Calendar of Events

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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 93.5%
PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK IN GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.
Parents must supply a reason for an absence.

P&C Association
Tuesday 8th September
(August meeting is cancelled due to Caffey Sports)
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.

2015 Gatton Show Winners

From the Principal...

School Opinion Survey.
Please remember to complete the School Opinion Survey by this Friday. To date only 2 parents have responded, so I strongly encourage all families to have their say. All of the students from Years 4-6 have completed the students’ survey. If you have trouble accessing a computer or the Internet at home, parents are always welcome to use the computers here at school. The survey is completely confidential, with every access code unique, so no individual can be identified. If you have misplaced your blue access letter, there are some more copies at school, so please ask. The School Opinion Survey closes on 31st July.

Maths Improvement Journey
Our school focus for 2015 is on improving Maths across the school. As part of this agenda, Mrs Martin and Mrs Peach attended a 2 day ‘Back to Front Maths’ facilitators workshop last week. Some exciting innovations about enhancing students’ conceptual understanding of Maths has emerged from these two days. As a result, teachers will be trialling some of these new strategies in classrooms over the coming months. The strategies will challenge some of the misconceptions that students can develop (for a whole host of reasons) and help them create deeper understandings, particularly in Number and place value. We will also including some tips for parents to help your child at home with developing an understanding of Maths, so please look out for this section.

Around the Classrooms

Prep—Yr 2 (Mrs Samuelsen/Mrs Martin) We are working every day on number concepts, with the Prep students consolidating their knowledge of numbers less than 10. The Year Ones are working on their understanding of 2-digit numbers while the Year Twos are working on problem solving with 2-digit numbers.

Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) In English, we are working through a unit of work about traditional Aboriginal stories. Students are retelling one of these stories and looking closely at the language features used.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) In Maths, students are learning multiplication and division. Students are using hands-on materials to create arrays to enhance their understanding of multiplicative thinking. We are also extending this to division and creating extended facts.
Whole School Excursion

All students from Prep to Year 6 will be involved in a whole school excursion to the Jondaryan Woolshed on Friday 4th September 2015. We will be attending the Jackie Howe Festival which will be a chance to relive station life as it was in the 1890's. Students will have the chance to experience the excitement of a working woolshed with a re-enactment as it was in its glory days. There will be many demonstrations including a working horse demo, ‘Schools In’ re-enactment, blacksmith, Machinery Grand Parade, whip making, bee keeping, horse and cart rides, miniature train rides, animal nursery, etc. There will be a bus to take the students to and from this event.

Cost to students will be—$10 each. The P&C and the School will contribute the other two-thirds of the cost. Please do not send any money yet until the follow up permission form is sent home which will outline all of the details. Parents are also welcome to join us. Admission for adults is $17.50.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—FRIDAY 9AM
Orders & money due NOW.

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.

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
Thank you to all our supports/ helpers for the Strawberry Stall at the Gatton Show.

Date Claimer…..

P&C Car Boot Sale!
Where: Tent Hill Lower S.S.
When: October 10th
Please mark this date in your diaries!

Maths Tips for Parents...
Topic: “Making amounts less than 10”
Target Groups—Pre-Prep-Prep– Yr1

Did you know that pointing at objects and counting them does not necessarily mean that a child knows how many there are? Don’t believe it? Try rearranging the objects and see if the child knows (without recounting) how many are in the group.
Gathering a given number of objects is much more important than counting existing collections. So instead
- Ask your child to bring 6 objects. Did they get it right?
- Ask your child to set the table for dinner. Ask “How many people do you think will be there.”
- When shopping: Ask your child to place 4, 5 or 6 apples in a bag.
- Something harder: “How many ways can you make $1 using coins?”

Gatton Show Winners
Congratulations to the following people who won prizes in the schools’ section at the Gatton show.
Bailey Kuhn 1st Yr 1 Drawing
Aimee Kerwick 1st Yr 3 Collage
Abbey Bauer 1st Yr 3 Painting
Abby Bauer 2nd Yr 3 Collage
Angel Hauraki 1st Yr 4 Collage
De Dettrick 1st Yr 6 Collage
Declan Fowler 2nd Yr 1 Drawing
Aydan Samuelsen 2nd Yr 4 Collage
Jasmine Alcock 2nd Yr 5 Drawing
Jasmine Alcock 2nd Yr 5 Drawing
Jackson Baker 3rd Prep Collage
Lucas Rohde 3rd Yr 5 Drawing