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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.)

23 Aug  Zone Athletics
09-20 Sep  Long Service Leave

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Tuesday the 17th September. An order form for these photos was sent home with last week’s newsletter.

Please return these forms no later than Friday 13th September.

Book Club

Please note that Book Club orders are due back to the school no later than Monday 02nd September.

Students of the Week

Ashley and Sasha were the proud recipients of this week’s “Student of the Week” awards.

In the Classroom

Sight Words Certificates

Chase:  Red Words
Jackson C:  Orange Words
Indigo Words
Sasha:  Cranberry Words
Ashley:  Garnet Words
Olive Words
Emerald Words

Under 8’s Day

Friday the 06th September from 9:00am until noon is the Annual Lockyer Valley Under 8’s Day held at Gatton State School.

It is expected that all of our Prep – Year 3 students will attend this morning of great activities.

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents to organise transport for their child to and from this event.

Lockyer Zone Athletics

Congratulations to all of those students who participated in the Lockyer Zone Athletics Carnival last Friday. I was very proud of all of our students and the manner in which they competed and behaved.

Special congratulations to Levi and Kasey who have been selected to compete in the Regional Trials.

Congratulations Bernie

Congratulations to Bernie who attended an Athletics Carnival in Toowoomba last Friday and performed extremely well in her events.

Whole School Camp

A booking has been made at Murphy’s Creek Escape for a whole school camp in term 4. The dates for this camp are the 22nd – 24th October. A note outlining more details and asking for you to indicate if your child will be attending or not was sent home two weeks ago. This note is due back tomorrow.
Chappie’s Corner

12 coping strategies every child can use when life gets hard.

Strategy 2  Don’t let it spoil everything.

Help your child to park his or her bad thoughts somewhere.

The ability to compartmentalize bad events and keep them from affecting all areas of life is a powerful coping skill. Resilient sports people such as golfer Greg Norman and former cricketer Shane Warne have the ability to segment their lives and prevent disappointment (in the case of Norman) or personal issues (in Warne’s case) from impacting on their sporting performance.

Somehow they park their HFD’s* for a time, and they revisit these issues when they choose.

Similarly, kids can be encouraged to park their HFD’s for a time so that they can function normally and then revisit them when it suits.

For instance, if something negative happens at break time at school they need to make sure that it doesn’t spoil their whole day. They need to think about something else when they are in class and revisit their issue later on when they have space to think and talk to you.

This strategy requires kids to distract themselves, think about something else and focus on the job at hand.

What to say: “Park your problems for a while.”

“Don’t let this wreck your day.”

*Hardships, frustrations and disappointments

www.parentingideas.com.au

I will be away for a few weeks; I am taking leave to visit my daughter in the USA. See you in the new term.

Celebrate Australian Flag Day

Tuesday 3 September is Australian National Flag Day and the 112th birthday of our National Flag.

Did you know 14-year-old school boy Ivor Evans was one of the five people whose similar designs won the competition to design Australia’s flag? The winners shared £200 prize money which was still a lot of money for a student back then.

One change has been made since the original design was first flown in Melbourne on 3 September 1901. If you missed the point of difference you can look it up on www.australianflag.org.au/.

Last chance to contribute to The Queensland Plan

If you’ve thought about the opportunities and careers you would like your kids to have in the future but haven’t responded to The Queensland Plan yet this week is your last chance.

Thinking about where you want our community to be in 30 years’ time can be a fun challenge. Our students will be in the workforce and some of us will be retired but what do we hope Queensland will be like then?

Visit www.queenslandplan.qld.gov.au and answer one, some or all six questions by 30 August to share your views and help guide the state’s future.

P&C NEWS

Toy Catalogue

Attached to this newsletter is a note and catalogues for our annual Toy Shopping Fundraiser. Please note that orders are due back to school by Wednesday 18th September.

Election Day

As you would be aware the Federal Election is being held on Saturday 07th September.

The P&C Association will be conducting a cake stall and sausage sizzle on the day.

If you are able to assist by providing baking for the cake stall this can be dropped at the school anytime on Friday 06th September. If you can assist on the day with the sausage sizzle this will also be appreciated.

The P&C are also running a car boot sale on this day. If you would like to have a stall at this sale the cost will be $10 payable on the day. Stallholders will need to provide their own tables etc for their stall.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 05 September at 5:30pm.

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 Patricia and Cecil Stuart at the Ma Ma Creek Store who are the providers of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week.