Wednesday, 27th January, 2016

Welcome to the 2016 school year. We welcome our new families to our school and trust they enjoy their time with us. Our first day went very well with our new Preps enjoying their first full day of school.

Our Key Priorities - 2016 · Literacy and Numeracy
Each week we are concentrating on reading, writing, punctuation and spelling activities in an endeavour to improve our students’ literacy skills.

Responsible Behaviour Plan
Be Safe
Be Responsible
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

Educational research states it is vital for children to read daily. It is our goal that 100% of our students will read each week night as part of their homework. Prep students need to be read to so that they develop a love of reading. Please read stories to your child. To assist us we require parents to please sign their child’s communication/homework book when you listen to your child read. Our students have come up with some great rewards for achieving 100%. With your support and encouragement I’m sure we can reach our goal.

Enrolments
Our enrolment for this year will be 25 students from Monday. At the moment we are operating as one class. Mrs Brinkworth will be teaching at our school from Monday to Wednesday. As of next week my administration day will be Wednesday. This may change after Day 8.

Swimming
This year we will be having swimming each Friday for the first five weeks at the Pat Wright Swim Centre in Mackay. This is part of our Physical Education curriculum and a vital lifeskill.

Would you please complete the permission form attached to the newsletter relating to the swimming program and send it back to the school tomorrow. The cost for the lessons is $20 per student per week. The school will be paying for the cost of travel. The coach will be leaving the school at 8:15am and returning to the school by 2:45pm each Friday.

If parents are planning on taking their children into Mackay for swimming or picking them up from the swimming pool, please notify the School.

Whilst swimming is happening there will not be any staff at the school however we will still be contactable by phone.

Water Bottles
It is vital all students have a water bottle so that they can stay hydrated. Please name these so that lost property can be returned to the rightful owner promptly.
**TUCKSHOP**

We have been advised that tuckshop will not commence at this stage until the P & C have had their first meeting. I am sorry for any inconvenience.

**LIBRARY**

This year students will be able to change their library books each Monday. Students will need a library bag in order to borrow library books and will need to be responsible for returning their books in the same condition.

**GUITAR LESSONS**

Once again our students are being given the opportunity to learn the guitar through Funky Beat Music Tuition. If you are interested in your child learning or continuing to learn the guitar, would you please complete the enclosed enrolment form and return to the school as soon as possible. Lessons will commence on Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} February 2016.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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