Calendar of Events

March
11 Book Club forms due
16 Bullying No Way Day
17/18 School Review Unit visit
19 Anita Archer conference
18 Cricket/Softball Carnival
21 PBL meeting
24 Skip off
   End of Term 1
April
11 Term 2 starts

P&C Association
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 12th April
School library
3.30PM
All Welcome

From the Principal...

School Review
Next week, our school will have our four yearly school review. Two school reviewers will visit on Thursday and Friday to look at our school’s performance data and other relevant school information. They will conduct interviews with staff, students, parents and other members of the school community. A number of parents have volunteered to be contacted by our reviewers and I wish to thank these four people for their time. At the completion of the review, the team will present its findings to the school. A written report will follow with more detailed information to support our school improvement agenda. The school review forms part of a four yearly cycle. From the recommendations, we use this information as part of our Quadrennial School Review. These results are the basis for a new Strategic Plan which guides the direction of our school for the following four years.

Attendance Heroes
Congratulations to the students who received an attendance award last week on assembly. These student have all met or exceeded our school attendance target of 95% or higher during the first five weeks of Term 1. Good learning starts with good attendance and I am impressed by the large number of students who have hit the target. Overall our current attendance rate is tracking along at 94.9% which is very close to where we want to be. To meet our attendance target, it equates to no more than 2 days absence a term. The next lot of awards will be handed out in the last week of term.

Winter Uniforms
At this week’s P&C meeting, it was agreed that the P&C would offer a new range of winter uniforms. As we are a uniform school, students will need to wear the appropriate coloured winter coats to school. Students are taught to wear their uniform with pride and respect. This needs to extend to the winter months also. A beautiful new spray jacket has been selected been black and gold, as well as a black fleecy zipped jumper. Please look out for them on display in the library. You may also wish to consider budgeting for these items when order forms become available.

Around the Classrooms ..
Prep—Yr 1 (Mrs Samuelsen) This week we begin our assessments. Students will be presenting a book report to the class.

Yrs 2/3/4 (Mrs Peach) In English, we have started our new unit on Narratives. We are reading ‘Matty Forever” which is about friendships. Our assessment for this unit is a comprehension task and a writing task.

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) In Maths, we are learning problem solving strategies known as IMPACT. Problem solving involves thinking and reasoning, and determining the best way to solve a problem. This week we practised the MAD T strategy, which is about recognising when to use multiplication or division. Students also have thinkboards and work through a process of using ‘See’, ‘Plan’, ‘Do’, ‘Check’ as a way of unpacking and then attacking the problem.
Students are still bringing morning tea & drinks.

The P & C will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch for the end of term BBQ hosted and funded by the school.

Please note this is NOT a free dress day.

END OF TERM BBQ
The P & C will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch for students on the last day of term. Students are still bringing morning tea & drinks.

School Dental Staff
This is the last call for families to access the Dental van while it is at our school. Only about half of the students have utilised this service to date. The Dental van staff are working their way through the school completing dental check-ups in family groups.

If you haven’t completed the Intent to Attend form and would still like your children to be treated at the van, please collect a form from the school office or drop by and visit us at the van.

We require a parent/legal guardian to attend appointments to complete consent paperwork and so that we can directly discuss your children’s oral health.

We look forward to meeting you, School Dental Staff

Bullying No Way Day
When: Wednesday 16th March
What: Wear an orange shirt with your black uniform bottom.
Events: A “Let’s Stamp Out Bullying performance will be hosted and funded by the school
Time: 9.30-10.30 am
Who: Prep—Year 6 students. Playgroup parents and children are also welcome to attend the performance.
Why: to educate students about how to deal with bullying
Stay away—how to avoid bullies
Tell someone—Reporting is not dobbling
Always help—the power of peers
Make friends— including students who are easily left out
Play nicely—making sure YOU are not the bully.

Please note this is NOT a free dress day.

P & C News
Ride the Range—Sunday March 13
Our school is one of the stops for ‘Ride the Range’. Your help is needed! If you can do some baking (Wrap individually & ingredients stated), Items can be left in the school fridge on Friday or help on the day, please see Kylie Kilah. Thank you.

Uniform Orders—New winter jackets are coming soon.
- Black fleecy zipped jumper $20
- Black/gold microfiber jackets (embroidered) $45

These will be available for viewing and ordering in Term 2. So keep an eye out early next term and get prepared for winter.

Thanks to all for your support in our uniform sale. These will be available until sold out.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN...
5 Discipline Ideas to Remember by Michael Grose
I’m often asked how to discipline kids when their behaviour infringed on the rights of others, or they plain won’t co-operate. Here are five ideas to help make sure your discipline is effective and doesn’t harm your relationship with your kids:

1. Relax: Angry parents don’t do much of a job of teaching their kids to behave better. So before you say or do anything of consequence take a breath. Most kids to behave better.

2. Resist: How many chances do you give your child before you put a consequence in place? How often do you repeat your message to kids? “I’ve told you 1,000 times don’t annoy your sister?” Kids usually learn from explained action so act rather than repeat yourself........or yell.

3. Relate: Try to relate the consequence to the behaviour. If kids won’t look after the computer as they should then withdraw their rights to use the computer. Don’t take pocket money away. That makes little sense to kids whatsoever.

4. Respect: Make sure your kids keep their dignity intact in the discipline process. Putting them down in front of their mates shows lack of respect and will invite lack of cooperation. Stay away from put downs, guilt, shame and other negative forms of discipline. Ask yourself, “Could I cop this if I was a child?” If so, then there’s a good chance you are being respectful to your child.

5. Restore: Don’t stay mad at your child. Once the discipline process has finished make the first move to mend any bridges that may have been harmed. “Hate the behaviour, but love the child’ is the idea here.

For more practical ideas to help you raise happy kids visit www.parentingideas.com.au
Jump Rope for Heart
Students are practising their skipping skills with great enthusiasm and dedication. A reminder that our ‘skip off’ is at 9am on the last day of term, Thursday March 24. There will be a ‘pairs performance’ as well as skipping demonstrations.

Don’t forget you can still register online—heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope or Forms and money are to be returned to school BEFORE THURSDAY, March 24.

SCHOOL WATCH
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

BUDS Awards

Week 5
BUDS
Rainbow winners

Week 6
BUDS
Rainbow winners