Thursday, 3 March 2016

Dates to remember
4th March – Rock It! Performance and selection trials at Port Douglas for year 5 & 6 students
21st March – Parent – teacher interviews

Principal News

Dear Parents,

Where is the wet season? February is normally one of our wettest months of the year. I would suggest it was a very dry February. Let’s see what March will bring.

Congratulations to Riley Byrne, Brooke Dalziel, Mia Ireland, Gemma Kilpatrick, Ethan Allery, Kian Byrne, Wyatt Lourigan and Marshontae Wacando who were elected into the Student Representative Council. I am sure that with the support of fellow students they will represent the student body in having a say about ‘school business’. I wish them well in their first formal leadership position.

On Friday the 4th of March we have our first Arts Council performance of the year with ‘Rock It!’.

On Monday 7th of March from 12 o’clock we have the pleasure of hosting Mr Richard Huelin. As I am sure that you are all familiar, Richard is the Assistant Regional Director of State Schooling for Education Queensland and is responsible for our school. Richard will be accompanying Sharon and myself on ‘walk throughs’ into classrooms. Richard would like to see some of the great teaching and learning that is happening in every class, every day. We will also be discussing our 2016-2018 Strategic Plan, 2016 Annual Implementation Plan, Budget, Investing for Schools Action Plan, Annual Principal Performance Plan, NAPLAN strategy and other strategic documents. We look forward to Richard’s visit.

Our school admin/office audit has been postponed until Week 7 Term 2.

Education Queensland has undertaken a review of the ‘Smart Choice’ (healthy eating and drinking policy). Our school, in conjunction with our tremendous P&C are currently looking at how we can align our tuckshop and school events with the revamped ‘Smart Choice’ policy. The P&C have been able to seek the assistance of Sue Swanson (Bob and Tom’s Mother) who works for QLD Health in this area. Sue will be working with Peta in the tuckshop to ensure our tuckshop menu reflects the changes in the new policy. We will keep you informed of any changes.

We have had a number of reports of unsafe behaviours at bus stops while children are waiting for the bus in the morning, particularly at Alamanda Street bus stop at Cooya Beach. Some children are playing on the road and running across the road. Please talk to your children about this or supervise children at the bus stop if possible.

We have a number of students who catch the Cooya Kids bus in the afternoon. This bus will wait for all children who are scheduled to catch the bus. If for any reason you need to change travel arrangements, please ensure that Cooya Kids and the school knows about these changes on the day.

Kind regards,
Randal Smith

At the end of week five, our highest attending class is Year 3 with an outstanding attendance rate of 94.76%. Well done Year 3! Our current attendance rates are:

1. Year 3: 94.76%
2. Year 6: 94.52%
3. Year 4/5: 93.81%
4. Prep 1: 93.48%
5. Year 5: 92.29%
6. SEP: 91.78%
7. Year 2/3: 91.7%
8. Prep: 91.19%
9. Year 1/2: 88.32%

Keep up the great work kids! Everyday counts.
Student of the week! congratluations!

Prep Haylee – Doing neat bookwork and doing well on the computers.
Prep1 Torah – Always trying hard and being a learner.
Zahkyann – Always trying her hardest and being a great learner.
1/2 Max – Independently analysing and deconstructing a poem.
Wylem – Applying learned strategies to solve two digit addition and subtraction problems.
2/3 Alia – Always being respectful and doing her best work in class.
Yr 3 Lani – Using a variety of persuasive devices to write a persuasive text.
Jai – Writing a persuasive paragraph with many persuasive devices.
4/5 Khyannah – Great participation in all areas of her learning, keep up the great work Khyannah!
Yr 5 Dargan – Having a go and working diligently in Year 5.
Zara – Working diligently and successfully.
Yr 6 Kyle – Working diligently in class always.
Mia – Exceptional writing this week.
SEP Cuba – Doing some excellent work this week!

