24 February 2016

Principal – Jacqueline Fiedler

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

BOMB THREATS

It seems that quite a number of schools around us have been targeted with bomb threats. At this stage, all have proved to be fake but certainly a stressful time for all concerned. We understand the Queensland Police are investigating the source of these threats. It is important to note that every incident will be taken very seriously and we have an Emergency Action plan in place whereby students are immediately evacuated to the oval and the police contacted.

HATS

We currently have a major HAT BLITZ happening where we are checking students have their hat before they are allowed to play in the sun. Given the incredible heat it is essential that students have a hat and a water bottle at school every day. We appreciate parents’ support in ensuring your child has their NAMED hat in their bag every day.

I4S

This year we will continue to use our Investing For Success Funding to support our students to improve their literacy and numeracy. We are continuing the support programs we already have in place and also commencing some more. Our aim is to support every child to achieve their full potential.

STAFF CAR PARK

A reminder that the Staff Car Park is for staff and deliveries ONLY.

Parents/ Grandparents with disabled stickers are permitted to use the car park if they have to exit their car to collect a Prep student. Only the Principal may give permission in extenuating circumstances for parents to use the staff car park. This decision is to ensure the safety of students entering and exiting the school along the footpath. The visibility exiting is compromised by the number of cars parked. We know you all value the safety of your children and thank you for your consideration of the situation.
PLAYGROUND

The very exciting news is that our new playground is finally being installed. Last year we were successful in our grant application for $35,000 towards a new playground. An additional amount of approx. $5000 was committed by the P & C so that all the groundwork could be completed as well. The students are very excited and eagerly awaiting the chance to climb and play.

P & C

A huge thank you to the outgoing P & C Members. Our school could not be the success it is without the support of parents. Parent involvement in the school P & C is crucial and your willingness to be involved is very much appreciated. The P & C AGM is on Tuesday 1 March at 6:30pm. All positions are declared vacant and nominations taken. We look forward to welcoming our new P & C committee for 2016 and appreciate them volunteering their time so generously. New parents are always welcome. It is a positive forum to keep up to date with the school's priorities and events and ask any questions you may have.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

The Parent group are seeking donations of craft items or other new gifts suitable to sell at the Mother’s Day stall in May. Any help would be very welcome.

STUDENT LEADERS 2016

Congratulations to our 2016 Student Leaders. They were very excited to be inducted last week and presented with their badges by our special guests. Already our captains are showing they are positive leaders and have willingly taken on many responsibilities around the school. We look forward to watching them grow and represent the school and students this year.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

15 - 19 February 2016

Isabella, Maddi, Archer, Georgia, Izobella, Giacomo, Hassarn, Harmonie, Elizabeth, Lillie, Willow, Joshua, Noah, Kaenin, Hollie, Maddison, Cooper, Alicia, Kristian, Zoe, Ella, Aiden, Hanna, Riley, Chloe, Emily.

This term, we are continuing to work hard on two focus comprehension strategies. The first one we have been learning about is – ACTIVATING OUR PRIOR KNOWLEDGE. The second one we are learning to do now is – RECALLING FACTS AND DETAILS.

You can help us when we read at home by asking us questions around what we should be thinking. For example:

“Who or what is the text about?”

“What happens in the text?”

“Where does the event take place?”

“When does the event take place?”

“Why do things happen in the text?”

Comprehension Strategy | I think:
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Determining Facts and Details | Why am I reading this text? Is this important, or just interesting? Should I make a note of that detail? Is this person going to become a main character in this story? Is that information related to what I am researching? I think this is important because... The change in font size leads me to believe that... I need to remember...
The Tuckshop is open Thursdays and Fridays to purchase yummy lunches for students. Homemade food is available. Thursday’s Special for this week (25th Feb) is Chicken & bacon pasta bake $3.00. Smart Choices have changed some of the ratings of foods (Traffic light system) so some snacks and foods will change from Term 3. They will still be available, but when current stock runs out, they will not be reordered. Keep an eye on the Vienna Woods Tuckshop Facebook page for any changes and an up to date menu for 2016.

Second Hand Uniforms
If you have any second hand school shirts that no longer fit your child, please drop them off at the school office. We always need spares for accidents.

Voluntary Contribution
If Voluntary Contributions are paid prior to 29 February, discount applies.
Prep $100.00  -  discount amount $90.00
Year 1 – 6 Students  $25.00 – discount $20.00
Family 3 or more students $50.00  -  discount $40.00

Chappy’s News

LOOP EASTER CAMP: Just a reminder to our Grade 5 and 6 students, if you want to come on the Easter holiday camp, registrations are filling fast. The link is www.sucamps.org.au/loopeaster2016 see me if you need more info.

ELECTION DAY BBQ: As you know we have two BBQ’s running for our school on this day. If you can help either at Bunnings or here at school, please let the office know.

EASTER CAFE: This was such a great addition to our whole school Easter Bonnet parade last year, that we will be doing this again. If anyone is able to cook cup cakes and any other sort or Easter treats for this cafe or help serve on the day it would again be appreciated. Also let the office know. I will send a flyer home about the cakes the week before the event.

Chappy Carol

BUNNINGS BBQ AND ELECTION BBQ
We are seeking parents to help at both these BBQs on Saturday, 19 March. The Bunnings BBQ is held at Bunnings Capalaba and the Election BBQ is held at our School Hall.

If you can help please leave your name at the school office and either Vanessa (Coordinator Bunnings BBQ) or Chappy Carol (Coordinator Election BBQ) will phone you to organise a time.

Even one hour of your time would be enormously appreciated. These BBQs are an essential part of our fundraising as we do not have a FETE this year.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY –FRIDAYS
This is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5 for every Activated Account via the School Banking program (i.e. for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit). For more information visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or contact the Office Staff.

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SATURDAY 12TH MARCH - 10am TO 2pm
Of St Philip’s Community Church, See Marion St, Mcdonald St, Brendale. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Salvation Army.
white elephant stall
silent auction
vintage items stall
plant stall

THE SALVATION ARMY

sausage sizzle
devonshire tea
cake and craft stalls
book stall

kids craft
drawing tent

For more information please contact the office or call 3204 0400.
School Events Calendar
Friday 26 February
Free Dress Day
Tuesday 15 March
Cross Country Carnival
Tuesday 24 May
School Photos

P & C Events Calendar
Tuesday 1 March
P & C AGM 6.30pm