PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School review – opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review next week, 26th to 27th March.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015.

The reviews replace the teaching and learning audits, and are designed to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools but, rather, give schools independent and quality feedback to help them improve teaching and learning.

As with the audits, all schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report will be made available to parents and the community via our school website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community, and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say.

Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for all students.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers please contact the office to arrange a time. A survey will also be sent home. This will give you the opportunity to express your opinion about what we do well at this school as well as areas that need more attention.

Your opinion is valuable in this process. Please note that this survey is school survey only.

If you would like more information about the review process please speak to our administration team.

Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework

Kind Regards
Lisa Bello
Acting Principal
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P & C News

- Next Meeting: TBA Early Term 2
- Easter Raffle: Please return all tickets and money ASAP

Reading Groups

Thank you for your continued assistance in ensuring your child arrives on time for school. Arriving 10–15mins prior to the commencement of school gives time for your child to settle well into school routine.

Over the last two weeks Year 2-6 have been developing their comprehension skills. In particular, students have been learning to use their prior knowledge (things they already know about the topic) and how to Self-Monitor (being aware of their own thinking when they read. Can your child do this when they read to you?

Resources Missing!

Valuable school resources are disappearing from the Math and Literacy shelves in the P-2 room. Many of these items are of high interest to all students and are used regularly during Math and English lessons.

If your child has acquired any such items please return them to school ASAP. Replacing these items come to a considerable cost to the school and are valuable to daily classroom lessons. Your assistance in this area is greatly appreciated.

Resources Missing!

Tuckshop

- Tues: Pies & Sausage Rolls 60cents each.
- Thursday: Cheesios 3 for $1.00

‘Strive for the Best’

Calendar

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School Audit

On 26 & 27 March the School Improvement Unit will conduct a Full School Audit (FSA). Finding from the audit will assist with the Quadrennial School Review (QSR) which will be completed later in the year.

QSR Team Meeting

Our first Quadrennial School Review (QSR) Team Meeting was held on Wednesday 4th March. The review process was discussed and we commenced unpacking our current strategic plan in preparation for the QSR. Thank you to all parents and staff that attended. Next meeting 1 April.

Birthdays

Jacob will turn 5 on the 7th April. Mrs Bello turns ……. let’s just say a special number on the 10th April. Have a great birthday!

Science Competition

All students will participate in the annual DAFF Hermitage Research Facility Schools Plant Science Competition. The aim of the competition is to stimulate an interest in science and agriculture in young people and to promote science as a rewarding and exciting career choice.

In this year’s competition students are asked to have fun with photosynthesis and perform a series of experiments that show what a plant needs to live, how plants defy gravity in their search for light, how plants react to different light wavelengths and discover that everything we eat comes from plants and that with no light there’s no life!

The competition Closes 26 June 2015
Awards Day 18 August 2015

Visit the competition website for further information:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

More BIG BOOKS are needed at our school.

As discussed at a P&C meeting, parents are asked to contribute to our school BIG BOOK library?

Attached is a number of Non-fiction books which are required for reading groups.

It would be greatly appreciated if families might be able to donate money for the purchase of a book from the BIG BOOK list on the back of this page.

If you are able to contribute to this request please complete the table and return with the money required for the purchase of the BIG BOOK of your choice. Each donated book will be clearly marked as donated by that family.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Families are more than welcome to purchase a book together.

THANK YOU FOR GENEROSITY.