12 May 2016 (Term 2 Week 5)
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Anti-Bullying Initiative – Brainstorm Productions Friday 20 May

On Friday 20 May, we will host our annual performance by Brainstorm Productions to empower children to have strategies for building their resilience if they encounter teasing or bullying at any stage in their lives. Our school wants every child to access this event and therefore the costs of $5 per child are shared between the school and the P&C.

Please ask your child about what type of knowledge or information did they get from seeing the performance. In past years, there has been a focus on cyber bullying.

Books in Homes - Thank you Glencore

On the 22 June, your child will be coming home with a bag containing 3 beautiful books of their choosing. We will have a ‘Giving Parade’ to acknowledge the value that ‘Books in Homes Program’ and Glencore add to every child’s appreciation of literature. It is amazing to see the smiles on their faces as they take these treasures home.

Without a sponsor, this initiative would not be possible - well done Glencore - you have made 411 children very happy.

Teaching and Learning Audit – 31 May - 2 June 2016

Every 2 years, schools host a Teaching and Learning Audit where outside Reviewers provide comments, feedback and suggestions on how the school should move forward in improving learning achievements.

Our previous Discipline Audit in 2014, rated our school’s support approaches as being mostly high with some areas being outstanding.

We will have an Teaching and Learning Audit over a 3 day period (31 May, 1 June, 2 June) with 3 auditors from the School Improvement Unit (Alan Whitfield, Suzanne Innes, and Alison Welsh). If you are on campus during any of these 3 days, please don’t hesitate to share information with them - they are very friendly and approachable.

Updates from the Office

The Commonwealth Bank is holding a consistent savers competition. Any student that makes 3 deposits during weeks 6 to 9 will go in the draw for a Dolarmites prize pack.

The office now has eftpos facilities available as another payment option. Rotary raffle tickets are available from the office. $5 each $26,000 prize pool

QBSS LEARNING TARGETS FOR 2016

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NB Bowen Police Liaison Officer supports families in increasing their attendance rate from below 80% to 95% or higher.

Bingaloe Project Officer supports families in increasing their attendance rates.

School photos

ONLINE ORDER CODE EBF 18Z 8RM

School photos will be held on Wednesday and Thursday 15 - 16 June. Order envelopes will be coming home in the next week. Please return them to the office before photo day. Sibling envelopes can be requested from the office.

Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope.

Important Information:
- School photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes returned to school*
- Don’t forget to order your sibling photos now
- Late fees/additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day
- Photos will be returned to your school for distribution approximately six weeks after photos are taken
- Past years’ photographs including sports, curricular and representative groups available at school’s advancedyou & your advancedyou photo sites (follow the link above)
- Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to children enrolled at the school. These envelopes can be collected from the office.

Thank you to 6G for reinforcing the concept of confidence on parade recently. In Week 6, Year SA/H will be presenting this fortnight’s focus, ‘RESILIENCE’. Some of our children are benefitting from Chappy Glen’s weekly “Bounce Back” program which highlights resilience.

YCDI FORTNIGHT FOCUS: RESILIENCE

Whether it be in the playground, classroom or at home, children need to bounce back and turn the negatives into positives. This is being resilient.

Please ask your children these questions to help reinforce the ‘RESILIENCE’ social skill of YCDI at home.

- Who is the ‘You Can Do it’ character that is resilient?
- Do you stay calm when you are upset?
- When the going gets tough, are you the “tough that gets going”?
- Do you try to make something bad into something good?

Discuss some resilience tips with your children (e.g., accept yourself, don’t blow things out of proportion, try to solve problems for yourself, be tolerant of others, exercise, relax and stay calm).

Resilience shown through movies is a great starting point. Try watching Tom Hanks’ character in “Castaway”, dealing with being stranded alone for years on an island or Nemo in “Finding Nemo”, wanting to return home. As Dory says, “Just keep swimming, swimming, swimming!” Be resilient in life’s hard times.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Naplan Testing for Year 3 and Year 5 10 - 12 May

Students have had a very positive ‘can do’ attitude towards their Naplan tests. We are very proud of them for their great coping abilities with the demands of national assessment. Thank you to the Tuckshop and P&C for supplying fresh fruits and sandwiches to ensure students have maximum energy and stamina especially on Day One - Tuesday 10 May which had 2 tests.

Friday 13 May is available for catch-up tests for any students who were away. They will be able to undertake a maximum of 2 tests only on Friday.

As a school, we welcome the feedback that Naplan provides us on how to better build children’s capacity as learners in our global economy.

Mrs Collins