



Aim High With Praise

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Dates to Remember

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Principal's Diary

(This section of the newsletter outlines meetings and events during the school year where the Principal will either be out of the school or unavailable.)

12 June Data Meeting
12:30pm – 4:00pm

19 June Numeracy Project
12:30pm – 4:00pm

Students of the Week

Toby and Lachlan were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

In the Classroom

Sight Words Certificates:

Trent: Golden Words
Blue Words

Damon: Golden Words
Red Words

Remembering Miss M-G

As many of you would know, our much-loved teacher and friend, Miss M-G, lost her battle with illness last Wednesday night. As a tribute to Miss M-G and to ensure her memory lives on at our school, we have organised two events to celebrate our time with her.

Memorial Tree Planting

The staff and students would like to invite any parents or community members who are available to attend a sausage sizzle and tree planting in memory of Miss M-G.

This sausage sizzle and tree planting will be held at the school on Thursday 26th June at 1:00pm. If you are able to make it please come along and share your memories of Miss M-G.

Balloon Release

Today the staff and students remembered Miss M-G by releasing 30 hot pink helium balloons into the sky. Hot Pink was Miss M-G's favourite colour and this event allowed the staff and students to join together in remembering our very special friend.

Below is a photograph of the balloon release.



Singout

Tomorrow, three of our students (Jelica, Cindy and Bernie) will be participating in Singout 2014 at the Empire Theatre.

The students will spend all day at the theatre rehearsing for their performance as part of a cluster choir that night.

Parents and friends are reminded that if they are intending to attend the evening performance they will need to purchase tickets from the Empire Theatre prior to the event.

Welcome Mrs

Goodman

We would like to welcome Mrs Goodman to our staff. Mrs Goodman will be working at our school every Thursday for the remainder of the year to provide my Admin Day. Mrs Goodman will be conducting our Science program and it is great to have her on the team.

Soccer/Netball

Carnival

On the last Friday of this term our Year 5, 6 and 7 students will be participating in the annual Soccer/Netball Carnival in Gatton. A reminder to parents that it is your responsibility to arrange transport to and from the respective venues on the day.

Chappie's Corner

Helping children grieve

In days gone by parents often didn't tell their child about death and this has led to many adults feeling a fear about death and dying. Grief is a part of life and gives us the opportunity to talk about the one we have lost and also to care for each other.

The attitude your child develops towards grief and death will come from you. It is important that you help your child understand that this is a normal part of life and that we all experience pain and sadness.

Allow your child to talk openly about their feelings and answer their questions appropriately. A lot of detail is not necessary; keep it appropriate to their age.

Some children won't be able to talk about their feelings and may benefit from drawing, making a card, having a little ceremony. Don't make too big a deal about it, be calm and understanding.

Reassure them that the one who has died is no longer in any pain.

Don't try to avoid the issue or distract them; this gives your child the message that grief and death are something to be avoided and feared.

Younger children could ask the same questions over and over again, deal with this.

Some younger children may regress in their behaviours; they may seek to sleep in your bed, may need lots of cuddles, and may be temporarily unable to do simple tasks.

Some children act out with bad behaviour –maintain your standards. Your child needs consistency however, be understanding of their need to do this.

Some children will remain dry eyed when others are crying, do not confuse this with "children are resilient / tough". Children express their grief in different ways. Try to encourage them to talk perhaps by doing something together, then comment, "Gee, I miss..." or "I feel sad about.." . This may be helpful for your child to actually talk or just allow them to see that we all grieve in our own way.

Grieving takes time, allow for this. Sadness may last, questions may come up again. Treat this as part of the process and allow the time for your child to heal.

These websites below may be of some help to you.

http://www.grief.org.au/grief_and_bereavement_support/understanding_grief/supporting_children
http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/griefwar.pdf

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P & C News

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be every Monday and orders need to be in by Thursday of each week.

Please place your money in an envelope and write your order on the order form attached to each week's newsletter.

We would like to thank Tenthill Store who are the providers of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 19th June at 5:30pm.