Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

3 and ½ weeks of school left!!!! Can you believe it! This year has gone so quickly! We are finishing up our assessment pieces, have started writing our report cards and preparing for graduation.

Telecommunications breakdown
We sincerely apologise to those of you who have been trying to contact the school over the last couple of days. We have had an issue with our phone lines and internet and therefore have not been able to receive calls or emails. I hope that at the time you are receiving this these issues have been fixed!!

If not, please ring the school with any messages on 4167 2007 (normally our fax line). Please note you can also check if our phone lines are working by ringing our normal number as it won’t give you the option to leave a message as it normally would! Thank you for your patience.

Year 7 orientation days
Next Monday sees our grade 6 students again travel to Monto State High School for their second year 7 orientation day. From all the reports I received back after their first visit I know they will be looking forward to this day.

Prep orientation/open day
We recently held our third prep orientation/open day. It is amazing how well our pre-preppies are fitting into our school. This week Jamie-Rose, Gemma and Clay were joined by Kobi, bringing our preppie count to 2 boys and 2 girls! I know they all had a wonderful day with Mrs Dow and Mrs Fisher.

Please remember if you know of any other children who are ready for prep next year, or who might be interested in attending our great little school next year, encourage them to come along to our last open day of the year on Friday the 4th of December.

Special visitors
On Thursday the 5th of November we were visited by Mr Geoff Dymock who conducted a cricket coaching session for us. The students really enjoyed this opportunity and we had a great deal of them out practicing their cricket skill in the lunch hours after this.

We also travelled to Monto to participate in the Life Education program. Again the students had a great time with Harold and Kathy, learning about healthy eating (P-3) and the dangers of smoking (4-6)

Professional Development
Today (Wednesday) Mrs Dow, Mrs Curtis and I are in Eidsvold participating in a One School training day. This Thursday I will be travelling to Rockhampton for the day to undertake a Principal session on the C2C multi-age curriculum planning with the view of making our curriculum planning process more streamlined. On the 26th and 27th of this month Mrs Dow and I will be attending a problem solving workshop in Childers and we are looking forward to this program.

QSR
I would like to sincerely thank those parents who returned the Quadrennial School review document I sent out in term 3. I was absolutely blown away by the great things that were written about our fabulous little school. I know that the staff and I are truly appreciative of your lovely positive comments, and that your wishes for our school for the future will be taken on board.

Until next newsletter.
Regards,

Kelly Low
Principal
CLASSROOM NEWS
PREP - YEAR 2 by Samantha Dow
Busy, busy, busy!!! We are furiously working our way through our English, Science, Geography and Maths units so that we can complete our assessment items in time for report card writing. We have been looking at sound in science and whether or not it is man-made or natural. We have been examining how we make these sounds with some of the instruments that we have here at school - blowing, hitting, plucking or shaking.

Could each child please bring a clean glass jar (250mls) with a screw top lid by the beginning of week 9.

YEAR 3 - 6 by Kelly Low
Well we have completed our last English Assessment piece of the year, have only one smaller piece to go for Maths, have started our Science and History tasks and have almost completed our Art and Drama assessment for the term. It really is the run down to the end of the year. This does not mean, however that we are slacking off! We are currently working on improving our sentence structure in English, continuing our work on area measurement in Maths, finishing off our trash fashion, practicing our end of year play, starting the design and construction of our simple machine and concluding our History learning!

Last week all of the students presented their persuasive speech to the class. This speech was based on their earlier persuasive piece on why we should eat beef. Can I just say that the majority of students did very well at this task. They improved on their original piece and came forward with some very plausible arguments. We also had a few jokes thrown in there to catch attention (“What do you call a cow with 3 legs?” hey Clay), and some very persuasive language and tone of voice used. Well done everyone!

Congratulations to the following students for 100% in spelling and number facts over the last fortnight.

Spelling 100%
Week 5: Riley, Cooper, Prue, Liam, Hans, Jayden, Clay, Ralph, Melissa, Chloe, Matylda, Rohan.
Week 6: Jack, Hans, Jayden, Clay, Ralph, Melissa, Matylda, Rohan.

Number Facts 100%
Week 5: Riley, Prue, Liam, Hans, Ralph, Nick, Melissa, Chloe, Matylda.
Week 6: Liam, Mitchell, Ralph, Chloe, Matylda.

Well done guys!!

BOOKLIST
With the end of year coming quickly it’s time to start thinking about Booklists for 2016. As we haven’t had any internet this week, we haven’t been able to finalise booklist costs just yet. Please find attached to the newsletter an expression of interest form so that we can approximate how many students will be participating in the booklist for next year.

TUCKSHOP
Our remaining tuckshop dates for this term:
Friday 20th November (Week 7)
Friday 4th December (Week 9)
Please ensure all orders are returned to the school by Thursday morning, the day before Tuckshop! Thank you for your help!

P&C NEWS
Week 7 already. WOW!
Just over two weeks to go until our Graduation & Awards Night!
A reminder that all year 5 parents will be required to help with the BBQ setup, cooking and serving. As per previous years all families will be required to provide a plate to share for supper after the conclusion of presentations.

Pot Luck & Christmas Raffle
This year we will be holding our Pot Luck Dinner on Thursday 10th December. Our progressive raffle will also be drawn on this night, tickets are attached to this newsletter. Can each family please provide an item to go into our raffle as soon as possible, so these can be wrapped. Tickets will need to be returned by Wednesday 9th December to ensure everyone has a chance to win!

One more meeting to go! This will be held on Tuesday 1st December at the Mulgildie Hotel beginning at 7pm. Nibbles provided. We hope to see everyone there for our last meeting of the year.

Last but not least don’t forget our ongoing battery drive. Keep bringing in those batteries and dropping them off into our battery bin in the school car park!!!

Regards,
Karla Galloway
Secretary