Principal’s Message:

Dear Parents

Sorry to say that there was NO rain to report from the last week. It seems to have forgotten how to rain on the downs.

There are still some students who do not have all their books. To date we have been photocopying the pages needed from other student’s books. This is contrary to copying laws and cannot be done beyond this week. Therefore your child will be disadvantaged by not having their own texts. Please make sure that they have them for week 6.

Yesterday we had Qbuild and contractors here at the school doing the quotes for the replacement of the back fence that borders houses and Nicholson Street. The fence will be repaired where necessary and double gates will be erected near the recycling shed to prevent cars from driving onto the oval. We have had quotes given to do the repairs to the watering system on the oval from Warrego Water. These costs are substantial and we need to make sure that this valuable resource is not further damaged and work efficiently.

Mrs Hensel is busy working today on the strategies that are going to be implemented with the Year 3 and 5 students to ensure that all our students achieve above NMS in NAPLAN this year. I will be consulting with the parents involved over the next couple of weeks. Our focus is Spelling and Writing. These students will be working on learning the skills of writing and the rules of Spelling to assist them to improve their outcomes in these areas.

A financial audit will be conducted at the school on Wednesday and Thursday 12th and 13th March. This audit ensures that all policies and procedures are in place.

It is only 3 weeks to the softball/teeball carnival which will be held here at Bowenville on 20th March. Tuckshop orders will be sent home in the next week or so and all food will be required to be pre-ordered. Extra helpers will also be needed on the day.

The speech language pathologist will be visiting the school tomorrow.

The school nurse will be visiting and assessing students next Wednesday 5th March. If there are any outstanding forms please have them returned to the school by the end of the week.

Have a great week everyone!

Lee

Happy Birthday Mrs Biltoft
We had a splendid time getting to know Sammy Snake, who looks after the Letter S, in Letterland. She taught us about sandwiches, seals, sand, sunglasses, sunscreen, strawberries, slashing and much, much more. It was sensational to see the students as they created their snake, sing songs and stamp their names in super special colours! We also did the Letter T, meeting Talking Tess in Letterland. You can make ties, play with trains, learn about tigers and turtles and have a terrific Teddy Bears Picnic at home if you have a spare moment this week!

**Personal History Questions**

As part of our Social Sciences on Families we explore diverse family units, discuss and create family trees and explore our family histories. To help them with their inquiry each child individually formulated 3 questions about their family which will be sent home on Wednesday. I hope you have the time to discuss these questions with your child, write down the answers and send them back to school. They are all so proud of their families!

**Family Posters**

As part of our History unit we have been learning about our personal history. To continue with this inquiry we would love to find out about our families. Can you please select some photos with your child of your family members and create a family photo collage on the piece of paper provided. The more generations the better! Can these please be returned by Monday 31 March. Thanks for your assistance with this and happy collaging!

We Highly Encourage Healthy Morning Tea/Lunch Boxes. Healthy lunches and snacks are important for active children. It is important to offer healthy lunch box choices. Tips include fresh fruit, crunchy vegetables and a combination of protein, dairy and carbohydrate foods. Eating healthy food helps children concentrate and learn. However, healthy eating changes are not always easy to make. Try to set a good example with your own lunches. Encourage children to help choose and prepare their own lunch. They might like to make a list of the foods they enjoy. Praise your child when they choose healthy foods for their lunch box.

**Foods to put in a lunch box: Suggestions include:**

- Fresh fruit
- Crunchy vegetables
- A meat or protein food such as slices of lean meat, a hardboiled egg or baked beans
- Dairy food such as a cheese sticks or slices grated cheese, milk or yoghurt
- Starchy food such as wholemeal bread/roll, pita or flat bread, rice salad or pasta.
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**Home Reading**

The children are very excited to be receiving their home readers on a Monday. Please sign the record sheet and return every Friday. Please support your child with the reading process. The picture walk, character chat, making connections and concepts about print are just as important as the actual decoding component.

**Show and Tell** - I would like to say thank you in advance for supporting the children with their Show and Tell tasks. Their turn is so rewarding when they are prepared and organised. This week’s topics for students are to bring in something that starts with the same letter as the first in their name.

Have a great week! Ronel and Kim

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**4-7 News:**

This week we have started our English assessment tasks for Unit 1. We hope to have them completed by the end of next week. In Maths we are still working on representing and understanding how data is used and collated in everyday life. Lucky we are not using 2014 rainfall figures!

For the next few weeks we will go going out to practice softball and teeball and playing games against each other. Our new equipment is getting plenty of use.

Mrs M

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**P & C News:**

Please try to help out with Tuckshop if possible. Lots of help is needed especially for Tuckshop on Thursday 20th for the softball carnival. See Tami if you can help. The P&C last year donated $500 towards the cost of maintenance to the oval sprinkler system. If needed, we will look at donating some more to finish the maintenance. We have a fundraiser on Easter Saturday, running the chip Van at Brymaroo Rodeo. If possible please keep that afternoon/ night free.

John Hensel 0429 92 42 92

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**Tuckshop:**

I still need helpers for tuckshop especially all-day helpers. Can anyone do all-day on Thursday March 20th?

**This weeks special:** Hot Cross Bun and drink - $ 3.00 (please indicate which flavoured milk or juice)

**Term 1- Roster:**

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Tami Mears—Tuckshop Convenor.
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Dear Parents,

At last night’s P & C Meeting the introduction of home baking was discussed as being an option for Tuckshop morning tea on a Thursday. Patty cakes, muffins and large biscuits (choc chip, anzacs) would be all that is required.

As we have a child with a reported nut allergy all items are required to be nut free.

If you are willing to support this initiative by being added to a roster to bake please complete the form below indicating what you are prepared to cook. Please return the forms to the office asap so that the new Tuckshop menu and roster can be issued.

Thanking you for your ongoing support,
Lee Miller.

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HOME BAKING

☐ I am able to bake __________________________________________ for Tuckshop.
   I am willing to cook every __________________ weeks.

Name:_____________________________________

Phone Number: _________________________________
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

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