

Newsletter

Dates to remember:

March 11-15

WOW week

March 14

District Swim

March 19

SAC Meeting

March 20

H&S Meeting

Saturday 23rd March

Innisfail Church Service

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday was our parent and grandparent's day. As I walked around and visited the classrooms it was great to see the number of parents and grandparents that were here. Both parents and grandparents play a very special role in children's lives both at home and at school.

Last Thursday we held our schools 'Clean Up Australia Day'. It was a privilege to be involved in it again this year. Prep –Yr 3 stayed on campus and cleaned up around the school grounds whilst Yr 4-6 went into Gordonvale and cleaned up Norman park and also the IGA carpark. The manager of IGA was impressed with the students and their willingness to serve the community. There was also a number of other positive comments from community members.

Our Yr 9-12's swimming carnival was held on Friday at the Gordonvale Aquatic Centre. It was a great day and it was fantastic to see the improved level of swimming from our students. We are now part of peninsula sport and our students will have the chance to go through to the next level of competition with is our district TCS, then from there they have the opportunity to go to Peninsula sport etc.



Swimming Age Champions

9 Years- Eli Shuttleworth , Kelsey Moggs-Hudson

10 Years- Talan Mossman, Jahara Richards

11 Years- Sean Shuttleworth, Satara Jerrard

12 Years- Josiah Zhang, Mia-Grace Knott

Congratulations to our age champions and everyone who participated in our swimming carnival.



Week 5,

Congratulations to the following students

Lilly Ronlund -Encouraging cheerfully

Chad Tomerini -Learning enthusiastically

Maya Ratabua and Milly Suchanek-Acting responsibly

Engelica Kepa, Jahquailyn Yeatman, Chase Standley and Cristiano Dates -Serving generously

Dontai Sam– Welcoming Challenge

C.A.C Way Awards



Week 6,

Congratulations to the following students

Dustin Tomalin, Chad Tomerini, Jaelyn Vidich, Xavier Canendo and Brooklyn Sully-Rufino -Serving generously

Giovanni Armanelli, Jesinta Noble-Neal and Chloe Mills -Acting responsibly

David Patterson– Living Truthfully

WHAT OUR YEAR 1/2 HAS BEEN UP TO...

Last week the Year 1/2 class went on an excursion to Hartley's Creek Crocodile Farm. Students in the Year 1/2 class have been learning about the differences between mammals, amphibians and insects so a visit to the crocodile farm was very helpful to explore some of these types of creatures. When we arrived at Hartley's we were taken immediately to the Saltwater Crocodile Feeding show where we watched several large crocodiles being fed by trainers. Then we raced over to watch the Freshwater Crocodile feeding show. At 11:45am we boarded the boat and went on a cruise around a billabong and once again got to watch large saltwater crocodiles being fed right beside us. After a short break for lunch we were able to touch and pat a baby saltwater crocodile as well as a large black headed python. We then went and explored the reptile and insect section where we discovered glow in the dark scorpions and many types of venomous snakes. After patting the kangaroos and checking out the wombats, we headed back to the bus and were on our way home. A great day was had by all.



GENERAL NOTICES

Tuckshop-Our tuckshop is always looking for volunteers for a Thursday morning, if you interested in helping out at all please contact Sophie.

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.

Kids church- this Saturday the children at Cairns SDA church will be involved in taking the majority of the church programme and we wish our students well as they lead out.

CHAPPIES CORNER

Howdy folk,

This week's chaplains corner comes courtesy of Time of Grace Ministries.

A Parent's Prayer for Wisdom

Dear Jesus, did you create children just to teach adults wisdom? Because it takes a boatload of wisdom to raise them. And sometimes, Lord, I just seem to come up dry. That's why I'm glad you've told me exactly what heavenly wisdom entails... and it's more "heart" than "smarts."

"The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere" (James 3:17).

Heavenly wisdom is holy. (I sometimes act holier-than-thou.) When I correct my children, drain me of self-righteousness.

Heavenly wisdom is peace-loving. (I sometimes add fuel to the fire.) When tempers flare, help me to patiently bear my children's anger and to bridle my own.

Heavenly wisdom is considerate. (I like to be correct at any cost.) When I speak with my children, make me more concerned with being kind than being right.

Heavenly wisdom is submissive. (I prefer to be on the receiving end of submission.) Help me to submit to your will so that I'm not rude or overbearing.

Heavenly wisdom is full of mercy and good fruits. (I sometimes fixate on my kids' mistakes and overlook their strengths.) Help me show them the same patient mercy you have shown me.

Heavenly wisdom is sincere. (Sometimes I throw advice at my kids without really listening.) Give me a heart that cares, deeply, about my children's concerns.

Lord, I don't need all the answers, but please give me a wise heart. Amen.

God bless you all as you wisely raise your little people.

Pr James

