Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Lantern Festival: as most of you are already aware, we won the trophy for the ‘best creative group lanterns’ at the festival! This is a fabulous achievement for our group considering the number of groups we were involved in the event with and that there were over 700 little lanterns. What makes me proud here is that the students designed and created their own lanterns. They were not made by adults and given to children on the night. Well done everybody and a big Thank-you for so many people turning up on the night to support the group.

NAPLAN Online Trial: on Tuesday we had Claire Stanley visit us from Brisbane to look at our school readiness for NAPLAN online in 2018. We had a very successful morning and Claire was highly impressed with the skills and effort that our students in years 3 to 6 displayed on this day. She commended them on what they did and explained how this was going to help all students in Australia have a smooth transition to the online platform over the next few years. Great to again here positives about our students.

Woolworths Earn and Learn: if you shop at Woolworths could you please collect the Earn and Learn stickers. We have a box along the front wall in Woolworths or they can be dropped into the school. Every sticker helps so if you know anyone else who can collect them please let them know. Please be aware that when the final count is done they only count fully completed sticker sheets so if it is easier to just send stickers in please do so.

Speech Eisteddfod: I was very proud to see our juniors perform on this evening. It was great to show to a wider audience what they could do. Well done.

School Photos: our school photos are next Tuesday, 5th September. Could all students please wear Jimbour Formal Uniform (white blouse for girls) on this day as well as white socks. Formal uniforms will not need to be worn on Friday of this week.

Author visit: next Friday we have author, Brian Falkner visiting us to do some activities and a writing workshop with the senior class. He has written more than 20 books including Battlesaurus, Brain Jack and The Tomorrow Code. It will be great to have a professional writer work with our students on their writing.

Austin Car visit: on Tuesday, 12th September the Austin Car Club will be stopping at the ‘old tractor’ for morning tea with their cars. We have been invited over to have a look at these cars and ask questions about them. Over the next few weeks can you please talk with your children about what sort of questions they may ask of the owners of these classic cars.

Upcoming Events: Please keep an eye on the ‘date claimers’ section of the newsletter to know what is coming up. It has reached that time in the term when I have a number of cluster and regional meetings to attend. This is because other staff are not on site as early as I am but we will have someone there for the bus at around 8:15am. The following dates are meetings that I am currently aware of:

- Thursday, 31 August.

Date Claimers

**Term 3**
- 31 August - Quinalow Soccer & Netball Carnival yrs 3-6
- 5 September - School Photos

**September / October Holidays**
- 16 September to 01 October

**Term 4**
- 02 October - Queens Birthday
- 10 October - School Swimming Begins for 5 weeks
- 9-13 October - Book Fair
- 13 October - Book Character Dress Up Day
- 16 October - Pupil Free Day
Principal's Pen Continued....

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

Attendance

Does Attendance Really Matter?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but......

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2017 Attendance Rate: 94.69%

Goal Attendance Rate: 96%

School Photos

‘Country School Photos’

will be at our school to take class, portrait and sibling photos

on

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Each student is to bring their envelope to the photographer on photo day. Envelopes will be sent home next week. One envelope per child.
Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually.
Photo packages and prices are on the envelope. Payment can be made by cash, credit card or cheque.
Sibling photo needs only to be ordered on your eldest child’s envelope.
As only a “Whole School” photo will be taken, parents with more than one child may find the options below helpful if only one All of School photo is required.
Child 1 - $29 Photo Pack including All of School photo
Child 2 and subsequent children - $19 Portrait Photos only (just cross out Photo Pack and write ‘Portrait only $19’ on envelope)
So, if a parent has 3 children they would pay $29 + $19 + $19 = $67
Sibling photo, if required, is separate again - $20

Tuckshop

| 01st September: Wraps - Ham/Chicken/Salad | $3.00 | Thecla |
| 08th September: Nachos | $3.00 | Katie & Teisha |

What we are doing in class?

On Tuesday for our quickwrites task the 1’s and 2’s listened to a story called When Henry caught Imaginitis. The children loved listening to this book about a sensible little boy who suddenly starts using his imagination. Initially Henry was worried about these thoughts and thinks there was something wrong with himself however eventually he enjoys where his imagination take him.

The children were given only 15 minutes to do a quickwrite and discuss the story. Here are a few samples of what they have written.

One sunny day Henry was his boring old self. And then he started to imagine. He saw lots of things. His favourite one was the dragon. His second favourite was the bird. Henry loved his imagination. By Alec

On the holidays Henry was being his boring old self. He didn’t want to go outside AT ALL! He sat there so bored and then a very odd thought popped into his head. It was about a dragon. He hated it so much that he ran back to the bookshelf to find a sensible book to read. By Alice

One windy and scary day Henry sat on the couch then suddenly he imagined he turned into a whale. He tried to change back, he tried to be sensible. By Paige

The Preppies also did their quickwrites however they have been writing two lined rhymes. The word I gave them at the end of line one was plane. They had to brainstorm all the rhyming words that could go with plane and then write down a two line rhyme. This is what they came up with.

I flew in a plane.
It was insane.
By Beau

I jumped in a plane.
And there was lots of rain.
By Kade

School Swimming

Swimming lessons for all students will commence in Week 2, Term 4 each Tuesday for 5 consecutive weeks and take place at Dalby Aquatic Centre on the following dates:

Tuesday, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st October and 07th November

The students will travel by bus to and from the pool. The cost of the swimming lessons is $25.00 per child for the term of 5 lessons (Due to the costs incurred by the school to cover transport, refunds for non-participation will not be given) and Payment is required in full before your child can attend swimming by Thursday, 5th October or earlier. Invoices will be sent home in week 9 of this term. Please note; the school is moving away from cash payments. The school’s preferred payment method is BPOINT which can be found on the bottom left of the invoice.

Swimming is a vital component of our HPE program and it is expected that all students participate. Our school lessons will be with fully qualified instructors.

If your child is unable to participate in a particular lesson then we will require a written note from the parent/guardian prior to the lesson. Those students not participating will be given alternative school work to complete under supervision.

Book Fair

Book week will begin on Monday, 9th October in Week 2 of Term 4 and run over the full week. Books & stationary items will be on display for purchase in the library and opening times will be sent home closer to the date. Students will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday, 13th October.