Important Dates to Remember…

- 14th March 2017 – Arts Council show for the whole school—Too Cool for Bullies
- 24th March 2017 – Cross Country Fun Run @ Wonga School
- 31st March 2017 – Last day of Term 1

School improvement focus:
Maths-Problem Solving, Writing-Vocabulary, Reading- inferential comprehension, Teacher capability development

Principal News:
Thank you to Therese and Shane for cooking and serving sausages at our sausage sizzle for the Parent Teacher Interviews, it was a great night. Our Pancake morning went extremely well with over $200 in profit made. Check out the photos below. Thanks to everyone who donated their time or items, it is very much appreciated.

Hints for listening to your child read

Before reading, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
• During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point, and imagine what will happen next time.
• After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
• When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or a page.
• On finding an unknown word: Pause to give your child time to work out the word. Prompt
  – go back to the beginning of the sentence, or read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence.
  – look for a clue in the picture or the words
  – look at the first letter and think about what the words could be
  – ask “Does this make sense?”
  – try to sound out the word
  – if necessary tell your child the word
Praise your child for trying even if mistakes are made.

Social Skills focus this week (ask your child about this):
Finding Solutions to Social Problems - When is it dobbling?

Behaviour Focus this week:
How to line up

Due to Education Department funding cuts as a result of our reduced student numbers this year, we have had to make changes to classroom timetables across the school. This has meant that Mel will now have a dual role as both our Admin officer and teacher aide. During the hours that Mel is on class, the office will be unattended and the answering machine will be in operation. We will check messages asap and appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this matter 😊 thanks

Have you returned your:
• Arts council - Too Cool for Bullies

National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 17th March
**Student of the Week**

PREP - Luana for always being ready to learn
Archie for a great effort in all areas

1/2/3/4 – Lylah for being a good supportive friend
Cooper for starting tasks on time

3/4/5 – Seth for his hard work during maths

5/6 – Zenji for working at a very high standard
Liam for being enthusiastic and hardworking

Congratulations to this week’s Student of the Week winners – Jasmine, Lylah, Charli O, Rhett, Lincoln, Marcia, Zane and Mitchell

Congratulations to this week’s Sight word awards recipients.

Pancake Day!!! What a success 😊 Everyone enjoyed their pancakes and thanks to all of the volunteers 😊
Handball Competition
During this week we put on a handball completion for the juniors and seniors. This was our first activity we had to organise. It was pretty hard because we weren’t used to organising a big event. We worked hard for three days plus planning before the event. We would like to congratulate the winners of both the handball competitions and every one that participated. Thankyou.
Student Council.

Senior Handball Comp winner: Thero
Junior Handball Comp winner: Jake L
MOTHER’S DAY STALL

This year we will again be holding our annual Mother’s day stall where the students can purchase a gift for their mother and we can raise money for resources for the lower school. Last year’s stall proved a success and the kids got such a kick out of independently selecting and purchasing a gift for their mother. But we need your help!!! If you would like to see this fabulous stall make a difference to our wonderful school community please drop donations off to Mel in the office. If you have any questions or information about business owners in the community who might be interested in making donations, please see Brooke or Veronica or contact us via email. Suggestions for donations include soaps, diaries, tea towels, candles, diffusers, key chains, fridge magnets, coffee mugs, photo frames. Please help make this stall a success.

DONATIONS:

The P&C are asking for any donations for future raffles and in particular the Easter raffle which will be happening soon.

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EASTER RAFFLE

5 prizes
$2 per ticket Drawn 24/03/17
Tickets available at the school office
Anyone able to sell tickets please call 0429697213

thank you & we appreciate your support
Dear Parents/ Guardians

I am Avishek Singh, JCU doctoral student with a study into how Daintree Ulcers are spread in the area around the Daintree River. As part of my thesis, I am investigating where the bacteria live in our environment and how humans pick them up.

I am currently collecting bandicoot droppings and taking swabs from live bandicoots to see if they come in contact with the bacteria while digging in the soil or by eating grubs, worms and insect larvae that live in the soil. In this way, the bandicoots can be an indicator of the bacteria being present in the soil.

If you have a bandicoot population at your property, you can help me by collecting scat for me. Sampling of scat is very easy process

Scat Sampling:
- Collect the dropping
- Place one specimen in the clip lock bag.
- Write your name, place caught and date on the bag.
- Seal the bag and place at room temperature.
- Contact me (details provided below) and I will come and pick the sample.

If, by any chance, you come through bandicoots with ulcer (small wound), please contact me as soon as possible. You can also help me by allowing me to set traps on your property or trapping by your own for me.

The Daintree Ulcer has affected a great many people in our area and it would be a wonderful breakthrough to find out how it is transmitted. The results of this research could help many people as the Buruli Ulcer as it is known in Africa has a terrible effect on many people’s lives in countries where treatment is not readily available.

With best regards,
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