Friday, 6 May 2016

**Dates to remember**
Douglas Cross Country 6th May
Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing 10th May
School Photos 13th May 4
Regional Cross Country 20th May

**Principal News**

Dear Parents,

A big congratulations to our P&C Executive who were nominated and elected at the last 2 P&C Meetings. President – Anthea Crees (continuing)
Vice President – Sharon Case (newly elected)
Treasury – Rachel Byrne (continuing)
Secretary – Michelle Dalziel (newly elected)
Communication – Anna Soltwedel (newly elected)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our newly elected P&C Executive and thank them for their ongoing support and advocacy. A big thank you must go to our outgoing secretary Jodie Deuble who has committed the last 5 years of her life to ensure the P&C has run smoothly and efficiently. Thanks Jodie!

Next week brings the National NAPLAN testing regime to our door. Our school is committed to the NAPLAN testing process and see it as one way (amongst many others we use) to gather data on student academic growth. We use this data as well as other information we collect to help drive our School’s improvement agenda.

A big congratulations to all those students who were selected to represent our school in the District Cross Country being held at Port Douglas today. Our 10, 11 and 12 year old representatives are: Reagan, Zak, Zeck, Latavia, Kalyah, Tejay (injured), Wyatt, Beau, Nike, Gemma, Mahalia, Jaymi, Tyson, Gerald, Jeremy, Kajjah, Laura and Asia. We wish them all the very best today and will let you know next week how they went.

**School Photos**

School photos are on Friday the 13th of May. Please have students in full school uniform, including shoes. Forms have been sent home and need to be sent back to school on photo day with the student. If you wish to have sibling photos, there is an order form in the administration for collection.

**Monthly Pennant Awards**

Congratulations to our monthly pennant award winners for April. Excellent efforts all round everybody!

**The Highest Attendance** award went to SEP this month for their outstanding attendance rate of 94.34%.

**The Highest Quality Bookwork** award went to Year 6A for the excellent bookwork displayed by Elwin, Chris and Wazan as part of the random selection process.

**The Class Conduct** award went to year 3A for their outstanding behaviour for the term.
Prep - Zane for being braver and showing an improved attitude towards school.
Prep1 - Bryan for trying hard to complete work neatly.
Prep1 - Heather for trying hard in all class activities.
1/2 - Torrez for sounding out words.
1/2 - Oliver for well-structured, sizzling starts.
2/3 - Ebony for great clock work.
3/4 - Trinity for explaining her thinking using the split strategy for adding 3 digit numbers.
3/4 - Kalen for achieving his Term 2 reading target.
4/5 - Jasmine for working consistently on developing interest.
5 - Chad for a great start in his new school.
5 - Heath for working consistently.
6 - Gemma for her outstanding writing! Keep it up.
6 - Latavia for her efforts in all learning areas.
Principal - Wyatt for being honest and trustworthy in returning a found credit card.
Principal - Maddox for being a leader in helping and supporting other students during Cross Country.

Attendance Matters

Our SEP students have maintained their highest attendance for the term position. Our current attendance rates are:

1. SEP: 94.34%
2. Year 6A: 93.65%
3. Year 4/5: 92.27%
4. Prep: 91.92%
5. Year 3: 91.58%
6. Prep1: 90.07%
7. Year 1/2: 89.58%
8. Year 5: 89.44%
9. Year 2/3: 86.96%

Keep up the great work kids! Everyday counts.
The past three weeks in 1/2A we have been viewing and writing sizzling starts. We have banned the boring bits and created exciting starts to narratives. Check out some of these examples.

**Example 1:**

Crash went the buildings when Fantastic 4 was destroying evil Dr. Doo as he was destroying Cairns. Then it was dark. It was terrifying.

**Example 2:**

Bang went the stick. Bang went the hammers all down the ground. When Fantastic Four was doing his best to kill Doctor Doo.

**Example 3:**

Snap snap then the Hulk was dark. Then Hulk came out of nowhere. Dr. Doo soon then he was done.