Hello Parents and Community members

Term 4 is the term our school decides who will be our School Captains and Sports Captains for 2017. Last week, the student Leadership Booklet was available for students in Year 5 and Year 8 who wish to run for any of the vacant leadership positions. Mrs Patterson explained how the booklet was to be completed. The booklet is due back to Mrs Patterson by 28th October. All students are to present a speech on Monday 14th November after parade (9:00am). All parents are invited to listen to their child giving their speech. Voting for School Captain will take place after the speeches and voting for Sports Captain will take place later in that week. We wish all candidates the best of luck!

On Friday, we hosted our first of five Pre-prep visits. We welcomed Jacob, Emily, Jaxon, William, Andrew, Blake, Ben, Sophie and Sophia to our great school. Our next pre-prep day will be Wednesday 26th October at 1:45 – 3:00pm for Art and Craft.

Mrs Booth will be running the first Reading Workshop for the pre-prep parents who wish to attend at the next Pre-prep visit. This workshop is OPEN for all parents who would like to know more about Reading and how you can support your child/ren at home. Come join in the fun.

We are waiting patiently for the new shade and cover for the sandpit and a new umbrella for outside the Prep/1 room. These structures will be installed before the end of term.

Stationery Scheme for 2017
The stationery has been ordered and should arrive around 22nd November. Parents (who have paid in full) will be contacted, when the packs are ready for collection.

Awards Night – Thursday 10th November
Our Awards Night will be held on Thursday 10th November at 7:00pm at the Quinalow Hall. Our awesome P&C have donated the Book Vouchers for the awards. The students are busy practising their items for the concert part of the night.

Report Cards will be handed out on Thursday 8th December and the Year 10s report cards will be posted out during Week 10.

Staff changes for 2017
Mrs Portbury has been made permanent from January 1. Mr Cobb will take a transfer to Rangeville State School. Miss Steger will return to Tara State College. Mr Peeck remains on leave.

SNAKES
Presently, we have had a few sightings of snakes of many sizes. We have spoken to the students not to go near a snake. Please speak with your child/ren about being safe in regards to snakes. A snake catcher is on his way as this newsletter goes to print to inspect the school.

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you’ve imagined” Unknown

Be safe Be happy

Susan

To have items included in the newsletter they must be received by Monday, please email to esche9@eq.edu.au or forward to the school.
From the classroom

Prep/Year 1 - What a wonderful start to the last term of the year. The children have been having a fantastic time learning their Awards Night concert performance. (Shhh! Not telling) In Maths we have been learning our number names to 20, doing addition and subtraction, and Year 1s have been collecting data and learning how to read data from bar and picture graphs. In English the children are continuing to enjoy writing activities with the focus Genre - letter writing. What fantastic results we also have had with Magic Words with most of the children now above 100 words. Some above 200 and one of our students even reaching 300 words. Don’t forget Show and Tell this term is free. Your child may bring in their free Show and Tell once per week. We will fit them in as we go. In the next few weeks we will be purchasing plants to plant up our new gardens. If you would like to donate a punnet of flowers that would be wonderful. Thanks, Ruth and Nadine

Year 1/2 - This term in English, students are learning how to write a narrative. In HPE, students will begin swimming lessons this Thursday developing confidence in the water and the ability to perform different strokes. Students will be learning how to add and subtract 2 digit sums. Year 2 students will be developing their knowledge around 2D and 3D shapes along with telling the time to the quarter hour. In science the 1/2 class will be learning about the importance of Earth’s resources in our daily lives. Geography this term will allow the class to further enhance their comprehension around people’s connections with other places and countries.

Year 3/4/5 - This week in English the Year 3/4 students have read excerpts of text from *Kumiko and the Dragon* by Briony Stewart and have been studying the visual language features that she has used in the book and are answering questions about the text and illustrations. In Maths we are studying 3D shapes, their cross-sections and general features of both 2D and 3D shapes.

The Year 5 students in Maths are investigating a variety of ways to graph mathematical information. In English this week, the students are finishing off their narratives based on the narrative poem, “Furs and Feathers” by AB Patterson. This narrative is a multimodal assessment which will be continued into the ICT lessons.

Swimming is expected to start this week. Students need to bring togs, towels and caps on Friday regardless of the weather temperature and conditions.

Sports Update

A reminder that our Soccer and Netball Carnival is fast approaching. It will be great to see as many parents as possible supporting our teams on the 4th November. Don’t forget to bring a chair as seating is limited around the fields and courts.

Jondaryan Sandy Hoopert Cricket Carnival is set for Friday 11th November. As we can nominate one team only, team members will be selected from the upper classes who show an interest by attending training sessions. These sessions take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays during first break (11.15am). The team will be selected over these next two weeks.

Transport by bus for this day will be provided by the school at a cost of $5.00 per child.

Swimming lessons will begin this week depending on the temperature of the pool and the weather. Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for swimming with togs, swimming shirt, swimming cap and towel. Swimming lessons are: Years Prep/1/2 on Thursdays & Years 3-10 on Fridays.

Principal's Award

Mrs Watts and Mrs Wockner were awarded Principal’s Awards for their excellent work on developing the Pre-prep Program.

Congratulations

Jackson and Ella received their certificates for learning 100 Magic Words and Jayme received her certificate for learning 300 Magic Words. Fantastic effort!
Firstly, I would like to thank all of those lovely people who gave up their precious weekend to help out at the Brymaroo Camp Draft on the weekend. Thank you for your support.

We held our first meeting of the term last night and I am happy to say we have finished all our fundraisers for this year! We can now focus on finishing off the year with Awards Night on 10th November. If you can supply a plate for supper that would be fantastic. We have also started to plan a special treat for 2nd December. School families will be able to come along to a special evening swim at our awesome pool, we will have a sausage sizzle, some games and music. Keep an eye out for more details to follow!

Next P&C Meeting - Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 7:00pm in the Media Room. All welcome.

BOOKCLUB INFORMATION

Bookclub brochures were sent home last week.

If you wish to place an order, return the order form with the money to the school by tomorrow, Thursday 20 October.

When paying by cheque please make it payable to “Scholastic Australia”. The credit card options are to pay by phone or online, a receipt number is provided which is recorded on the order form. The school is not setup for the LOOP option.

Any enquiries contact Elva Schefe in the library.

Do The Right Thing Weekly Winners

Well done – Sara & Sarah

Congratulations to Luke, Vanessa, Alex, Taleisha, Gabrielle, Bailey, Mia, Brock, Ella and Paityn

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