room. If you wish to be a P&C member for 2015 please pick up a form from the office or visit our P&C website http://www.jhss.com.au
All membership forms must be handed to the office or the P&C secretary before the AGM.

Nominations for executives role forms can also be picked up from the office or on the website. All forms to be handed in before the AGM.

Of course every P&C is different, but many of the responsibilities held by executive officers are either required by legislation (as interpreted in the P&C Constitution) and therefore common to all volunteers in that role, or have become common practice over the year.

If you wish to know more about the executive roles, email info@jhss.com.au

| President | • Provides leadership and represents the association  
  • Is the accountable officer of the association  
  • Encourages communication between the association, school administration & the community  
  • Encourages participation in the association  
  • Chairs P&C meetings and is familiar with the rules, Constitution and other documents governing association operations.  
  • Understands employment legislation  
  • Is an official member of the school council  
  • The President should have good people skills, be a good listener and able to communicate in a tactful way. |
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| Vice-President | • Provides support for the president and other executive officers as required  
  • Chairs P&C meetings in the absence of the president and is familiar with the rules, Constitution and other documents governing association operations.  
  • Carries out any duties delegated by the president |
| Secretary | • Collates agenda papers for each P&C meeting (including subcommittee reports) and helps the president prepare the agenda  
  • Prepares and presents minutes of meetings  
  • Records and deals with correspondence in and out  
  • Organises, records and maintains information pertaining to the activities of the association  
  • The secretary must be able to attend P&C meetings and use email. He/she should have good written communication skills and attention to detail. |
| Treasurer | • Has overall responsibility for the financial management of the association, including all subcommittee accounts  
  • Must comply with the Accounting Manual for P&C Associations and Purchasing Policy for P&C associations.  
  • Understands employment legislation  
  • Prepares an annual budget and annual operational plan in consultation with the other officers.  
  • Keeps accurate accounts of receipts and expenditure  
  • The treasurer should be good with numbers and have good spreadsheet and bookkeeping skills. He/she must be able to access email and be available to sign cheques and collect invoices. |

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Centenary Christian Kindergarten – Keep Our Children Safe**

Your child’s safety is always a high priority to us. The car park area immediately outside the Kindergarten is primarily reserved for Kindy families. These parents often have prams and toddlers as well as the Kindy child to manoeuvre amongst the cars.

Even during peak periods when there are no spaces left in the main car park, we appreciate you not parking in these spaces and that they be left for Kindy parents. This applies to not only parents but to Grandparents and other carers.

Please also note that there are at least two people daily that require the wheelchair designated parking spaces, so if you don’t have a wheelchair sign displayed, do not park in these places.

We appreciate your kindness in leaving the parks for those with little ones.

**Join the Falcons Nest and Soar above the Rest**

**ARE YOU TURNING 5, 6, 7 YEARS OLD IN 2015 AND WOULD LIKE TO START PLAYING BASKETBALL?**

In 2015, West Brisbane Falcons will be continuing the Under 8s program so that children can begin to play the great sport of
basketball at a younger age. **To be in our Under 8 program you must be turning 6 or 7 in 2015.** We will consider 5 year old children as long as they are able to handle playing with the 6 & 7 year olds.

The 2015 program will run on Thursdays 4.30pm – 5.30pm at the Centenary State High School Sports Centre, Moolanda St, Jindalee. Cost is $140/player and the program runs all year. That’s right for **ONLY** $140, your child can participate in our program for the entire year. All questions to westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com

You can register by clicking on the Big Red Button on the West Brisbane Falcons website.

http://www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au