Term 1, Week 6, Wednesday 2 March 2016

Calendar of Events - Term One, 2016

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Principal's Message

School Priorities:
- Improve student achievement in reading and writing
- Establishing community partnerships that support student learning
- Fostering productive teams and providing distributive leadership opportunities

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Student Attendance

Target – 94%
Year to date – 94.6%
Prep – 96.8%, Year 1 – 95.5%, Year 2 – 93.6%, Year 3 – 93.3%, Year 4 – 93.9%, Year 5 – 95.5%, Year 6 – 94.1%

Attendance percentages have dropped over the past two weeks!

Every Day Counts

Every day counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community.

To do this, Every day counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- Attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

As we commence the start of the 2016 school year, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Tuckshop

The tuckshop is now operating each school day – Monday to Friday for a trial period of three weeks to see if the school community supports this initiative. If successful, the tuckshop may stay open each school day for all of term 2.

The School Day

The school day begins promptly at 8.50am and concludes at 3.00pm

Brain Break – (healthy food snack) is at 10.00am

First break is from 11.00am to 11.30am. Students then eat their lunch with their class

Second break is from 1.20pm to 1.35pm. Students eat their lunch from 1.35pm to 1.50pm.

The school day finishes at 3.00pm.

Students will be released at 3.00pm. No detentions are given after school. Students are not to remain in the school grounds after school without parents supervision. Students are not to play on any playgrounds after school hours.

John Clegg, Principal

Clean-up Schools Day

Strathpine State School will be participating in the annual clean-up schools day. Celebrating 25 extraordinary years - the annual Schools Clean Up Day

will be on Friday 4 March 2016.

Since inception, more than 48,000 schools have been involved in Schools Clean Up Day removing an estimated 105,600 ute loads of rubbish across Australia. As registrations roll in for Schools Clean Up Day’s 25th Anniversary, Chairman and Founder, Ian Kiernan AO, is confident that 2016 will be a record breaking year.

“I am very proud to have worked with our school communities over the past 25 years and thank the students, teachers and parents who have made it happen each year. Schools Clean Up Day belongs to you; your generosity and passion for the environment have made each annual event possible. So let’s make this year one of celebration and results,” said Mr Kiernan.

Taking part in Schools Clean Up Day can be a lot of fun for school communities while providing some valuable lessons about how rubbish impacts our parks and waterways.

“Schools Clean Up Day is about more than just picking a rubbish hotspot and removing litter. It is about nurturing the young people in our community to be responsible and passionate about their local environment and the places in their community that they love best. It is about encouraging the next generation to be rubbish scouts for the rest of their lives,” said Mr Kiernan.

Deputy Principal News
Published by Kerri McGrath

Every week that brings us closer to the end of the term gives us more reasons to celebrate what a wonderful school we are in. The children and teachers are working diligently to complete assessment tasks and finalise their standardised assessment tasks. Research shows that in order to improve student achievement you need to first know where the children are academically and what they need to do next in order to improve their understanding of key concepts. Our teachers work very closely with me to analyse class data, identify areas we need to work harder on and discuss how we are going to achieve this. In the classroom teachers set learning goals with the students so that the children know what they need to do in order to achieve their goal and how they know they are having success.

As parents you can assist us in improving your child’s achievement by ensuring they are at school every day and on time. Our data is showing us that the majority of our children who are finding school work hard are the children who have high absenteeism. Even being just 10 minutes late a day can have a huge impact in children’s learning over their school years.

Next week we see our year 5 and 6 students heading off to camp. It is a very exciting time for all involved as it provides opportunities for children to develop leadership skills and demonstrate hidden talents and increase their confidence. Mr Clegg, Mrs McGoldrick and I will be attending camp for one day each and we look forward to being involved in activities.
such as mid ropes, possum pull and archery. Final camp payments should have been finalised by now, please see the office if you haven’t done so.

5C of the Week
This fortnight we are focusing on the 5C of Co-operation. The key phrase that students should be able to state is: I co-operate with others.

They demonstrate this by following these simple guidelines:

I work well with others and stay on task

I follow the rules of games and play fairly

I speak with an inside voice

I have been very impressed with our students in year 4 and the way they have been playing football on the oval. They are co-operating with each other, caring for each other when they fall and respecting the umpires decisions (even if they aren’t quite right). It is a pleasure to stand out there and watch young boys play so well together. Congratulations!!

The high level of co-operation is also seen in the classroom within our reading groups. Observing these lessons all groups are working well with the adult in charge of their group and they are focussed and engaged in the learning. The more we co-operate with each other the more we learn about empathy and understanding of each others differences as we work together towards a common goal.

Easter Hat Parade

The Prep-Year 2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 24 March 2016 from 12.00pm. This event gives the children the opportunity to perform for their parents, families and peers. It is always a great event and we look forward to seeing you there.

Humane Society International phone drive.

