Kym’s Korner

This week I’m off to the biannual state wide Principals Conference on Thursday and Friday. This important event allows us to work with other principals and education officials to set the direction for the coming years. We will hear from our new Minister for Education and participate in a number of workshops.

Back at school, students are excited about the new hand dryers in the toilets. Hopefully they will help us cut down on rubbish and keep our toilets cleaner.

At parade this week we had plenty of parents who came along to see their children get awards. Don’t forget if you would like to be notified of your students’ upcoming awards please email the office on admin@wellcampss.eq.edu.au

I would like to remind parents to download the free Qschools App. This is a wonderful tool to help keep you up to date with what is going on at school. If you would like more information please contact the office.

Kym

Parenting Pointers

10 golden rules for parenting success in 2015

The requirements for effective parenting are changing rapidly, just as the profile of parents is changing. If you add to this mix that children are growing up at the speed of light, information technology can make parents seem redundant, and increasingly parents claim lack of time is their biggest impediment to effective parenting. So what is a parent to do? Michael Grose, parenting expert, believes these 10 golden rules will successfully guide you along your parenting journey in 2015:

1. Talk more
2. Lean on others
3. Build confidence
4. Aim for redundancy
5. Lead the gang
6. Build developmental knowledge
7. Practice problem ownership
8. Swim against the tide
9. Be brave
10. Add emotional intelligence to your parenting mix.

Explanations to these 10 golden rules can now be found on our website. Please take the time to read Michael Grose’s article. You are more than welcome to discuss any of these ‘rules’ with your classroom teacher as we journey through 2015 with you and your child.

With Thanks

Sarah — our gardens are looking more and more lovely every day

Parents who attended the P-1 History session on Tuesday. The children loved having you in our classroom and were very excited to sing for you. Now we have lots of information to help us complete our project. Thanks too, to those parents who could not make it in to the school but answered the questions anyway.

Reminder:

P&C AGM

Monday 2nd March 7pm
Please come along

We have entered!

We are collecting entry forms from the Chronicle to have a chance at winning a $5000 classroom makeover. If you would like to help us, please cut out the coupons and send along to school. Many thanks!
Students in years 3 and 4 have been busy settling in to an exciting new school year with lots of interesting content in their subjects. In History we are exploring the world’s early explorers and Geography looking at the world’s continents, maps and scale. Each week in Visual Art we have created something very different which is becoming very handy in the classroom. Recently we made Monster Eating Bookmarks in which we use for our reading rotations. In maths we have been studying length and what one metre looks like. Using pieces of coloured paper our task was to create a one metre ruler that we can use for future measurement. This week in English we are finalising our persuasive text where we are arguing a point of view in support or against our given topics. We have the arguing part down pat! Don’t we parents?

We would also like to introduce our ‘Quiet Critters’

We are the Quiet Critters
We only come around
When you are working on task
And not making any sounds
If we come to join you
You’ll know you’re doing great
But until your voice is quiet
We sit here and wait . . .
Library Days
Please remember to bring your library bag if you would like to borrow books
Prep-1 (Miss Dowe) - Monday
2 (Mrs Richter) - Thursday
3-4 (Mrs Duncan) - Wednesday
5 (Mrs S) - Tuesday
6 (Mrs Trenaman) - Thursday

Tuckshop—FRIDAY—06.03.15
Morning Tea  Sarah T
Lunch  Suzanne Z & Grace Mc
Fruit Salad Prep  Nellie L
Home Baking  Fudgy Vanilla Slice (Kayleen A)
Lunch Special  Potato Bake (GF) - $3.00

School Sports Trials
Inner Downs Primary School Basketball trials, for students born 2003 or 2004, will be held on Thursday, 12th March, 2015 from 4pm to 5.30pm at Pittsworth State School. Please see the office for further information and nomination forms. Nominations close 6th March.

Darling Downs Primary School Golf trials, for girls and boys aged 11 years and younger, will be held on Monday, 23rd March, 2015 from 6.30am at the Toowoomba Golf Club. Please see the office for further information and nomination forms. Nominations close 6th March.

Darling Downs Orienteering trials, for students aged 10 years and older, will be held on Monday 23rd March, 2015 from 9.15am to 3pm at Goomburra. Please see the office for further information and nomination forms. Nominations close Friday, 13th March.

Miss Dowe
25 years!

Congratulations Karen!
25 years teaching with Education Queensland.

2015 School Photos
Order Forms have gone home today for this year’s School Photos. The photo book will be available at a cost of $25.00. The dates set down for the photos are Tuesday, 10th March and Friday, 13th March. Please ensure your children arrive to school on time, in their clean and correct school uniform, even if not ordering a book. (House shirt on the Friday) Families are able to purchase individual photos. These photos will be 5” x 7” and will be available for purchase for $3.00/photo. These photos have already been taken, if you would like to have a look at the photo prior to ordering, they are available for viewing in the school office. If you have any queries, or would like to look at past photo books, please don’t hesitate to contact the office.
**Date Claimers**

**February**

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We are going to trial email notifications of awards prior to Monday Parade. If you would like to be advised of your child’s upcoming awards please email the office (admin@wellcampss.eq.edu.au). This email will also be used to notify of newsletter updates.

**Star Kids**

Kayla S - For settling well into the school routine and working hard.

Declan - For trying very hard in all subject areas and working quietly.

Rohan - For working really hard especially in Science.

Jeanie - For being a responsible and helpful School Leader.
We are in the process of organising our school photo books for the year. The photo books will include the school, class and grade photos. The photo book is available at a cost of $25.00. The dates set down for the group photos are Tuesday, 10\textsuperscript{th} March and Friday, 13\textsuperscript{th} March. Please ensure your children all arrive to school on time, in their clean and correct school uniform, even if not ordering a book – please remember to wear your house shirt on Friday.

Families are able to purchase individual photos. These photos will be 5’x7’ and will be available for purchase for $3.00/photo. These photos have already been taken, if you would like to look at the photo prior to ordering, they are available for viewing in the school office.

Please note: as this process is completed using paypal, cash is the only payment option.

If you have any queries, or would like to have a look at past photo books, please don’t hesitate to contact the office.

Thank you.

Kym Stansbie
Principal

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School Photos 2015 : Order Form

Orders (together with payment) are due by Friday, 13\textsuperscript{th} March

Family Name: ................................

I would like to purchase ............ photo books - $25.00 each
I would like to purchase .......... individual photos - $3.00 each

I have enclosed $.................. Signed: ........................................