Welcome back….. We are looking forward to a wonderful Term!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**July**
- 23rd: P&C Meeting
- 28th: Musica Viva
- 29th: ICAS English

**August**
- 12th: 5/6 Assembly
- 12th: ICAS Maths
- 19th: 3/4 Assembly
- 25th: Life Education Van
- 26th: Life Education Van

**September**
- 2nd: 1/2 Assembly
- 9th: Kindergarten Assembly

State Cross Country this Friday...
Good Luck, Gabe!

**Staffing Changes this Term**
Mr Symons has taken leave this term. Mrs Jensen will be replacing him in the office and Mrs Evans will be replacing Mrs Jensen. We would like to welcome Mrs Evans as part of our school team.

**Unexplained Absences**
Please make sure to advise the school office by email, phone or written note of any student absence (including full day, late arrival or leaving early). This information helps us to accurately maintain correct and up to date information which appears on student and school records. The school will follow up any unexplained absence from school fortnightly via a letter home requesting reason for absence. Please also advise the school if there are any alterations to after school pick-up arrangements that are in place for your children.

**Tournament of Minds – School Team**
Congratulations to Gabe, Abby T, Sarah, Sophie, Tom B, Emily and Jessica who have all been selected into our Tournament of Minds team to represent our school at the Western Region Finals. More information will be provided soon. See Mrs Doherty for details.

**SNOW!!**
In the event of snow please be aware of the following arrangements. The school is open unless the council closes Canobolas Rd. The weather conditions at school are often different from town, but the school remains open unless the road is closed. They often close the road at Ploughman’s Lane and if you go past the road closed sign your car insurance is null and void.

**UNSW Computer Skills**
Congratulations to all students who participated in the UNSW Computer Competition. Merit – Milla.
Credits – Ethan, Xavier, Oli M, Jordan, Harry W, Gabe and Sophie S.

**Assembly Schedule**
The following dates have been set aside for class assemblies this term. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- Year 5/6: Tuesday 12th August
- Year 3/4: Tuesday 19th August
- Year 1/2: Tuesday 2nd September
- Kindergarten: Tuesday 9th September
Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

Enrolment forms for students wishing to attend Kindergarten next year will be sent home to parents via siblings this week. Our future class is looking quite full and we would like to begin transition preparation for our Kindergarten class for 2015. Please call the office if you have any questions.

Musica Viva – The Chambermaids performing “Turning Worlds Around”

Musica Viva is a program that supports teachers in the classroom with high quality resources and professional learning. Musica Viva In Schools invites professional musicians to present inspiring performances directly to our students through their Live Performance program. This year K-6 will visit Bowen Public School on the 28th July to watch “The Chambermaids”. The performance is interactive and encourages students to engage and understand musical concepts and skills. An information note and permission slip will be sent home this week. http://www.musicaviva.com.au/education/liveperformanceplus/performers/thechambermaids

Disability Census

Today a note was sent home about our school’s participation in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

The data collection will provide an annual national snapshot of all students with disability across all schools in Australia and the adjustments that they are receiving, consistent with obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA) and Disability Standards for Education 2005. If you do not wish your child to be involved in this data collection, please fill out the permission slip on the note and return it to school by this Friday.

A student does not require a medical diagnosis of disability to be included in the data collection. Examples are:

- Physical – Asthma, Anaphylaxis
- Cognitive – Adjusted Curriculum Programs, Learning Difficulty (behind age/stage development)
- Sensory – Speech, Hearing
- Social/Emotional – Behaviour

Parents of students identified for data collection will be contacted and involved in the data collection process.

Newsletter

Please remember that if you are experiencing difficulty viewing or printing the school newsletter each week that there are hard copies available at the school office upon request. Sending out the newsletter via email has greatly reduced our paper and copier costs as well as administration time at school which allows us to fund and work on other important initiatives throughout the school. Important notes which require action will continue to be sent home in both digital and hard copy formats.

Parent Notes

In an attempt to make life easier for parents/caregivers at home, we would like to trial coloured permission notes.

Coloured Note – Means action is required by you and information needs to be sent back to the school. (permission slip and money for example)

White Note – Information for parents requiring no immediate action.

Results of Bonded Material

A small amount of bonded building material was found on the school oval on 2nd June 2014. As a safety precaution, the area concerned was cordoned off and out of bounds to all staff and students until the material was analysed and safety remediation completed. Analysis indicated that some asbestos was bonded in the small amount of building material that was removed from the area. Remedial work to the area has now been completed and our site has been cleared. All precautions and follow-up work were conducted according to guidelines. Any further enquiries should be directed to the Principal.

Toilet Refurbishments

Work is almost complete on our toilet block and is looking fantastic! We are very happy to have been able to improve this area of the school for our students.
Welcome back for Term 3, I hope everyone had an enjoyable break and kept warm! The P&C will have a very busy term in the lead-up to our 150-year celebrations and we’ll be seeking help from parents whenever we need to. So please volunteer if you can, to help us make our 150-year Celebrations, Vintage Fair and Gala Dinner a huge fund raising success. **We are seeking donations of raffle prizes and are asking that each family provide a prize, valued at $20 or more,** by maximizing our donations, we maximise the funds raised. You don’t have to personally donate a prize, approach a local business and see if they’ll donate something or speak to your boss and see if they’ll donate something. Please assure any businesses donating, that they will be well acknowledged for their support. **All donated prizes will be raffled or auctioned during our celebrations in Oct/Nov.** If you have any questions about this, please see Melissa Caulfield at the gate or give me a call on 0432 021 169.

**P&C Calendar of Events**

**July**
- 20th – Sunday – 2:00pm
  - Fair Planning Meeting
  - Upstairs, Dragonfly Lounge
- 23rd – 7:30pm Old School Building

**October**
- 31st Friday
  - Official Ceremony – 150-years
  - Time: 2:00 – 3:00pm
  - Canobolas Vintage Fair
  - Time: 3:00 – 8:00pm

**November**
- 1st - 150-year Celebration Ball

**CAKE DAY ROSTER**

This Week – 17th July
- Caulfield
- Kingham
- Vernon
- Evans

Next Week – 24th July
- Anderson
- Ashcroft
- Badman
- Bopping

If you are unable to provide your 24-pieces, please contact Cake Day Co-ordinator, Kyra McKay on 0448 192 260.

**IMPORTANT NOTE DUE TO ALLERGIES**

The school is NUT FREE and meringues cannot be accepted. Thank you 😊

**P&C Meeting**

NEXT Wednesday, 23rd July
- 7:30pm start
- Old School Building

ALL WELCOME

**Next Vintage Fair Planning Meeting**

THIS Sunday 20th July 2014 @ 2pm
- Dragonfly Lounge, Summer St
As always, everyone is welcome to come along.