Calendar of Events

JULY
17/18 Gatton Show Strawberry stall
24 P/1/2 reports
25 Ma Ma Creek Exhibition
31 School photos
AUGUST
10 Show Holiday
11 Caffey sports—9yrs & older
13 Caffey sports—whole school

Our school newsletter is published every fortnight and also available on our school website.

EVERYDAY COUNTS!
Our school target is 95% attendance.
IN SEMESTER 1 2015, OUR SCHOOL’S OVER-ALL ATTENDANCE RATE IMPROVED AND IS NOW 93.3%
PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK IN GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.
Parents must supply a reason for an absence.

P&C Association
Tuesday 28th July
School library
3.30pm
All Welcome

SCHOOL HOURS:
School commences at 8.55am
School finishes at 3.00pm
Please be prompt. Late arrivals need to sign in at the office.

From the Principal…
Attendance
Term 3 is here with plenty of cold weather. Last semester, our student attendance rate increased, from 92.3% to 93.4% So a big thank to all of our parents who are making the effort to ensure your child/ren are attending school. Remember, your child cannot learn if they are not at school. As the cold and flu season is also here, we realise that students cannot attend if they are too unwell. If this is the case, please let us know at school each day that he/she is absent and the reason for the absence. We appreciate your assistance with this.

School Opinion Survey.
This survey is undertaken each year by Education Queensland to obtain the opinions of parents/caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve.
All surveys are now completed online. Every families will receive a blue invitation letter with the website and a unique individual access code (to maintain confidentiality). I would like to encourage as many families as possible to complete this survey. The survey is now open and close on 31st July.

Around the Classrooms
Prep—Yr 2 (Mrs Samuelsen) This term in English students will identify stereotypes and characters that defy stereotypes within picture books. We will also be responding persuasively to narratives that we read.

Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) We have started our new unit in English this week. We are looking closely at traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island stories and the language features that are used to enrich the stories.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) This week we have started a new English unit and will listen to, read and view extracts from literary texts set in earlier time. We are looking at how events and characters are created within historical contexts.
Tent Hill Lower is a Positive Behaviour for Learning School!
This fortnight’s positive learning expectation is:
Be On Time For School!

SCHOOL NEWS...

Teachers
This term there has been a slight reshuffling of teachers in the classrooms.
Mrs Samuelsen has reduced her teaching load to 3 days a week from Mondays to Wednesdays. Mrs Martin is now teaching P/1/2 on Thursday and Friday.
As a result, Mrs Martin has swapped teaching days with Mrs Kowitz in the Yr 5/6 class. So Mrs Martin will take the class on Monday and Tuesday, and these days will now become Mrs Kowitz’s admin days. Mrs Kowitz will take the class from Wednesday to Friday.

Have you heard about our Homework Club?
As part of our school’s Great Results Guarantee agreement, our school has used some Teacher Aide funding to establish a Homework Club which operates from Tuesday to Friday mornings 8.30 to 9.00am. Miss Daw has organised many of the older students to read with the younger students every day. She also supports students with any aspect of their homework that they have been unable to complete independently at home. Some students also use this time to access school computers and internet to log onto Reading Eggs. So if you have a child in the younger grades and you would like him/her to have some additional reading practice, it would be a good idea to drop them off at school around 8.30am. If you would like to know more about Homework Club, feel free to enquire.

LOTE and The Arts HAPPENINGS:
Music
Years 3 – 6 have begun Recorder. Most students will already have recorders from last year, if not recorders can be purchased from the P & C for $10 each.

LOTE
Students in Year 6 are invited to participate in Oktoberfest early in Term 4. A note will be sent home soon with more information. Parents and caregivers might like to note that there will be a cost of $42.00

Playgroup
Every Wednesday 9-11am.

Student Jumpers
With the cooler weather here, could you please ensure that your child wears a jumper or coat to school. It can be quite cold for students when they are outside eating & playing. Please ensure all clothing items are clearly named.

Caffey Sports
This year, the Caffey Athletics Carnival will be held at the Ropehill Sportsground as follows:
Tuesday 11th August—students 9 yrs and older
Thursday 13th August—All P-6 students attend
Parent transport is required on both of these days. So please consider any arrangements you may need to make around this.

P&C NEWS
Strawberries & Ice-cream Stall—
Have you checked your rostered time
What: Strawberry & Ice-cream Stall at the
When: Friday 17th & Saturday 18th July, 2015
Where: Gatton Show
Any queries contact Kym know on 0409063838.

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)
All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection. According to the broad definition in the Disability Discrimination Act students with a disability may include children with a diagnosis like ASD, ID, PI; some children seeing paediatricians, psychologists, therapists; some migrant children, some children with significant health needs.

The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the: number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability; level of adjustments we provide for those students; and broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. Your child’s teacher discusses adjustments with you during parent teacher interviews and at other times they meet with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the: Department’s website: http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html