

NEWSLETTER

07 March 2024

Principal's Office

As we head into the last three weeks of term 1, I urge you all to discuss the day that was as a family. Having a discussion about everyone's day at the dinner table, helps promote healthy conversation and work through issues before bed time to promote a good head space for bed time.

The two questions we use in our family are;

1. What was the best thing that happened today? (this helps to accentuate a positive mindset)

2. What is one thing if you can change it? (this helps your child with learning how to overcome smaller issues and problem solve for the future)

We are keeping a close eye on student behaviour and reminding them of the behaviours we want to see in our great school. If we are doing this at school and it is followed up at home, we create a consistent message and this helps students grow to be conscientious community members for the future.

P and C News

At our first meeting this year we had so many new faces and it was great to see. Please note our next P and C meeting will be our AGM on Monday March 11th. We would love to see as many people attending these as possible to help put our school in the best possible position we can.

Meetings are at 5.30pm and are held in our Staffroom in the main admin building. Look forward to seeing you there.

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NAPLAN TIME

Our children have now completed their writing and reading tests in their new online formats. We are conducting the tests in our Library Computer Lab and two Mobile Laptop banks. We are running two sessions 9:20am and 11:50am.

We ask that students are at school on their testing days bright and early so we can help them achieve their best in the testing environment.

	Wednesday March 13	Thursday March 14	Tuesday March 19	Wednesday March 20
Yr 3	Writing (Paper) 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Language Conventions 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Yr 5	Writing 42 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Language Conventions 45 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

Deputy's Desk

Week 7 leading into 8!!!!

Great things continue to happen at our school – with our school offering the chance to go to Creative Generation in July (in Brisbane), Gala Days in town and also the chance for some of our Year 5's to participate in 'Hands on Learning'.

Notes for Creative Generation went home yesterday with all students from Year 3-6, so if you would like your child to attend, please bring back the form and money ASAP as we will be sharing the bus with Gympie West SS to keep costs to a minimum. So we want to have as many seats taken as we need. For those families who aren't aware – Creative

Generation (or CGen) is a cultural showcase of all state schools in Queensland – from kindy to high school – where those that have a cultural talent can audition and be a part of this spectacular. Words don't do it justice.

With Hands on Learning – this initiative is a program that supports academic achievement by building personal and social skills by supporting the different ways that young people learn. The initial intake will be open to ten, Year 5 students. The idea is for these learners to support, value and give back to our special school – including the ability to make, do and construct things for themselves to take home or make while in the program. For our program to work though, we do need the kindness of some families to donate money towards the purchasing of equipment and tools – for example, hammers, various power tools, screwdrivers etc. If you would like to contribute to our program or know of anyone that would be able to help source our equipment, please contact me at school or message on our school Facebook page. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Next week we have the Royal Far West Team visit our school again to work with some of our year levels, our whole staff and our families. They have a session open to anyone who can make it on Wednesday, 13th March from 2-3pm in the Library – which is all about **SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH BIG EMOTIONS & SHARING RESOURCES**. If you are free – please come along as the presenters are an occupational therapist, speech pathologist and a social worker.

Don't forget that tomorrow is **FUNKY SOCK FRIDAY** (we didn't realise that March came so quickly), so pop those socks on and next term we will invite our families to one of our **FUN FRIDAYS!!!**

Mrs A

Welcome to our Classroom

In maths we conducted a survey to find out our classmates favourite fruit then we used the fruit to make fruit kebab patterns. Learning is

always so much fun in year 1!



Celebrating Student Success

PREP	Knox I	Jacob P-L	Hailee C	Mia W
	Nolan V	Savannah	Lucy W	
Year 1	Isobel H	Leah C		
	Lincoln			
Year 2	Camie	Jake P-T	Hank R	Charlotte A
	Isaac	Charlotte A	Seth P	
Year 3	Lizzy C	Ayda H	Amelia H	
	Indii F	Theo	Memphis	
Year 4	Bryson K	Grace M	Natika C	
	Seth G	Demery S		
Year 5	Wynter L	Kohen O	Alicia J	Connor M
	Jacob H	Sienna R	Frankie H	
Year 6	Lyla H	Ryan J	Anastasia D	
	Liam K	Celine	Dexter S	

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher interviews are being held on Tuesday 19th March (week 9) from 3:15. Any queries in regards to booking interviews – please liaise with your child's Teacher. Bookings can be made by following this link: <https://eq.sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=70433>

South Sport

After a delayed start due to weather, we had a very successful Senior Swimming Carnival on 20th February thanks to all our wonderful supporters, helpers and staff. Our students were extremely well behaved with keen participation and great team spirit. Special thanks goes to our SEC students who helped run things on the day too!

Congratulations goes to our age champions and Open Champions with special mentions to Levi Peacock for breaking the Boys 8 Years 25m Breast Stroke with a time of 32.38 and Maxwell Myers for breaking the Boys 9 Years 25m Back Stroke with a time of 28.09. Well done everyone!

Age	Boys	Girls
8Y	Levi Peacock	Indii Faulkner
9Y	Bensyn Eberhardt	Mackenzie Anderson
10Y	Ryan Britton	Nina Dixon
11Y	Henry Woolley	Asha Atkinson
12Y	Finn Pomerence	Alana McMullen

Division	Champion
Intermediate	Nina Dixon
Senior	Finn Pomerence

What's Next

Gympie South Cross Country 2024

This year's Cross Country has been scheduled for Week 10, Wednesday the 27th March. Below is a quick look at the timetable for the races.

1. 9:00am Teachers will mark rolls in classrooms before heading to the oval
2. 9:15am U12 boys and girls 3km & U8 boys and girls 1km

3. 9:45am U11 boys and girls 3km & U7 boys and girls 1km

4. 10:15am U10 boys and girls 2km & U6 boys and girls 500m

5. 10:35am U9 boys and girls 2km & U5 boys and girls 500m

6. 10:55am Finish (students can go to lunch at 11:00)

7. Age Champion and District Team announcement Presentations – at Parade

Other info

· Prep classes will probably come down closer to 10 as their first race will be at 10:15am.

· U12 = 2012, U11 = 2013, U10 = 2014, U9 = 2015, U8 = 2016, U7 = 2017, U6 = 2018, U5 = 2019

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE AND CHECKPOINTS

Yellow track is for Junior classes.—500m.

Grey track is the Senior track - 1km.



Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	
DATE	DETAILS
12.03.24	Student Council Pizza Day
18.03.24	Year 5 Museum Excursion
27.03.24	Cross Country
28.03.24	Prep Easter Hat Parade

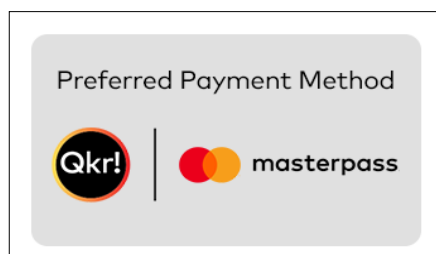
Office Update

ACTIVITY PAYMENT DUE DATES	
DUE DATE	DETAILS
08.03.24	Pizza Day
11.03.24	Year 5 Museum Excursion
28.03.24	SRS/PAT/Instrumental/Strings
19.04.24	Canberra Camp Instalment

Please be advised that the following payments/items are all due by the end of Term 1, 28th March 2024.

- * SRS
- * PAT
- * Instrumental
- * Strings
- * Over Due Library Books

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the office at your earliest convenience.



Community



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MAR | **31st** | **8AM**

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST
EASTER EGG HUNT
& MORE!!!

