

# Newsletter

## Dates to remember:

**Feb 26**

**School Photos (Portraits)**

**Feb 27**

**Grandparents Day**

**Feb 28**

**Clean up Aust Day**

**March 1**

**Swimming Carnival (9-12's)**

**Saturday 23rd March**

**Innisfail Church Service**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Adam Coe

**Dear Parents,**

It has been great to see students settling into their new classrooms and making new friends. The classrooms are looking great with student work up on the walls and displays are making the classrooms feel warm welcoming.



I enjoy watching and listening to the students playing at lunchtime and recess time and to see them all playing happily (mostly) together. It is really nice to see the young and older students playing together and to see the older students looking out for the little ones. Our chaplains have been out at lunchtimes getting to know the students as well and making connections.

Next week is a busy week for CAC.

Tuesday is school photo day, please make sure student forms are returned prior to the day.

Wednesday is Parents/Grandparents Day - Starting at 1.40pm. This is our first Parent/Grandparents day for the year. I would invite all to attend and see what their child/ren and/or their grandchildren are doing in the school. I myself enjoy visiting the classrooms and seeing the amazing work that some of our students are producing.

Thursday is Clean Up Australia Day where students will be cleaning up around school and some going off campus to clean up various locations in Gordonvale.

Friday is our Swimming Carnival for students aged 9-12yrs. It will be held at the Gordonvale Aquatic Center and parents are welcome to attend.

### **Week 3, CAC WAY - Award Recipient's Congratulations to the following students**

Mia-Grace Knott-Encouraging cheerfully  
Tomoki Mitamara-Learning enthusiastically  
Lavai Clarke-Acting responsibility  
Khaleisi Sexton-Bann-Serving generously  
Micah Shuttleworth-Speaking respectfully to others

### **Week 4, CAC WAY - Award Recipient's Congratulations to the following students**

Gemma Suchanek-Serving generously  
Charlotte Asenati-Learning enthusiastically  
Pindlin Kepa-Acting responsibly  
Khan Geary-Serving generously  
Mia-Grace Knott-Serving generously

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## CLASS FOCUS— PREP/1

I don't know about you but I feel like this year is just flying by. There are 12 great new prep students as well as some of our year ones to help them along the way. We have now covered all of the letter sounds in the alphabet and will be starting on the di-graphs (two letter sounds) next week. It is so exciting to see how quickly the students are catching on. In maths the preps have been working on the numbers to ten and their words while the year ones have been working on all numbers to 100 and some skip counting.

We are also learning about living things and their needs, how we have grown and changed as well as how things move and why people might design them. The students especially like swimming, playing games and different movement skills. In Bible we have been learning that we are princes and princesses of the heavenly kingdom and that God created a beautiful world for us to live in.

Recently I sent home the Reading Eggs long in for each student. This is a great way for your child to develop their literacy skills as they work through each lesson. I would encourage them to spend some time each week on reading eggs. Reading to your child and with your child is another thing that can help them develop a love for reading and learning.

Just a reminder that homework and library books need to come back to school each Friday. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work with you to help your child be the best that they can be. May god bless you in all that you do.



## CHAPPIES CORNER

### SLOW DOWN

Be honest with me...when was the last time you stopped and smelled the roses? Was it today? Yesterday? Last week? Sometimes being a parent seemingly requires you to rush from place to place, task to task, meeting one need after another. It is far too easy to focus on the things that need to be done NOW and, on the voices, trying to get your attention.

"Mom, where are my shoes?"

"Honey, have you seen my keys?"

"I need you to sign this...it was due in yesterday!"

Not to mention laundry, cooking, cleaning and other chores that just never seem to stop!

**There is a blessing from the Bible that says, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26**

Amid all this it can be hard to just slow down and observe. To stop and spend some time in awe and wonder at the world around you. To simply have peace. This is where our little people can teach us a thing or two. Maybe its time we took a page from their book and recaptured the curiosity of life, the appreciation of the world around us...and the blessing of the family we have been given. Take some time today and notice the many things around you that bring you love, joy and peace...even if they also bring you muddy footprints through the kitchen as well! ☺

Pr James

## GENERAL NOTICES

### Mystery Deposit

On the 8/1/19 a deposit was made into our school bank account but there was no reference or name attached. Please see the office if it was yours.

On the 8/2/19 we have had a second deposit made into our school bank account with no reference.

Please remember to put either students name or parent name as a reference when making payment.

### School uniforms

As students grow it is inevitable that they will outgrow their uniforms. If you have any old uniforms that you would like to donate back to our school please see Sophie in the office.