



Newsletter

WEEK 2 TERM 3

28 JULY 2016

CALENDAR DATES

29 JULY

District Athletics
Carnival
Junction Hill

12 AUGUST

Rescue Day

Red & Yellow Mufti
Day

17 AUGUST

Scholastic Bookj Fair

19-21 SEPTEMBER

Excursion to Lake Ainsworth for 2-3 Class

23 SEPTEMBER

Last day of Term 3

10 OCTOBER

Students return Term 4

3 NOVEMBER

Jacaranda Thursday

Half day Public Holiday

School closes at 12 noon.

16 DECEMBER

Last day of Term 4



2016 SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

The School contributions for 2016 have been set as follows:

\$50 for 1st child enrolled.
\$40 for 2nd child enrolled
\$30 for 3rd child enrolled.

With text books retailing for around \$20 each the school contribution is great value for money. An envelope has been attached for each family. Payment is due by the end of term. If you are having difficulty in meeting this commitment please contact the school.

2-3 CLASS - LAKE AINSWORTH EXCURSION

The 2-3 Class room is a buzz with talk of their excursion at the end of this term. Students will travel by bus to Lake Ainsworth on 19 September and will return on 21 September. Permission notes and a deposit of \$20 is due to be returned no later than 4 August as numbers must be confirmed on this date. If you have any concerns/questions regarding the excursion or difficulty in meeting the financial commitment, please contact the school as soon as possible.

SOUTH GRAFTON HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION VISIT FOR YEAR 6

BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a Book Fair on Wednesday the 17th of August in Week 5. The students are to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character as will staff. There is a Book Fair brochure going home with the newsletter this week also. Parents are encouraged to come to school on this day to peruse the books available for sale with their children. There will be more information available in next week's newsletter.

EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

'Our School without walls'

Next Wednesday the 3th of August we are celebrating Education Week by having an outside learning day.

Activities will include-
Orienteering and a treasure hunt
Science experiments
Beach Games and Tabloids activities
African Drumming
Numeracy and Cooking
Creative Arts

CLARENCE DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Good luck to Mandawuy, Regan, Navrin, Samuel & Ethan S who will be competing in the District Athletics Carnival at Junction Hill tomorrow. We hope you have a great day and perform well. Go Wooli !

SCIENCE IN ACTION

CLASS NEWS

Schoolyard Safari

Years K/1 had their first Science lesson for the term in their “Schoolyard Safari” unit. They were mini scientists and took to the vegie garden in groups with magnifying glasses identifying and sketching as many small animals they could find. They found spiders, slugs, witchetty grubs, birds, ants, worms, cocoons, bugs and many more little creatures. We established a “Code for Caring” before going outside which established what sorts of rules were important to follow when looking for tiny creatures, e.g. always ask teacher before touching, be gentle, wear gloves, don’t disturb the animal’s habitat, respect others, self and environment. K/1 was also given their first lot of Science homework.



Feathers, Fur or Leaves?

2/3 has had two lessons in their “Feathers, Fur or Leaves” unit now. In the first lesson we examined 3 journal entries of specimens, discussing whether things were living/not living, animals/insects/both and animals/plants. Students were also given homework which was to be returned Tuesday of this week. Thank you to the students who remembered their homework on the day it was due: Ruben, Jasper, Hunter, Bailey, Riley, Rylan and Samuel – well done! The homework was important as it helped form part of lesson 2, which allowed us to discuss and then consolidate criteria for things that are living/not living, animals/insects/both and the differences between animals and plants along with other resources. We learned a mnemonic to help us remember criteria for if something is living: “**MRS GREN**”. At some stage of the specimen’s life it must display: **M** Movement, **R** Respiration **S** Sensitivity **G** Growth **R** Reproduction **E** Excretion and **N** Nutrition.

Marvellous micro-organisms

Years 4/5/6 experienced their first lesson of their Science unit. They did an investigation in cooperative learning groups and examined 3 different types of bread underneath magnifying glasses using their four senses of touch, smell, sight and taste to describe the different textures, odours, appearances, tastes and ingredients. They noticed that the flat bread wrap was missing one vital ingredient – yeast! This sparked discussion about what yeast is, and its role in cooking and everyday life in general. Next lesson they will be doing an experiment with yeast and other ingredients to find out exactly how it reacts and how it is a “marvellous micro-organism”.



**BOOK
FAIR
17
AUGUST**

4-5-6 Class Permission Note

Name of student: _____

Yes / No homework (Please circle)

Yes / No wood burning (Please circle)

Signature: _____

FRIDAY LUNCHES - 5 AUGUST 2016

My child/children _____ would like to order Lasagne. I have included \$2.50 payment per serve with the order.

ORDERS NEED TO BE IN BY TUESDAY FOR CATERING PURPOSES.

4-5-6 have had a very busy start to the term and everyone has settled well back into our class routines.

This term we welcomed Teak Turnball into our class. We hope you enjoy our wonderful school and learning activities.

Homework has been sent home for those students who indicated that they would like homework. Please return the attached note regarding homework. This is due every Friday.

Home reading continues this term. Please initial each night your child reads and when returned students get a ticket in the class raffle. Students in the 4/5/6 class should be reading for 15-20 minutes per night.

For our major artwork this semester students will be learning wood burning or pyrography. Students will need permission to participate in this activity. If you haven't yet sent in a note please return the attached permission note. We will be using a wood burning tool which students will learn to use safely. Some students have indicated that they have some wood

they would like to burn their designs on- to which if they can bring in samples into see if the tool will work on them. Students will be spending some time planning designs for their work in class this term.

Please ensure that your child has a pencil case and stationery they need for each day. As we are halfway through the year supplies are running very low. Some students will need to bring in headphones as we are using online learning tools this semester (see below).

This term students will be using spellingcity.com and stuudyladder.com. Log in details of both websites were sent home last week. Students are encouraged to engage in learning on these websites at any time. Spelling City has every spelling list available for study for the remainder of the year. This week students have been engaging in learning activities using list 20. Next week list 21 and so on. Even if your child is absent they can still access their spelling list and learning activities each week.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Friday Lunches are up and running again next Friday with the welcome return of Annette Gill with her popular Lasagne. We have a few gaps in the roster. If you would like to help out, please contact Mrs Brodin as soon as possible so that the roster can be finalised.

FRIDAY LUNCHES

ROSTER

5 AUGUST

Annette Gill

12 AUGUST

Helper Needed

19 AUGUST

2-3 Class

26 AUGUST

Helper Needed

2 SEPTEMBER

Alison Bibby

9 SEPTEMBER

Helper needed

16 SEPTEMBER

Helper needed

23 SEPTEMBER

Wooli Oyster Shop
Order



RESCUE DAY

12 AUGUST 2016