Everyday Counts

Principal Report

What’s been happening in our school

Over the last few weeks students have been engaged in a whole range of activities that have supported people from outside our community. The recent fundraising day for the Ravenshoe community was a great way to assist those in need, as well as teach the students the importance of community. It was great to see so many families supporting this cause as well. Cr Linwood from the TRC came to our school on Friday and received the money we had raised. She told the students about the costs of the burn suits that some of the victims have to wear and the cost of the suits. The students were very attentive and show great respect towards Cr Linwood and the victims from the Ravenshoe blast. Cr Linwood commented about how the students were a credit to the school and their families and how they should be proud of their efforts.

Also, The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on students with disabilities is on again and if parents want to opt out all they have to do is call the school before 10am Friday the 7th August and tell me that they want to opt out. All information given is collated and given as a whole, no individual can be identified.

NAPLAN

The preliminary reports from NAPLAN have just been received by the school and the data we have indicates that we are heading in the right direction with our Teaching and Learning and all the challenges students have gone through to achieve higher results is paying off. As I stated at a P&C meeting, “There is always room for improvement, but we do need to celebrate every achievement of our students, not matter how small.” Every student in our school is achieving and improving.

To some it might not look like it, but a 1 level increase in a reading mark for a struggling reader is just as good as a 10 level jump for a proficient reader. We do still have to work on our writing and moving students into the highest two banding levels in the NAPLAN report. All in all, I am very pleased with this report and can’t wait to see the confirmed report in September.

Attendance

Our attendance rate at present is 92.4%, which is down on this time last year and is projecting a 91.5% overall attendance for the year. This is below our target of 95% for the year. I do understand that there have been things happening to families this year, but we need students here every day if we want them to succeed in their learning. The more a child attends school, the more chances they get to understand and show their learning. Please remember that everyday does count and that we want the best education for every child at our school.

Have a great weekend!!

Luke Morris

Special points of interest:

Term 3 ——— 13th July to 18th September

School Holidays:

21st—2nd October

Mutchilba Community Social Hall

First Friday of the Month —— 4th September

Play Group —— 14th August, 28th August, 11th September, 25th September

P & C Meeting —— 20th August 2015

Be safe

Be a learner

Be respectful
Fast food in minutes.

Ingredients (serves 1) PT5M
200 grams Mince
handful Beans
handful Cherry tomatoes
sprinkle Spices or herbs
Method
Brown mince in electric fry pan.
Add beans and cherry tomatoes and any spices/herbs you like.

Ingredients (makes 12 Cakes) PT30M
2 Cups Cold Mashed Potato
1 1/2 Cups Flour (or more as needed)
1 Cup Parmesan Cheese, grated
1 Tbsp Chives, Chopped
2 Eggs, beaten
1 Cup Ham, diced
1/2 Shallot, finely chopped
1 Clove Garlic, minced
Pinch Salt & Pepper to taste
Vegetable oil for frying
Method
In a large bowl, stir together the mashed potatoes, flour, cheese, and eggs. If you're using leftover mashed potatoes that have had a lot of milk in them, you will likely need to add more flour until the mixture is thick and workable. You should be able to take a ball of dough in your hand and press it into a patty without it sticking to your hands. Add flour until it reaches this consistency. Alternately, if the dough is too thick and dry, add milk one tablespoon at a time until it reaches the right consistency.
Once your dough is the right consistency, stir in the ham, shallot, garlic, salt, and pepper.
Heat a large pan over medium heat. Add just enough oil to lightly cover the bottom of the pan.
When the oil is hot, take a golf ball sized ball of dough and press into a patty. Place in the pan. Repeat with the rest of the dough, being sure not to crowd the pan.
Cook for 2 minutes per side or until golden brown. Drain on a paper towel.
NO HAT
NO SHOES
NO PLAY

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

Principal’s Award

Prep—3 Years Class Award

Congratulations to James, Sarah and Brooklyn for Spellodrome Champions

4—6 Years Class Award
**BOOKS** $25

**MUGS** $7

**Glasses** $8 or 6 for $40

**Can/bottle coolers** $5

**Pens** $4

**Key tags** $3

**DVD** $10

**PHOTO DISC** $20

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**Sourdough Workshops**

It’s easy! It’s fun!

Come and learn to make your own in a relaxed, hands on class.

Go home with your own loaf to bake and a starter to make your own at home.

All ingredients are provided. You will need to bring some basic equipment (bowl, bread pan or cookie sheet, etc. – full list supplied on application)

Taste testers and health nibbles will be provided during the class, so you don’t need to worry about lunch.

**Dates**

Saturday September 5th, 10am (Mareeba)

(We will get started on time so please be there a little early.

Classes usually take 2 1/2 - 3 hours)

**Cost:** $50 per person

**Contact:** Kaz Penn on 0401 754 876

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**TABLELANDS COMMUNITY FORUM**

**TOPIC**

“BREAKING THE ICE”

An informative & educative session PLUS a structured community Q&A time

Supporting Community Awareness About the Drug commonly known as “ICE”

**DATE:** Wednesday 12th August 2015

**TIME:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**PLACE:** ATHERTON INTERNATIONAL CLUB -
[50 KENNEDY HIGHWAY ATHERTON]

**PANEL:** Qld Police Service; Tablelands Regional Council; Qld Health – Mental Health & ATODS;

A PANEL OF PROFESSIONALS WILL:-

- Deliver qualified educative information
- Detail up to date community impact information
- Dispel Myths and Misinformation
- Provide service contacts and supports information
- Host ‘community question time’ – from the floor and anonymous
Well Women’s Clinics – Mareeba Hospital & Mulungu
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Mareeba Hospital - Thursdays 6th & 20th August
Ph: 4092 9311

Mulungu – Tuesday 18th August
Ph: 4092 3428

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening,
Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Conti-
nence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health,
Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a
specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

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**Play Group**

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

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**Dimbulah Limited Hours Child Care**

- **Fully qualified, Professional & Friendly staff**
- **Programming & pli in accor ith The baa rs Learning Framework for Australia**
- **Open 8:15am to 3:00pm**
- **Thursdays and Fridays Providing care for children**
- **18mths to Syrs CALL IN AND COLLECT AN ENROLMENT PACKAGE TODAY**

For further information contact Lorelle Carey on 40935450

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**Dimbulah Museum**

Dimbulah Museum situated at the Dimbulah Railway Station is now

**OPEN**

for business from

Wednesday to Sunday from 9.00am to 4pm

Come and welcome the visitors on the Savannahlander Train that comes to the Railway Station on every
Wednesday at 10.30am and
Saturday 1.30pm
Dimbulah State School
Junior Curriculum
Information Evening

Wednesday 19th of August

6.00pm for Year 7
Meeting Room (Old Library)

7.00pm: for Year 9
Meeting Room (Old Library)

For 2016 Year 7 and 9
Students and their Parents
Strive to be Kind Day donations go to Allison Baden-Clay Children's Fund.
Thanks to the children for wearing yellow.

National Tree planting with Councillor Nipper Brown

Ravenshoe Appeal - Thank you to all for donating to this Appeal and to Councillor Sharon Linwood for coming to our school to receive the donation.
P– 3 years at Ten Pin Bowling last term.