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I am safe, I am respectful, I am a learner.



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BOOK FAIR

Welcome to Book Fair week – the theme for 2017 is “Become a Bookaneer”. We have an interesting display of books, posters and other objects some make sure you come for a visit to the library this week to buy yourself an amazing book. Throughout the week we will be collecting names from the sales to enter into our competition too. The prize is voucher to purchase from Book Fair. We will also be having “Pirate Day” this Friday to support our Book Fair, some come dressed in your best Pirate Outfit and get in theme with the Book Fair. You may find some treasure and win some prizes.

Parents are asked to encourage their children to purchase at least 1 book when they buy from Book Fair, there are other little trinkets but the aim of Book Fair is to encourage reading. If you have the time to visit and look through the books with your child you are more than welcome. Book Fair is open before and after school for the week.

READ TO ME DAY

Once again this year the students in Prep – Year 3 will be participating in the Read to Me Day in Tully. This day is on the last Tuesday of this term, Tuesday 20th June. The students will travel via bus to Tully’s main street and will stay in a group to visit some of the reading stations. This year’s theme is “Outer Space” – we will be travelling as the Murray Upper Martians! If parents have time to help with getting costumes ready please ask Ms Biss or Mrs Hughes how you can help. We also encourage parents to travel with their child on the day as the more adults the better supervision we can offer.

Don’t forget to complete the permission forms and send them back with your child.

DINOSAUR TRIP – POSITIVE REWARD

Some of our students will be travelling to the Townsville Museum on Wednesday 21st June to participate in a tour of the current Dinosaur exhibition that is visiting from the Brisbane Museum. This is a positive reward for the students who have shown they can follow our school rules and complete their work. We would like to have more of these special trips as we feel that the vast majority of our students are able to show correct behaviour and are unfortunately disadvantaged currently due to the amount of time staff are spending on mis-behaving students. There is still discussions underway about taking the students on a 3 day camp this year – we would like to offer these types of activities to ensure our students enjoy learning in a variety of settings, however we will be removing students if their behaviour is not up to the standard expected at school.

Parents who are looking for extra support or guidance with dealing with inappropriate behaviour from their child would benefit greatly from a meeting with our Guidance Officer. If you would like this to happen please let our office know and we will arrange an appointment for you.

BEHAVIOUR RECORDS

We have a system of recording behaviour, both positive and negative, and we are open to sharing this with parents if they wish to find out how their child is travelling. We are also in the process of writing report cards for this semester – if your child receives a D or E for their behaviour we would ask that you make an appointment to see the class teacher.

Remember, DAILY ATTENDANCE is the key to success.

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Daily Attendance

Our attendance is a key issue and we need the support of parents to ensure students are attending **EVERY DAY**. Parents will be notified on the **SAME DAY** of an absence in 2017 or **you can ring, email or send a note if your child is absent.**

Attendance		Unexplained No. of days
Prep	87.53%	11
Year 1	94.86%	8
Year 2	86.04%	9
Year 3	89.04%	2
Year 4	88.27%	16
Year 5	93.42%	2
Year 6	92.65%	6

Our unexplained absences have again reached extreme numbers – please ensure you give the school a reason when your child is absent – we can't have this number of unexplained absences. There are no year levels with 0 unexplained absences – this has changed drastically since the last newsletter. If your child has absences this makes the connections within their learning disjointed and therefore can lead to gaps in their learning. We currently have 88.9% attendance for our entire school, this continues to drop – we need to ensure students are attending EVERY DAY to reach our target of 95% attendance across the school.

Let's work together to make this a reality!!

We need to maintain this focus for 2017 – **attendance enables your child to have learning success!!**

PRODUCE STALL

Keep those donations for our produce stall coming, they help our small school to offer other activities to our students that wouldn't be available without these generous donations.

A very big thank you to the families who support our fruit stall, our small school would not be able to offer the programs we do without this valuable support.



DATE CLAIMERS

Date	Event
Friday 9th June	Pirate Day – book fair
Wednesday 14th June	P and C Meeting 3.30 pm
Friday 16th June	SSS Athletics Carnival at Kennedy SS
Tuesday 20th June	Read to Me Day Theme: Outer Space Prep – Year 3
Wednesday 21st June	Dinosaur Museum Tour: positive reward excursion
Thursday 22nd June	Report Cards handed out
Friday 23rd June	Last Day Term 2
Monday 10th July	First Day Term 3

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 6 **Class B**

Kayleb Gardiner – for being generous with his time and materials with others when they need help.

Breanna Muriata – for being generous with her time and materials with others when they need help.

Class G

Jake Jackson – for working well all week and attempting harder maths work.

Hannah Beeron – for working well and attempting all set tasks.

Week 7 **Class B**

Ezekias Toohey – for great writing and for doing his best.

Noah Muriata – for working independently in math.

Class G

Zelie Gillinder – for showing leadership and helping younger students.

Shayna Murray – for being an independent, hard-working student.



SPECIAL VIRTUE AWARDS

Each week we focus on a different virtue, this is shared during our weekly parade and then the information is displayed on our display board in the eating area. Students try to focus on the particular virtue for the week. We present certificates to a few students who have shown the virtue without being reminded throughout that week. Ask your child every Friday what the virtue of the week is and try to encourage them to practice at home too.

Our virtue awards for the last 2 weeks:

Friendliness Award – Daniel Caligaris and Isla Herrod

Helpfulness Award – Hannah Beeron and Shaniece Davis

LEADERSHIP DAY

Four of our Year 6 leaders were involved yesterday in the Ulysses Cluster Leadership Day which was organised by the Tully High School. The students participated in a number of team building and leadership activities. They had a great day and were very enthusiastic about the day when they arrived back at school. They represented our school well. Thanks to Miss Leanne for going along with them for the day.



Newsletter Information

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