Administration News

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 3, hoping everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. A few changes have been made to the timetable and staffing, however the children have gotten straight back into the swing of things and had a very productive week 1. I am very pleased with the students’ behaviour and enthusiasm towards their school work, and am impressed by the initiative that many students have displayed already.

Over the holidays quite a bit of work was done in decorating the classrooms. The children particularly liked our new class pet “Ali – the fighter fish” – who unfortunately has already left us, (stay tuned for Ali 2) and the new flat screen TV which has been placed in the Prep room. We would love you to come in and have a look around!

I have spoken with the students this week reminding them of school expectations and as a class we have discussed our reward systems. We will be continuing to use our Gotcha program, as well as students of the week and a whole class reward of a night time disco, if, as a school we meet these goals. I have also spoken to students regarding the appearance and hygiene. I have encouraged all students to be wearing full Brigalow school uniform and to have a neat appearance. This involves bringing the appropriate clothing for the weather- including a hat, brushing their hair and teeth on a daily basis, and bringing to school any other hygiene products they need, such as roll on deodorant. Please contact the school if you need to purchase more uniforms. Thank you to those parents who have already purchased additional uniforms, your cooperation is much appreciated.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new second teacher, Cecilia Dickman. She is a very experienced and passionate teacher and we all look forward to working with her.

I am looking forward to attending my first P&C meeting this week as Principal, and invite all parents to attend. I am eager to work with parents and the community on the continued progress and improvements to our school.

Kind regards,

Trudi Eather
A/Principal
COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

Just a reminder that should you wish to speak to me, I am usually in the office between 8.30am and 9.00am daily and will usually be available to speak to you between 11.00am and 11.30am (Morning Tea time), at lunch time between 1.00pm and 1.45pm and between 3.00pm and 3.30pm after school.

The phone is not always manned during class time but you are welcome to leave a message on the school phone. In case of an emergency please call the school mobile.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We were lucky enough to be invited into St Joseph’s Primary School to join with many other schools in celebrating NAIDOC week. The children had an enjoyable time doing arts and crafts, tasting indigenous cooking, playing indigenous games and face painting. The highlight was watching some amazing performers display traditional indigenous dances and storytelling that went along with it. The students also enjoyed being asked to join in with these dances, and found great amusement in watching Mrs Eather perform as an eagle, and Mrs Peart as a kangaroo. We also created a nail string art design back at school. Many thanks to Chinchilla Kitchens for donating the wood materials for this project.

CHANGES TO HOMEWORK

A few slight changes have been made to weekly homework. I feel these are necessary to better equip the students for the transition to higher expectations as they prepare for next year.

You may hear your child talking about an expert talk they need to prepare for this term. This is where students and staff will talk about something that they are interested in and have a lot of knowledge to share with their peers about. We have enjoyed a presentation from Mrs Rummenie where she taught us about things that happened when she went to school, such as marching into class and how to play the Fife.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the students of the week award winners Phillip, Renee and Hayley. Phil received his award for displaying a positive attitude, Renee showed many independent skills, and Hayley received her award for her enthusiasm and effort into all activities. Keep up the great work!
Enrolment – 2014

If your child was born between 1\textsuperscript{st} July 2008 and 30\textsuperscript{th} June 2009, he/she is eligible to commence Prep in 2014.

The Brigalow School welcomes all new enrolments and enrolment packs are available from the school office.

There will be an open day at the Brigalow School early this term for all students who would like to see how our school works including prospective Prep students for 2014.

Watch this space!

P & C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on:

Monday 15\textsuperscript{th} July, 2013
at 3.30pm

All parents welcome!

Community News

BRIGALOW SOCIAL TENNIS CLUB

Tennis and Barbecue
26\textsuperscript{th} July, 2013
9\textsuperscript{th} August, 2013
23\textsuperscript{rd} August, 2013

Barbecue Tea provided. BYO drinks and please bring a plate of food to share for dessert.

For more info please contact Bec on 4665 2210 or Yvonne on 46652288

Dates to Remember

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