New Student Councillors
This week Mr Love, Mrs Case and the school captains poured over the many applications for School Representative Council leadership positions from year 5 and 6. It was a very difficult decision with lots of very high quality applications. Our new student councillors for 2016 are:

Year 6:
- Riley Byrne
- Brooke Dalziel
- Mia Ireland
- Gemma Kilpatrick

Year 5:
- Kian Byrne
- Ethan Allery
- Wyatt Lourigan
- Marshontae Wacando

GREAT JOB!
Guessing Competition

Guess how many Monster eyeballs (marbles) in the Monster Money Boxes
The winners of this Book Fair competition were:
- Purple Monster – Louisa Walker (Lou Lou) with the nearest guess of 103 (104 was correct amount).
- Blue Monster - Charlie Brischetto with the correct guess of 93.

They have both won the relevant Monster Money Box of marbles.

Congratulations to both!!
Thank you to everyone who guessed a number and to the students who gave up their lunch times and Open Night to record guesses.

Kay Pike

Monthly Pennant Awards

Our very first monthly pennants were awarded on parade last week for attendance, conduct and bookwork.
Congratulations to our very first pennant winners.

Highest Class Attendance Pennant Award: Year 3A was awarded the attendance pennant for their outstanding attendance this month. They just pipped Year 6 at the post last week.

Highest Quality Bookwork Pennant Award: Year 3A was also awarded with the bookwork award for their wonderful bookwork this term. Year 6A, 5A and 4/5A also received a special mention for their excellent bookwork.

Class Conduct Pennant Award: Prep was awarded with the class conduct award for their excellent behaviour this term. All of their teachers have commented on their excellent conduct throughout the month, particularly in HPE and Technology. Well done Preppies!
Here are a collection of persuasive paragraphs titled

**Where are the trees?**

If Green Park had more large trees it would make fresh air so we could breathe. The huge trees can also help other things breath. Would you like to go to a park with no fresh air? *By Nanami*

If there were more trees in Green Park then they would provide us with much needed oxygen. We need a lot more trees because in blazing, hot environments there is normally no breeze. The trees would help us on smoky occasions with fresh air and we could rely on them to blow away the smoke with the breeze. *By Jai*

If Green Park had more trees then animals would have more homes! We definitely need more trees so the birds will live. Don’t let animals die!!! *By Milla*

I reckon Green Park should get more trees because all our native wildlife won’t be able to build their nests. Come on, let’s get serious here. Do you want to be one of those kids with no friends? If we get more trees, those kids will have lots of fun and make new friends. Therefore, I demand more trees!!! *By Jack*

If Green Park had more trees, it will suit Green Park because you know that trees are green and when we want to have a picnic you can have a picnic under the shady tree. Would you like to be in the sun everyday? Why would you want our children to go outside in the hot, dreadful sun? Would you want our children hot, sunburnt and sweaty? *By Louisa*

Where are the trees? We need more large, enormous, magnificent trees to have beautiful birds. Birds are brilliant, they are cute, and their wings are beautiful. The birds need more air! If we don’t have enough trees, the birds could die! Do you want the birds to live? Make some birds feel happy to have homes! *By Lani*

Green Park really needs more trees otherwise it will be a desert and Green Park won’t be great at all. That’s why Green Park needs strong, massive trees to climb. Would you like to go there if there were no trees? *By Charlie*

Green Park really needs more, green, shady, large trees because if it doesn't have any trees it will become a big, scorching unfun desert. Do you want the park to become a scorching, unfun, deserted desert? I therefore urge the council; to plant more trees. *By Naomi*

Greenview Park really needs more trees because if it doesn’t have any trees it will become a big, scorching unfun desert. Do you want the park to become a scorching, unfun, deserted desert? I therefore urge the council; to plant more trees. *By Naomi*

Green Park really needs a park for the kids that play x-boxes all week. If they go to the park, they will get strong! If you go to Green Park, you will be running around, you will get fit. *By Jet-Tyler*

If Green Park had more trees then our wonderful animals would stay. If we had no trees then all our wonderful animals would just leave. You don’t want that to happen do you? *By Melika*

Written by 3A students as we make preparations to write a complete persuasive text.