Week 9 Term 1 – 23 March 2016

EASTER HOLIDAYS

STUDENT ABSENCES
A reminder to notify the school if your child is going to be, or has been away. If those absences are unexplained then we have certain legal requirements around them that culminate in parents receiving phone calls, letters etc. In the case of any absence please ring the school on 54813777 or email lwadd4@eq.edu.au

Cross Country

Please find attached the program for our Cross Country day to be held on Thursday the 14th of April during Week One of Term Two.

Children Left in Cars

Parents are reminded that leaving small children unattended in vehicles is not appropriate. Some cases are actually considered criminal. If the school becomes aware of unattended children left in cars in our carpark, we may choose to notify the police after making sure the child is safe and well.

2M – New Teacher

We have now bid Miss McDonnell all the best as she departs the school on maternity leave in preparation for the birth of her first child. We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Henna Halonen as Miss McDonnell’s replacement in 2M for the rest of the year.

Parent Information Afternoon – Reading

A reminder to all P-3 parents that we are holding an information afternoon on the 13th of April, about how the students are learning to read in the classroom and how to help them at home. The session will start at 3:15pm and go till approximately 4.00pm at the Prep/1M classroom.

Holidays

I wish all families a happy and safe Easter holiday period and look forward to seeing all students back in Term Two on Monday the 11th of April.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 24/03/16 – Last day of Term 1
- 11/04/16 – First day of Term 2
- 13/4/16 – SSP Parent Afternoon
- 14/4/16 – X-Country
- 25/4/16 – Anzac Day
- 13/5/16 – Gympie Show Holiday
- 20/5/16 – School Photos
- 23/5/16 – Under 8’s Week
- 14 & 15/6/16 – Sports Days

ICAS – 2016

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students. The assessments comprise eight Computer Skills tests, eleven English tests, eleven Maths tests, ten Science tests, five Spelling tests and ten Writing tests.

2016 ICAS Dates

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2016 ICAS Entry Fee per student
$8.80 – Computer Skills, Science, English and Mathematics (per subject)
$12.10 – Spelling
$18.70 – Writing

MONEY TO BE IN BY TUESDAY 22/4/16

MUSIC NEWS

There are still a number of students in years 4, 5 and 6 who are not bringing their own recorder to classroom music lessons each week. Learning to read simple music and being able to play that music on an instrument is an important part of the music curriculum. A recorder is the preferred instrument as it is:

- small and can therefore fit easily in a school bag,
- melodic,
- inexpensive,
- relatively simple to learn given the correct instructions, and
- durable, providing it is treated with respect.

Given that it is now almost the end of term 1, students who have been without a recorder are falling behind in their music lessons. I endeavour to give all students the opportunity to succeed in music, but this is very difficult when the students do not have the necessary equipment. Could all year 4, 5 and 6 students please have their own recorder by the start of Term 2.

Desley Meads
Music Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: A change to Week 9 Instrumental Music lessons. Lessons will be on Thursday morning NOT MONDAY. Don’t forget to bring your instrument – Group A – 9.15am, B – 9.45am, C – 10.15am, D – 11.30am & E – 12pm. Lessons are on Monday Week 1 of Term 2 – don’t forget! (11 April). Don’t forget – any outstanding fees need to be paid to the office ASAP. Have a great Easter break.

Rhondda Morrow
PE NEWS – CROSS COUNTRY – THURSDAY 14/4/16.

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Andrew Martin
PE TEACHER

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREP B: Lillie W – For the wonderful effort you have put into staying on task and completing activities to the best of your ability. Keep up the great work Lillie!
Matilda B – For the improvement and accuracy you have shown in choosing the correct speech sounds during rotation activities. Well done Tilly!

Prep/1M: Dylan P – for being a helpful and polite class member.
Elijah C – for being a wonderful role model for everyone to follow and also for being a kind and considerate class member.
Jetta S J – for her wonderful work with her reading and spelling this week and always giving 100% effort in all that you complete.
Trinity-Belle N – for always working hard in the classroom and being a wonderful role model.

1R: Jonny S – for trying hard with classroom routines.
Taj F – for a great effort with all work activities.
Sofia D – excellent manners at all times
Aston S – great helper in class.

2M: The whole 2M Class – For continuing to work hard and being a respectful and welcoming class for your new teacher Ms Halonen.

2/3MM: Grace B – for great work in Maths and Spelling activities.
Brook B – for great efforts in your homework.
Kayla A – for always being a hardworking, well-mannered girl.
Cody F – for a great effort with his written persuasion.

2/3L: Seth N – for being a consistently great listener in the classroom, and completing all writing tasks with interesting ideas. Well done!

4/6H: Hosea C – for being a hardworking and respectful student.
Josh H – for being a great thinker by finding patterns in his maths tasks.

5B: Hayden H – for completing classroom jobs and for working hard to complete his English assessment.

6C: Lytta-Chae H – for her informative and entertaining talk about her ducklings.
Jasmine W – for always working conscientiously in class.

Jye G – Showing initiative and great leadership qualities at bus duty time.
Leah G – showing fantastic leadership qualities at bus duty time when helping the preps.
Makayla G – showing fantastic leadership qualities at bus duty time when helping the preps.

EASTER HOLIDAYS JUNIOR TENNIS FUN TOURNAMENTS

Gympie Junior Tennis will be conducting **2 Hotshots Fun Tournaments** for any junior players from beginner to advanced level on **Wednesday 30th March and Friday 1st April at The Reg English Memorial Tennis Centre on Cartwright Rd**. All children that attend school coaching and hot shots programs are suited to these events. Great prizes and a lucky player prize drawn at each tournament. Members and non-members welcome. *The tournaments will run from 8.30am until 12.30pm and cost will be $25.00/player for 1 event $45/player 2 events $60/player for 3 events in the same week including morning tea and lunch. Family Discounts and multiple tournament entry discounts apply. Entries close 10.00am on the day prior to the event with Brett Cottrill 0417 746795 or Matt Watkins 0417 070129.*
Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime at our school.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88 – and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call the department’s School Security Program on 3237 0874.
2nd April
SuperCOLOURFUL
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Under 5 Free
Children $10 (6-11)
Students $15 (12-17)
Adults $20 (18+)

Obstacle fun, Live DJ, Food, Concert and
Kids entertainment
Registration open @ 2:30pm Showgrounds

Have Fun, Get Fit, Get Colourful!
B.Y.O Whites

Miss Pavilion Showgirl Fundraiser
Contact Mikaela: 0471855749

Competition 2016
SIGN ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEB
@ Albert Park
Wednesday Afternoons
17th Feb – 22nd June
In school school holidays

$55 per player
Mixed Teams (6 Girls/6 Boys)

Modified program for under 8s
Under 12s
Under 14s

For all games
Development officer to coach
and develop skills
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Representative Teams
All teams require a teacher or
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