We can help save the mountain gorilla by disposing of our old mobile phones through the Humane Society phone recycling program. Last week satchels were sent home for you to place any old mobile phones into, these satchels can be placed into a mailing box or handed in to Australia Post and there is no charge to you. Funds raised from this endeavour will be used to support patrols in Virunga National Park, the home of the mountain gorilla.

Spare satchels are available at the office.

Curriculum Coordinator Column
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ICAS Tests (English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing)

We are offering students from Year 3 - 6 the opportunity to participate in the ICAS tests for 2016.

Students can enter the following ICAS assessments:
English – Reading and language skills are assessed in a range of texts. Students are required to locate, identify, interpret, infer and synthesise information in and about text, focusing on the aspects of:

* Reading for meaning in literary texts
* Reading for meaning in factual texts
* Textual devices
* Vocabulary

Mathematics – Mathematical skills in a range of contexts from the following areas:

* Number and arithmetic
* Algebra and patterns
* Measures and units
* Space and geometry

Science – Scientific skills in the subject contexts of Earth and Beyond, Natural and Processed Materials, Life and Living, and Energy and Change, including:

* Measuring and observing
* Interpreting data
* Predicting/concluding from data
* Investigating
* Reasoning / problem solving

Spelling – Spelling of words that range from words with simple spelling patterns to words with difficult or unusual spelling patterns, in four contexts, including:

* Dictation
* Proofreading
* Error correction
* Applying rules and conventions

Writing – Constructing an aspect of a narrative text, demonstrating:

* Text purpose and structure
* Language choices that enhance the writing
* Syntax and grammar
* Punctuation

A permission letter and payment advice will follow.

Have a good week. Helen McGoldrick

Life Education

Parents,

The much loved mascot, Healthy Harold the giraffe is returning to Strathpine State School to deliver the Life Education message. The mobile classroom makes the program accessible, exciting and memorable. The Life Education program is delivered by specialist educators in a fun learning environment. The program uses up-to-date technology and teaching methods, and engages students through interactive games and activities.

The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting school from Monday 23 – Friday 27 May.

The cost to parents of students from Prep – Year 6 will be $5.00 per student.

We hope all students are able to attend this exciting event.

A permission note will be sent out closer to the date.

Physical Education (PE)
This term is busy for sport at school and also within our district.

PE CLASS INFORMATION:

Please ensure your child has a named hat and water bottle for PE lessons. This term we are focusing on the following skills:

Prep: Movement exploration, skills and challenges.
Yr 1: Beanbag throwing and catching, movement skills and challenges.
Yr 2: Balancing, jumping and landing skills, and movement sequences.
Yr 3: Movement skills and sequences to music.
Yr 4: Skipping skills and challenges and the benefits of physical activity.
Yr 5: Specialised soccer skills and sequences and the elements of movement.
Yr 6: Health related fitness activities and stations, F.I.T.T. and elements of movement.

PE STAR CLASS OF THE WEEK:

Term 1 Week 2 Winners are:
- Prep A (Prep – Yr1)
- 2A (Yr2-Yr3)
- 6A (Yr4-Yr6)

Term 1 Week 3 Winners are:
- Prep/1D (Prep-Yr1)
- 2/3D (Yr2-Yr3)
- 5A (Yr 4-6)

Term 1 Week 4 Winners are:
- 1A (Prep-Yr1)
- 3B (Yr2-Yr3)
- 4C (Yr4-Yr6)

Term 1 Week 5 Winners are:
- Prep B (Prep-Yr1)
- 1/2C (Yr2-Yr3)
- 4A (Yr4-Yr6)

DISTRICT SPORTS INFORMATION:

As a school we can nominate up to a maximum of 3 students who are 11-12yrs and show exceptional skills and knowledge, to attend Pine Rivers District school sport trials. The trials are of a very high standard for very popular sports, therefore recent experience within the sport is favourable. This term sports will include: Basketball, AFL, Rugby League, Netball, Hockey and Soccer.

In the weeks leading up to trials, students are asked to nominate with me and those selected to attend will bring home permission notes and trial fee information. Receipt of payment for fees must be attached to the completed permission forms and signed by Mr Clegg, then taken with your child to the trial. Failure to follow this procedure will result in your child being excluded at the trial venue.

Good luck to the following students who will represent Strathpine State School at district trials:
- Zachary 6B – Pine Rivers district AFL trial 16/02/16.
- Star 5B and Joel 5B – Pine Rivers district basketball trial 16/02/16
- Madeleine 6A - Pine Rivers district swimming trial 17/02/16
- Brendan 5A – Pine Rivers district Rugby League trial 09/03/16
Congratulations to the following students who will represent Pine Rivers District at Regional trials:

Zachary 6B – Pine Rivers district AFL team.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with regard to any of the above information.

Regards  Niki Bitossi – PE Teacher

Student Awards - Week 6, Term 1
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**Classroom Capers**

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**In English we are investigating Persuasive Texts. We are learning how to write a Persuasive text using the TEEL structure incorporating Figurative Language features such as Alliteration, Hyperbole, Simile, Idioms, Metaphors, Onomatopoeia and Personification. Our reading comprehension strategy this week is Comparing and Contrasting (What is the same or different?).**

**Some of our Maths lessons have been about Fractions. We are learning to understand terminology such as**
denominator, numerator and vinculum.

