PRINCIPAL REPORT

It has been another huge fortnight at school. The students are really challenging themselves now and pushing beyond what they thought they could accomplish.

Absences
If your child has been absent from school, it is a legal requirement that an explanation for their absence is given to the school so that we can record it. Absences are an auditable document and if we only receive notes saying sick, the auditor finds this to be an unacceptable reason for the absence. To comply with our policies could parents please ensure students turn up to school when they return from an absence with a note detailing a little more of the reason for the absence. An example for a child sick with headaches and vomiting would be, “Please excuse Johnny from school on Wednesday 24th Feb 2015 as he was suffering from vomiting and headaches.”

Attendance and Behaviour
I am so happy to report that our attendance this year has blown every other year out of the water. We are averaging around 96% in each class this year, which is amazing. In the P-3 class the average is 95.93% with 100% positive behaviour choices. In the 4-6 class the average attendance is 98.06% with 100% positive behaviours. I tip a credit to the students, staff and families for this and I hope we can continue this throughout the year and reach 95% for the whole school average at the end of the year.

Staffing
This term Mrs Chrissy has taken some time off that was owed to her. In her place, Miss Diana Tieppo (a past student) has filled her position seamlessly. We hope Mrs Chrissy is having a fun, relaxing and enjoyable time while she is away, and hope Miss Tieppo is enjoying her time with us.

Finally, can I please thank the P&C executive from last year for all of their work and dedication. The 75th, State of Origins and many other functions couldn't have happened without a dedicated group of parents working to organise, cook and clean at these functions. Being on the committee isn't difficult and all we ask for is a little time throughout the year to assist in making it easier for our students. We don’t have the man power that large schools have, so we do rely on all of our families to chip in and help out. Please keep an eye out for the time and date of the next meeting so that you can come along and join a great group of people.

Thanks
Luke

Special points of interest:
• Term 1 Dates — 27th January to 2nd April
• Public Holidays — 3rd April
• SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
  6th—17th April
Mutchilba Community Social Hall—First Friday of the Month hosted by Indie Structables
Wheelbarrow Race Team
P&C Meeting TBC
Play Group — 13th, 27th March, 9th April.
NO HAT
NO SHOES
NO PLAY

Congratulations to all the students who received Gotchas for doing the right things around our school.

P—3 Years Class Award

Principal’s Award

4—6 Years
Play group is full of fun things to do, with
fine and gross motor skills,
Arts and crafts, social skills for both
mums
and children.
Playgroup is from
9:00am till 11:30am
Bring your own
Morning Tea,
Hat and water bottle.
Compulsory $3:00
Hope to see some more new faces
Ring 40931159
For more information.
Chaplain’s Corner
We are looking at running a Brekkie program on Monday mornings before school. It would consist of bread for toast and varies spreads (jam, vegemite, peanut butter, honey, soft butter). Please contact the school if you are able to sponsor this program by donating any of the above. It will be FREE to all students and any contributions will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you in advance.
Ms Tina

EATING WELL TIPS

- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Avoid snacking between meals
- Plan healthy, quick and easy meals for busy days
- Make the most of foods in season
- Eat slowly and savor every mouthful
- Drink lot of water
- Cut down on sugars