OUR KEY PRIORITIES - 2015 - READING, WRITING, SPELLING

Each week we are concentrating on reading, writing, punctuation and spelling activities in an endeavour to improve our students’ literacy skills.

Our numeracy results over the years have shown to be our strongest learning area. Numeracy continues to be an important part of our core learning.

DAILY READING

It is our goal that 100% of our students will read each week night as part of their homework.

Congratulations to our super readers who, last week, have read every night and had their communication books signed. These are:

- Emma Gardner
- Boyd Corkill
- Cody Lamb
- Hunter Graffini
- Jaycee Cranston
- Taya Jeffrey
- Kaylee Cranston
- Peyton Akehurst
- Sam Head
- Jace Lawn

SARINA DISTRICT ATHLETICS TRIALS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Sarina Athletics Trials on Monday. It was great to see your enthusiasm. Alligator Creek State School won the overall trophy for the Sarina District Athletics Trials. Five of our students were successful in receiving a place in the Sarina District team to compete in Mackay next Wednesday. These students were: Boyd Corkill, Luke Pietzner, Baily Jeffrey, Luke Head and Ryan Pietzner. Would you please return your nomination forms as these must be sent through to Alligator Creek State School by 24th July 2015.

WHITSUNDAY VOICES

Last Thursday the Years 3 – 6 students attended the Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival. They attended four sessions and enjoyed the presentations by the authors. The authors explained to the students how they got their ideas for their own books and the process they took to write the novels. We also saw a performance by Lucas Proudfoot (an aboriginal musician) who entertained the students using traditional aboriginal instruments.

TENNIS

Students enjoyed their first lesson of tennis last week and are looking forward to this week’s lesson on Friday.

FLYING ARTS

This year I have been involved with a mentorship program run by Flying Arts Queensland which is based in Brisbane. They have been offering support with art programming and next Friday (31st July), Therese Flynn-Clarke, who is the education project co-ordinator, will be flying up here to work with our students for the day. They will be doing a variety of art projects developing their creativity and integrating the art with the geography curriculum.
WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN DOCKETS
A reminder that we have registered with the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. It runs until the 8th September 2015. For every $10 spent at Woolworths (excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards) they will give us a sticker to be placed on the sticker cards. Once completed, the sticker cards can be placed in the collection box, either at the school or at Woolworths store. Once the program finishes the completed stickers cards are sent back to Woolworths. Points go towards purchasing resources from Modern Teaching Aids, for the school. Thank you for your support. Attached please find two sticker cards. Please contact the school when you require additional sticker cards.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos have been organised for Wednesday 29th July. Please return the completed order form with appropriate money by Monday 27th July.

SCHOOL CAMP
This year our school camp will be held at Kinchant Dam from 23rd to 27th November. This camp is open to all students from Prep – Year 6. Teachers attending this camp will be Miss Murphy and Mrs Brinkworth. The cost for this camp is $300. A teacher will be provided at school during this week for any students not attending the camp. So that buses etc can be organised, could you please indicate whether your child/ren will be attending the camp. This information is required by Monday, 27th July. Parents are welcome to pay this amount off in instalments.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015
A reminder that completed forms for the Premier’s Reading Challenge are to be returned to the school, please.

PLAYGROUP
A reminder that Playgroup is held at the School fortnightly on a Friday from 9am – 10:30am for children under school age. The next playgroup date is Friday 31st July.

P & C MEETING
Our next P & C meeting will be held on 24th July 2015 at 3pm.

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SPELLING TIP: Change ‘f’ (or ‘fe’) to ‘v’ and add ‘es’, ‘ed’ or ‘ing’, but not when the word ends with double ‘f’ (some exceptions: beliefs, chiefs, roofs).

I, ........................................................................................................, give permission for my child/ren to attend the school camp at Kinchant Dam from 23rd to 27th November 2015 at a cost of $300 per child. I accept that the Department of Education, Training and the Arts does not have personal accident insurance cover for students.

Signed...................................................................................