Principal’s Message:

Dear Parents

This Thursday is a significant day for all schools in Queensland. It is Day 8, the day when we submit our enrolment numbers to central office to determine our staffing numbers and the financial support we will receive for the year. I am pleased to advise that we have 29 students which will ensure that we maintain 2 full time teachers for the year. We will be advised about our teacher aide support hours on Friday also and I will then be able to work out what additional hours if any will be purchased by the school. There has been a reduction in administration hours for the office so there may be a mix of teacher aide and admin hours that need to be purchased this year. A final decision will be made on Friday after the allocation is advised. Cleaning and schools officer hours are not determined by numbers but floor and ground space so these do not change from year to year.

I would like to thank Mrs Genis and her family for all the hard work that has been put into the school gardens over the weekends in their own personal time. I am sure you will all agree that the garden outside the P-3 classroom and the lawns are looking great. The front gardens have been round-uped and ready for the new mulch. The senior students have also been very busy making sure that all the sprinklers are working well. I would like to thank Lachie Finch and his band of helpers for doing a great job. It is great to see everyone taking great pride in our school.

I will be absent from school next Thursday 13th February as I have my final appointment with my surgeon at Southport on that day. Therefore I will be taking Friday as my administration day for that week.

The Quinalow Sport Association meeting is this afternoon here at the school. All the small school carnivals and district meets will be decided at the meeting so there will be lots of dates in next week’s newsletter.

The students will be electing their sport’s captains on Friday and the presentation of badges will take place as soon as we are able to get them.

Monday 17th February is the P&C Meet and Greet, followed by the Bus meetings and annual general meeting. It begins at 6.00pm with a barbeque so it would be great to see as many families as possible present.

As we are moving into a mobile digital environment for student learning it would be advantageous for students to have their own set of headphones that fit into laptops and iPads. This has both health and availability advantages. This is not compulsory but is preferable.

Have a great week everyone!

Lee
Welcome to the first full week in P-3! We want to begin by thanking you for trusting us with your child’s education. We steadfastly believe that the academic and character development of your child hinges on our partnership. Communicating with you is very important to us, so please do not hesitate to contact us when you have a question, problem or a request. We are here to support our students in every way. We would like you to support us with your child’s homework. P-2 homework is set by me and year 3 English home work by Mrs Miller. Year 3 and 4 will be working in the Maths Mentals book for homework. You can:

1) Express high expectations for your child’s school performance
We need you to make sure that your child is doing his/her homework. Every child is given daily homework assignments. We need you to go over homework assignments with your child every night to make sure the homework is being completed. High frequency words should be practised EVERY day at home for better reading success.

2) Create a home environment that encourages learning
It is essential that we have your support. We need to make sure that your child is eating healthy at home, getting sufficient sleep, and coming to school on time. Your child needs a safe place to study, free of interruptions from the television, video games, and siblings.

Please remember to send a fruit to school every day for our morning fruit break. Every student has a show and tell day. Please see the front of their homework book for this information.

We will be doing Reading Groups on a Monday and Tuesday morning from 9-10pm. If you are interested in helping, please come and see us!

Have a great week!

Ronel and Kim

4-7 News:

This week the students are busy analysing short stories and ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl. They are having a lot of fun with the humorous side of these texts. We have also had an in depth look at the website “Reading Eggs” in preparation for our reading group activities. In Mathematics we are learning how to add and subtract fractions which can be a challenge for some. In Visual Arts we are going to be drawing things from nature that we see. We will be looking at line and perception of everyday articles. This week it is leaves and sticks. In health we will be having a look at our personalities and how this influences our perception of the world and others. It is a very busy environment in the 4-7 classroom.

P & C News:

It’s great to be back into the school year! Best wishes to students and staff for a successful year. We welcome our new families and invite you to come along to our monthly P&C meetings and various activities. We will be starting the first meeting on Monday 17th with a Family BBQ tea at 6.00 pm. Drinks and food provided by the P&C. This will be followed at 7.00pm with the 2 bus committees’ AGMs. It is important if you have children travelling on the buses that you attend. At 7.30pm the P&C AGM will commence. A movie will be provided for children during the meetings. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Tami hasn’t many replies for the Tuckshop roster, so please if you can help, get the form back in or see Tami. Tuckshop is a service to our school students and staff, and the more people that can help, the easier the load. With young children, it is possible to help for just the morning period. It is possible for men to also help. Matt and I have proved it!!

John Hensel 0429 92 42 92

Tuckshop:

I need more helpers for tuckshop. Please indicate on the tuckshop volunteers form the days you can do and send it back as soon as possible, so I can do up the roster for Term 1. Even if you can only spare one or two days a Term. If you’re new to tuckshop, come spend a day with an all day helper to see how things work. Note: There will be NO vanilla oak milks, the company does not make it anymore.

This week helper: M/H-Susan Radke, A/H-Karen Smith. Tami Mears—Tuckshop Convenor.
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Playgroup:

Meets Wednesday mornings, from 9-11 am. The first two visits are free, but then you must become a member of playgroup Queensland for insurance coverage. Cost to join is approximately $35 per year. The first meeting of the year is next Wednesday, 5th Feb.

Kim Welke—Playgroup Co-ordinator.

Book Club:

Please find sent home today our first Book Club for 2014. All orders need to be back to me by Wednesday February 12th.

Kim Welke—Book Club Co-ordinator.

There will be a BOWENVILLE FIRE BRIGADE GENERAL MEETING on Tuesday 18th February at the Bowenville Fire Shed at 7.30pm. It is essential that as many Local Property Owners and Residents attend as possible. So spread the word to those afar, for the Bowenville Fire Brigade district goes from the EAST, Prospect Rd near Jondaryan along Malu Rd, the Old Acland gravel road, Morgan’s Rd and Wonga Plains South Rd to the WEST, east side of Griffiths Rd to the creek, east of Auchmah Boundary Rd and over to the NORTH, south side of Quinalow Edgefield Rd almost to the North Branch of the Myall Creek to the SOUTH on the Jondaryan St Ruth Road. Many people are NOT on the Bowenville Mail Run, so will not receive this notice.
What did you do at school today?

When children come home at the end of the day, the questions they’re asked as they scurry to play is, “Tell me what you did at school today?”

And the answer they give makes you sigh with dismay: “Nothing, I did nothing today!”

Perhaps “nothing” means that I read a new book or made a creation with a special look maybe I painted a picture with red and blue, or wrote my own story that is really true.

Maybe I used the computer today or went outside on the yard to play.

Maybe today was the very first time that my scissors followed a nice straight line.

Maybe I led a song from the beginning to end or played with a special brand new friend.

When you’re only six and your heart has wings, “nothing” can mean so many things!

For a young child, “What did you do at school today?” can be a difficult question after a full day activity. Specific questions are more likely to prompt a discussion with your child. Why not try some of these:

• Will you sing me a song that you learned at school today?
• Who did you eat lunch with today?
• Tell me about a game you played during P.E.
• What happened in the book your teacher read out loud today?