Dear Parents,

Thank you for another productive term! Students have all been working hard to finalise their work for assessment for report cards, which will go home tomorrow. Despite having the junior classroom painted and the interruption that caused to our learning space, our students are doing well to work towards their own learning goals.

If you require an interview to discuss your child’s progress in semester 1, you are welcome to contact the school to arrange a time that is suitable for you and the teacher/s you wish to speak with.

Next term will be one for great learning with our staff, with lots of professional development taking place in the last few weeks. Our school will be investing in a phonics program called LEM Phonics that is going to support our students in spelling and reading. This program sits nicely with our current spelling program of Words Their Way, but is more intensive in the area of understanding the sounds that letters and letter combinations make. More information about this program will be provided once we get started next term.

Congratulations to our wonderful students for their win at the Small Schools Athletics Carnival last Friday. We out pipped our competitors on aggregate and were also successful with some age champions being awarded: Noah Emmerson, Hayley Craig and Jett Emmerson – Well done!!

Camp invoices have been sent out and I ask that you start to make arrangements for those payments. You would have noticed that we have had to state, for the first time, that if other fees owing to the school are not paid, then your child cannot attend camp. This is a regrettable action, but one I could not avoid as the amount of monies outstanding to the school at present is quite large.

We originally set up the book pack arrangement to assist in ensuring that all students had the equipment necessary to do their work while at school. The bonus to this system was that parents didn’t have to source the equipment themselves, and all round the feedback has been that the current arrangement is very useful for families.

Unfortunately, some families are yet to pay for the equipment that their children have been using for half the school year now. Please address this issue as soon as you can to ensure your children don’t miss a wonderful camp experience, and to ensure that book packs are a viable option for everyone next year.

Term 3 starts on Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} July. Please be safe over the two week break and we look forward to seeing you all back and ready for another exciting term. Some things to look forward to in Term 3 include:

- P&C meeting – first afternoon meeting @ 2:45pm Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} July
- EKKA excursion – Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th} August
- Ball games carnival – Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} August
- P&C Trivia Night – Saturday 12 September

Looking forward to another fantastic term with your students, staff and families.

See you on Monday 13\textsuperscript{th}!

Erika

\textbf{Upcoming Events}

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Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic and busy term and the students have worked extremely well in History and Dance.

DON’T FORGET

Our Jump Rope for Heart Day is tomorrow!
Please find sponsors for your children!
Our Jump rope Day is Friday, 26th June.
Our Jump Off will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 10:15am with a shared morning tea.

We will hold our Jump Off and shared morning tea on the tennis court.
Please bring healthy options for our shared morning tea such as fruit and sandwiches.

We look forward to seeing everyone – parents, friends or extended family …….please come and watch the students do their fantastic Jump Rope workouts and dance routines.

Please have a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Sandy O’Sullivan
P-3 CLASS NEWS:
As a great way to end our visual arts unit we decided to put together an art exhibition and invite parents, family and community members to come and view it. Included in the display by the junior class were three types of masks - masquerade, monster and tribal. The Prep's - 3's planned these masks during visual arts, then had to make them, using materials such as cardboard, clay and other items from the art trolley. We also displayed the artwork that we completed with Miss Hassett and the seniors and received excellent feedback for these. Some of our artworks have been chosen for the school display at the Laidley Show and we are extremely excited to be a part of that exhibition. Thank you to Mrs Sutherland and Mrs Emmerson for putting together the display and to all of the parents who came along to the exhibition. We love showing off what we are capable of achieving.

Mrs Edwards

FATHERS DAY GIFTS
As in the past and endorsed by the P&C, Fathers Day gifts have been chosen by your children to purchase for their dad or grandad. A letter with permission and payment details will be sent home this week. If you agree to these purchases please return your permission note and correct monies to the office no later than Wednesday 15th July so as not to miss out.

