Dear parents,

SWIMMING has started this week and all students have been placed in their ability based groups. Some students will move up or down in groups depending on their growth during lessons and confidence as the weeks progress.

ALLERGIES to foods and other environmental factors cannot be avoided. This week we are reminding parents that we do have students in our school who are highly allergic to nuts and gluten products. While we are NOT asking for these products to stop coming to school, we are asking that when you are packing your child’s lunches, please be mindful of those students here at school with these allergies. If your child can bring an alternate food (instead of something with nuts such as peanut butter), this would be appreciated. If not, this is no problem. The students who have these allergies are well aware of the reaction they have and will move to a seat away from the food that contains nuts. We are also asking students to wash their hands with soap and water after eating (especially those with nut products) to help prevent cross contamination. We thank you in advance for your support.

MEDICATION is not allowed to be dispensed at school unless parents have signed a form at the office. Any medication that is dispensed needs to be in a box with a sticky label from the pharmacy indicating the child’s name and the dosage required.

Without the form completed and the medication being in a box with the child’s name and dosage required, the school will NO LONGER dispense medication – this includes giving student antibiotics and Panadol.

If you have completed the appropriate departmental form and the medication is correctly labelled, we are legally allowed to dispense medication for your child.

If you require further clarification around this matter, please contact me.

PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Reminder that this coming Monday, 17th October is a pupil free day where our staff will be attending learning sessions with our cluster colleagues. These days are used to upskill, train and support our staff in their role, which in turn supports all students.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 18th October

SPEED SOCCER / NETBALL DAY is on tomorrow (Friday 14th October) at the Recreation Grounds in Laidley. Please be sure to have your child there, at the grandstand, around 8:45am. Thank you.

GRANDPARENTS DAY is happening again this year and will be held in two weeks time on Tuesday 25th October. Please invite your grandparents, older relatives or members of the local community to come along for the day where they can view student work, see our students in action with their skipping ropes and enjoy a shared morning tea.

Have a great fortnight,
Erika
News from the Junior Room
Dear Parents
Welcome back to Term 4. This term is once again going to be very busy.
We have just commenced the Pre-Prep days every Tuesday for the next five weeks and so far we have 8 Preps enrolled for next year. Last Tuesday we had a wonderful day with the Pre-Preps and I would like to commend the Year 1-3 students for being so welcoming and helpful. Mrs Emmerson has written a great message to tell you about the day.
Next Tuesday afternoon (18th October), as a part of our Science curriculum on living things, two representatives from the RSPCA will talk to the students.
The following Tuesday 25th October will be Grandparents Day and the day will involve many exciting events. This week is also Education Week.
Tuesday, 1st November, will be Melbourne Cup Day and we will be designing horses for our very own fun races on the oval.
The 8th November will be the last Tuesday the Preps will be with us therefore, we will have a Fairy Tale Character Parade. Each student will dress up as their favourite fairy tale character and speak about their character.
The students in Years 1-3 are studying narratives and fairy tales in their Literacy work this term.
A reminder note will be sent out closer to Tuesday 8th November. I hope this will give you all time to plan your child’s outfits.
In Geography this term The Year 1-3 class are studying Australia and its neighbours.
As a part of the Arts program in Drama, we are commencing practice on our play for the presentation night in December.
Our Reading groups, Spelling groups and Mathematics groups are well under way and the students are continually improving in both areas.
We have commenced swimming at the pool for Physical Education and I would like to say a special thankyou to Rebecca Bould, Helen, Mrs Emmerson, Bonnie and Mr Pickwell for giving their time to assist the students in their swimming lessons.
We are also very excited to welcome all the new students, Rachel, Grace, Josh, Elijah and Sam to Thornton.
Thank you all for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.
Thanking you
Sandy O’Sullivan
Pre Prep Day—11/10/16

I had the privilege on Tuesday getting to know 8 special little people who attended our first Pre- Prep day of 2016. Graham, Olivia, Pippa, Wade, Gemma, Caleb, Cooper, Noah and myself were all worn out after a huge day at school! We read stories with Mrs O’Sullivan, then had some play outside in the sandpit, with the water trough, painting, stencil drawing and on the obstacle course. In the middle session we got to play on the big playground, in home corner and visit the library. Mrs Sutherland taught us about borrowing and even let us borrow 2 books to take home for the week! In the afternoon, we played some fun games with the rest of the junior class. I was so busy that I forgot to take photos in the morning, but managed to remember to take some after lunch! I hope they all had fun and I’m looking forward to more time getting to know these cuties next Tuesday.

Mrs Emmerson

P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting 18th October 2016
(Now changed to the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)
ALL WELCOME
LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Fair
Tuesday the 25th is the date our school library will be hosting a buy one get one free Book Fair. Books sent out to us from Scholastic will be displayed in the library from the 25th – 28th of October for you to purchase. The deal is that you get a second book of equal or lesser value with your original purchase. These would make great gifts for either your family and friends or a kind donation to our library. Our school is pleased to be able to offer this deal to our families.

Book Club
Issue 7 of Book Club has been sent home this week. Please have all orders with payment details back to school no later than October 27th. Remember to check out our Book Fair in the same week for a bargain.

Pre Prep
It was fantastic to be able to give our adorable Pre Preps an introduction to the library this week. They all had the opportunity to borrow books. Please bring these books back next Tuesday for them to borrow different titles.

Thank you as always for your continued support,
Mel Sutherland

Camp News
Our school camp to Thunderbird Park is fast approaching. Attached to this newsletter you will find Information for parents (what to pack). Please contact the office if you have any queries regarding this matter.

Thank you

Parent Riddle
This week’s Q
What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?

Last week’s A
Corn
School Awards: Term 4 - Week 1

Junior:

Student of the Week: Jennifer Beezley
Music: Jack Moss
PE: Phoebe Millard
Math: Zoe Bould
Science: Darcy Kelly
Spelling: Dylan Podham
Writing: Jack Moss
Class Dojo: Isaiah Bould

Term 3 Homework Awards: Zoe Bould, Isaiah Bould & Phoebe Millard

Senior:

Student of the Week: Ezra Vincent
PE: Damien Jones
Music: Jada Phillips
Geography: Jett Emmerson
Science: Jett Emmerson
Art/Drama: Lachlan Litfin
Spelling: Ashley Taber
Writing: Boe Millard
German: Chad Pollock
Class Dojo: Jett Emmerson

Term 3 Homework Awards: Jett Emmerson, Lachlan Litfin, Joanah Millard, Jada Phillips, Ashley Taber & Penny Taber
**Milo Cricket 2016 sign on 13th October**

**Where – Mulgowie Cricket Oval**

**When – Thursdays 4-5 PM**

**Start – 13th October 2016**

**Cost – $75 for the season (price includes bag, hat, shirt, bat & ball)**

Come on down and sign up your children to play Milo Cricket. Parents can get involved if they would like. We provide a relaxed afternoon with fun and schooling on the fundamental skills of cricket for the younger kids. Ages from 4 to 12 but the bigger kids are welcome to come and help. Please bring hat and water.

**Payment is online only at playcricket.com.au**

Contact Holly on 0419991373 if you have any queries or I can help you pay online on the day.
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