In History we are exploring the development of British Colonies in Australia.

Our first Science unit is about investigating the structural and behavioural features of flora and fauna such as Monkey-Cups and Water-Holding Frogs.

LOTE has us studying German terms for everyday items in our classroom and making comparisons between schools in Australia and Germany.

5B feels safe and secure in the classroom because everyone is following the Strathpine State School 5Cs of Care, Common Sense, Cooperation, Compassion and Courtesy.

P/1D

The Prep and Year 1 students have settled in beautifully to their new class and new routines. We have been working hard in English, with Prep students learning new letters and sounds each week and using this new knowledge to write these letters using our Casey Caterpillar program. Our lovely Year 1 students have been busy learning about how characters in stories are developed. They have been identifying how characters change throughout a story and will end the term learning how to retell a familiar story in the correct structure.

P & C Association

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Tuckshop

We still need Parent volunteers in the tuckshop. We are starting the 5 day trial in the Tuckshop this week and need helpers. If you can spare a day or even a couple of hours to help out in the tuckshop it would benefit the students of our school. Please see Nita in the Tuckshop on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday if you can help out as it would be greatly appreciated.

The Tuckshop is currently open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am to 2pm. As of Monday 29 February until Friday 18 March the Tuckshop will trial being open for 5 days.

Uniform Shop

There are no changes to the Uniform shop hours which are:

Wednesday 8.40am to 9.10am
P & C Association AGM

The 2016 Annual General Meeting for Strathpine State School P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 commencing at 6.30pm in the staffroom. A General P&C Meeting will follow. At the AGM the updated P&C Constitution will be addressed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Executive please collect a roles and responsibilities sheet from the school office or visit the P&C Qld website for more information. If you have any further enquiries regarding the AGM please email pandc@strathpss.eq.edu.au. Thank you.

Flea Market

The Flea Market is held every Saturday from 6am until 12 noon at Lawnton Showgrounds, Gympie Road, Lawnton. There is a huge variety of stalls with something for everyone. Come along and support your school and have a fun, family outing with lots for everyone. If you would like to hold a stall or would like any further information please phone 0403 054 085 Phil Beaumont, Flea Market Convenor

Community Corner

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Would you like to advertise your business?

AUSTRALIAN GOJU KAI KARATE

Have you ever thought about Authentic Japanese Goju Ryu Karate classes? Such classes can enhance calmness, focus and fitness. They provide positive life skills and assist with the goal setting for everything students do. They lay the foundations of self-discipline, providing a positive outlook for home and school.

It has been shown that students who practice Karate apply themselves more conscientiously at school and home and are less likely to be bullied or become bullies, as they develop greater self-confidence and respect for others. They will learn the importance of learning...
from their mistakes, why good nutrition is important, responsible, legal and safe behaviour, the ability to avoid negative peer pressure and self defence while reinforcing the virtues of hard work, concentration, planning, self-discipline and family values.

Accomplishments in Karate are often seen in a positive light by prospective employers who rightly attach images of strength, trust and good character to those who study it.

Australian Goju Kai Karate, the premier Karate school, offers martial arts classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. Families can train together in any of the classes.

The adult martial art classes are aimed at increasing confidence, flexibility, co-ordination, people skills, self defence, strength, stamina and improved general fitness. Training at AGKK is a life changing decision. Classes are energetic, positive, fun and versatile.

You are welcome to inquire about beginning or enhancing your Karate journey either by contacting: Bernie Sensei on 0409 474 494 or visiting www.agkk.com.au

World’s Greatest Shave

Our Albany Creek Leukaemia Group is holding two World’s Greatest Shave events next week WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Thursday, 10 March, 3.30pm-5.30pm, Charter Hall (Coles)

Friday, 11 March, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Albany Creek Tavern

Shave or Colour, to raise funds for patients with Leukaemia, Lymphoma and Myeloma.

Register www.worldsgreatestshave.com

Enquiries Kaye 3264 3050

Moreton Bay Regional Council

Moreton Bay Regional Council is excited to deliver the Local Women, Local Sporting Clubs program during the upcoming school holidays (Wednesday 30 March to Sunday 10 April 2016). This program is suitable for girls aged 7 to 17 and women 18 years and over who live or go to school in the Moreton Bay Region. Local Women, Local Sporting Clubs is a free sport and recreation club program that provides participant’s with the opportunity to connect with their local clubs and experience the activities that they offer in a female friendly and social environment, without committing to membership. For a full schedule of activities and more information visit the website below.

It's not too late to Sign up!

We are a friendly family orientated club which caters for ages 8yrs to ladies.

Doesn't matter what age you are or experience, as long as you have fun!

So come and Join us!

We play on Saturdays
At Linley Hughes Sporting Complex
Corner of Francis Road and Baker Street
Bay Park

Season starts
9th of April 2016

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