UNIFORM NEWS
As the weather is getting cooler, I’ve been searching for a jacket suitable for students to wear which makes us all look uniform. The supplier who currently does our shirts, has a jacket in stock which we can get ‘Thornton SS’ applied to the front. This jacket will cost $45 and be available only through a bulk purchase order which I will send to the supplier tomorrow so that we can receive our order by the end of the first week next term. Please fill out the purchase order with your child’s name, quantity and size which you should have received earlier in the week, and return it to the school by no later than Friday morning 9am, 26th June 2015. Before you can collect your order, please send correct monies in a labelled envelope to be placed in the P&C box in the office.

Cheree Emmerson
NEWS:

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Again this year we have the opportunity to participate in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. This program helps us to purchase resources for our school. From Wednesday July 15th until Tuesday 8th September, stickers can be collected when we shop at Woolworths. For every $10 we spend, we receive a sticker. The stickers can be applied to the sticker sheet attached to this newsletter and returned to the school or simply return the stickers to the school collection box.

OFFICE NEWS

Camp Invoices
Camp invoices went home last week along with the permission slip for your child to attend camp. As camp is in the last week of term 4 you will have up until the start of term 4 to pay off your child/ren camp. If you want to set up a direct debit payment plan, come and see me in the office. If you have not returned your permission slip, could you please attend to this as soon as possible.

Ekka
We have received positive interest for the Ekka excursion on Tuesday 11 August. Enclosed with this newsletter is a permission slip that needs to be completed and returned to the school office by Monday 13 July, in order for a booking to be made confirming correct numbers. Thank you.
I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.
Lisa Crack, Admin Officer

LIBRARY NEWS

No news is good news this week. Thank you to all the students for returning their books. I wish you all a fantastic break. Happy holidays.

Mel Sutherland

Our next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 14th July
2.45pm– Straight after school!
Please feel welcome to stay after school to attend this afternoon meeting.
Agenda items include: Ball Games and Trivia night organisation.
PARENTING CORNER:

SHOWING LOVE
by Michael Grose

In *10 Conversations you must have with your son* author Tim Hawkes suggests there are 4 ways parents show love to their children.

1. **Through words**  Hawkes' writes, "A son(child) dispatched to school with a reminder that he is loved is a son(child) equipped to withstand the emotional and social attrition wrought by a world given to withering putdowns." Hawkes is so right, but 'I love you' are three simple words that can get caught in our throats.

2. **Through deeds**  Hawke says, "For a parent to be congruent with their son(child), there needs to be a congruency between that which is heard and that which is seen." For some children a parent baking a cake for them is an act of love. They like the fact you made it for them more than the cake itself!

3. **Through presence**  "In a time-poor society that is given to showing love through the gift of material possessions, the greatest demonstration of love a parent can give is the gift of time," writes Hawkes. Effective parenting is about choices, and choosing to be a presence in the lives of kids is an act of love that may not be appreciated at the time but can have a profound impact.

4. **Through providing**  It's easy to be dismissive of the provider role that we play, but the psychologist Maslow reminded us that unless a child's basic needs - food, shelter and protection are met he will struggle to have his higher order needs such as self-esteem and a sense of belonging met. But parents need to attend to those higher needs by attending to positive values, developing a sense of purpose and developing a sense of belonging to his family through contribution.

Here's a task.

Score yourself out of ten of each of these four different ways of showing love. If the score is low in WORDS, commit to introducing more conversation into your family life.

Here are **five ideas** to get the talking going:

1. Share conversations through meals
2. Regularly talk about news items that would interest kids
3. Practise shoulder-to-shoulder parenting by talking in the car, or while you are active together
4. Text message or email your kids (if old enough), particularly if your preferred child's 'love language' is WORDS.
5. Write a letter and post it to your child.

You should reflect from time to time on the important stuff you do. Personally, I think activities like these are **Parenting Gold**.
School Awards: Week 8

Junior:

Student of the Week: Shaniah Boyes
English: Simone Tydd
Maths: Joanah Millard
Art: Simone Tydd, Shaniah Boyes, Phoebe Millard

Senior:

Student of the Week: Penny Taber
Music: Charlotte Moss
Civics & Citizenship: Damien Jones
History: Boe Millard
Art: Ashley Taber
Leadership: Penny Taber