From the Principal…

We are fast approaching the end of Term 3. It has been quite hectic as always. It was fantastic to see so many of our Dads attending the Father’s Day breakfast last Wednesday. The dads enjoyed a sumptuous bacon and egg roll and waited on by their children of course! Following this the fun really started with the vortex challenge. Who could make the vortex whistle? Who could throw it the furthest? Well luckily the bell rang otherwise the teachers would have had several more oversized students for the day.

Quote of the day from Troy and Mark—"We haven't had this much fun since primary school!". Hopefully there will be many more memorable moments like this in the future.

2016 Enrolments
The school is now taking enrolments for 2016. If you know of any families with prep age students for 2016, please encourage them to give us a call and to pick up an enrolment pack. In Term 4 a number of Prep transition days will be held as follows: Friday October 30th; Monday November 9th; Thursday 26th and Tuesday December 1. The days vary to suit the differing schedules of families. So we hope to see as many people as possible on one or all of these days.

Condolences
On behalf of the school community, I would like to express my condolences to Miss Daw, whose father recently passed away, and also to Mrs Samuelsen, whose mother passed away last week. Our thoughts are with you and your families.

Jondaryan Woolshed
It was a perfect day last Friday when we visited the Woolshed. There was a lot of learning about Australia’s past. A great time was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all of our parent helpers who also came along for the day.

Everyday Counts!
Our school target is 95% attendance. In Semester 1 2015, our school’s overall 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.

Around the Classrooms
Prep—Yr 2 (Mrs Samuelsen/Mrs Martin) During Mrs Samuelsen's absence the Year P/1/2 have been working hard to impress Mrs Shearer with their hard work. The students have continued to focus on character reviews and have considered adding new describing words to their word bank.

Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) We would like to welcome Miss Lee-Ann Martin to our classroom for this week and next. Miss Martin is a student teacher from USQ and will be teaching some lessons. We are halfway through the reading of “Rowan of Rin”. The students are intrigued by the book and the riddles that are big part of the storyline.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) Congratulations to the class on learning their number facts! We have started a new rotation of number facts, and most students have shown great progression in their speed and accuracy. Half the class have demonstrated a good knowledge of all operations in number facts, and are working on extended facts.
SCHOOL NEWS...

School Watch
Please keep a watchful eye over our school during the holiday.
School Watch 13 17 88.

Playgroup
Every Wednesday 9-11am.
Playgroup are holding a fundraiser where parents are invited to purchase quality education focused toys, games & gifts by Educational Experience.

Parent / School Information
With regard to the welfare and safety of our students the school would appreciate being notified of any changes to contact details. This also applies to students being collected by other parents / relatives etc. Thank you to those families who have already responded to this request.

LOST PROPERTY
The school is starting to accumulate a lot of UNMARKED lost property. Please check if your children are missing hats, jumpers etc.

School Swimming
We anticipate that we will commence school swimming week 2 of Term 4. At this stage no further information is available regarding costs etc.

P&C NEWS
The P&C will provide the students with a free end of term BBQ on Thursday Sept 17. Students still require morning tea on that day. We are having the BBQ on this day as the older students are involved in a Soccer/Netball carnival the following day.

Car Boot sale - Calling all families!!! As you all will be aware from the attached flyer that we are holding a car boot sale on Sat 24th Oct. With swimming coming up next term, we are looking to make this a successful fundraiser to reduce the costs on every family. Come along and support your P&C, have a spring clean out over the holidays and book a site and make some extra $. We will need families to bake and help on the day with our sausage sizzle and vegetables stall. Thanks in advance!

MATHS TIPS FOR PARENTS...
Topic: “Relative size of numbers”
Target Groups — Yr1-Yr2 – Yr 3-Yr 4 – Yr 5= Yr 6
One of the most important concepts that kids needs to develop in maths is a sense of ‘roughly how big’ numbers are compared to each other. Kids who think that $100 is a huge amount of money rather than understanding that it is big compared to $10 and pretty small compared to $1000, will be likely to have trouble working out how to budget effectively when they start earning a real income.

Try these activities at home:
• When talking about money, ask your child what dollar value an amount is closest to (e.g. $1.90 I closer to $2 than $1.)
• Use a measuring tape to measure lengths of string. Give your child a piece of string 100cm long and another 10cm long. Ask them to measure anything they, want to in the house—how many of each does string does it take to measure the hallway, the door, yourself? Feel free to call 100cm a metre but make sure your child knows that you are talking about 100cm. As you compare lengths, talk about how big they are compared to the 100cm - are they much smaller, about half, almost the same length or over 100 cm.

Excerpt from ‘Fixing Misconceptions in Maths’ p 59 by Tierney Kennedy

PARENTING CORNER….
(From Michael Grose Parenting ideas newsletter)

Managing anger is the biggest emotional issue that most children face. Boys, in particular, seem so angry at the moment, and I’m not sure why. Currently, our community is undecided about how to handle anger. In fact, anger is discouraged as we see no place for it in homes, schools or the community. 'People in a civil society don’t get angry' seems to be the conventional wisdom so we bottle it up rather than express it healthily. The trouble is anger handled in this way simmers away making a person unhappy and depressed or it bursts forth in awful, uncontrolled ways.

Here are five ways to help boys (and girls) manage anger in healthy ways:
1. Recognise it The first step is to help kids recognise that they are angry. What are the signs? What are they thinking? We are all different but tension in the shoulders, restricted breathing and clenched teeth are common signs of anger. The Mood Meter offers a visual way for kids to recognise their emotions.
2. Name it Developing a vocabulary around anger is important. The more nuanced kids' language is, the better. Annoyed, angry and enraged are very different emotions but are often described as the same.
3. Choose it Help children recognise that they have a choice to stay in control or lose control when they get angry.
4. Say it Encouraging children to express how they feel is okay unless no one is hurt. The use of 'I Statements' is one way of letting others know how they feel. “I feel really mad when you say nasty things about me...” is one way of being heard.
5. Shift it Help children shift their anger to a more pleasant and less energised place. Kids can shift their moods by modifying their thinking or altering their physiology. They may go for a run, play a physical game or pour their anger into a protest letter to let their frustrations out.

The maxim of managing anger in healthy ways is: “There's nothing so bad that we can't talk about it. However, there are behaviours that we don’t engage in when we are angry.

YOU CAN learn the skills to help you and you kids better manage challenging emotions including anger in an online course. Everything you need is supplied to make this a wonderful learning experience. Mood Meter Program. This course is starting 11th September. You can access it at Michael’s website at the following link: http://www.parentingideasclub.com.au/Info/Mood-Meter-Program
Students of the Week

Working Well in the Classroom
Amber, Shannon, James

Playing Safely
Joey, Declan, Bly

Following Buds on the Excursion
Aimee, Lucyanne, Elijah, Joey, Paul, Macey

Father’s Breakfast Day Fun!

Jondaryan Woolshed Excursion