Week 8 Term 1 2017

‘Jimbour State School’s Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2017 is the Teaching of Writing with a sharp focus on sentence structure during term 1.’

Principal’s Pen

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Queensland Principal’s Conference - this was a very enlightening three days with some very important messages put forward. I’d like to share a few things from the conference with you. Over the 3 days there were many varied speakers with a wealth of educational knowledge. In the newsletter today you will see a ‘Reading at home’ statistic that is very interesting but also can be frightening. I have spoken many times about homework and how it has no impact on our students learning in primary school but reading is essential and this research shows this very clearly. I can’t stress enough to please read to or with your children at every opportunity you get as they will reap the benefits in the future.

Technology is coming! This message was about how in the near future computer coding will become a core subject in primary school. The world cannot currently keep up with the rate of development in this area so many jobs around technology have not even been created yet! The advancements around Drones was a big focal point showing how many jobs are being taken over by these machines. While jobs are being taken over, new ones are being created so our focus will change in these areas. They will require pilots, technicians and camera operators to work with these drones. Very interesting concepts.

Collaboration of all people involved in the learning, growth and development of a child has now been proven to have the biggest influence on student improvement. This is based around the child feeling happy and safe in their life as they see everyone around them working together. The old saying ‘It takes a village to raise a child’ is very true here. This is another point I am a strong believer in and I have also talked about previously but now have research with over 100 000 children to back up what I already believed.

Behaviour - I am currently working with a few students over some unacceptable behaviours that we have had going on during lunch breaks and on offsite activities. It is getting later in the term and we have students beginning to tire but this does not excuse some of the things that have been happening that I am following up currently. Thank-you for the support from all parents around this. It makes a big difference in the correcting of these behaviours when we all work together to show our children what is acceptable behaviour not just for school but in the wider community.

ICAS Tests - this year I will offer to our students these tests. ICAS stands for International Competitions and Assessments for schools. They are competitions in English, spelling, writing, maths, science and digital technologies. These are not for everyone but some students enjoy the challenge. The tests run between May and August and cost between $10 and $20 per test. These will be at parent’s expense as it is an optional activity. If you may be interested in your child/children being involved please come and see me. Thanks.

Upcoming Events - Please keep an eye on the ‘date claimers’ section of the newsletter to know what is coming up.

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**Principal's Pen Cont….**

**Same day contact:** If your child or children are going to be away please make contact with us at school by 9:30am.

If we have not heard from you one of the staff will ring to check in with you. Please be aware that this is an Education Department policy that we make contact and is about the safety of the students. We just need to be aware that students are where they should be. Thanks in advance for your support on this.

Have a great fortnight.

Darin May

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**PBL News**

This week we have had a focus on speaking respectfully to each other. This has come from, as a staff, we have noticed the way some students have been speaking to each other over the last week. This focus will be continuing throughout the rest of the term.

Our focus has been around how we like people to speak to us. On Friday we will be doing a session, including role play, on this area with the students working in groups to come up with a short play on how they think people should speak to each other at school or when they are with families outside of school.

We hope that when our students leave Jimbour State School that they leave as students who are heading along a path to being a responsible member of the wider community.

We have had our Jimbour Jewels in place for a few weeks now and some students have really enjoyed this change in the system. Our rewards will be organised on Friday’s (except for the free dress as this is formal uniform day) to keep it consistent. We will also have a movie available at school for them to watch so we do not need any movies brought in from home for this activity.

Keep up the good work students!

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**P&C Tuckshop - Each Friday**

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<td>Sausage Combo (seconds available) - with drink, ice block &amp; Home bake</td>
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**Bell Times**

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**Student Awards**

Students of the Week

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**Community Notices**

ALL PAST STUDENTS, STAFF AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN HISTORY ARE INVITED TO THE BIGGENDEN STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION GALA FETE and 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Saturday 29TH APRIL 2017 10:00am - 4:0000p Unique Market Stalls, Canteen, BBQ, Fried Foods, and a Variety of other Foods, Sample Bags, Lucky Dips, Face Painting, Cow Pad Bingo, Mini Golf, Knockems, Souvenirs, Anniversary Celebration Book, Coffee Shop Guess the Balloons in the Voxwagon, more stalls each day.

Vintage and Collectors Cars, Buy a Brick for the wall of memories and much much more.

Live Entertainment, Licenced Bar, Fashion Parade Open Classrooms featuring todays learning styles; Photo Gallery of Memories – Celebration Cake For more details or to buy a Brick please contact either bsm@biggendess.eq.edu.au or phone 4127 6333 or look at the schools Website www.biggendess.eq.edu.au