Dear Parent Community,

Thank you for the big turnout at Tuesday’s Open Classroom afternoon. It was fabulous seeing so many of our families coming to the school to see what the children are doing in class.

The Spelling Bee Trophies have finally arrived and will be presented at the next assembly.

This year we have implemented two significant programs, Prime Maths and the Dandelion Reading Series.

In Term 1 we introduced the Prime Maths program. Prime maths is based on a teaching and learning process developed and used in Singaporean schools. The schools in Singapore lead the world in maths results. The program has significantly lifted the expectations for our children in terms of the work they are being asked to do. Even after a short time we are starting to see a dramatic improvement in the children’s work. I have had a request from one of our mums to run an information session to give parents a better understanding of Prime. I have spoken with Mrs Luff who is our Maths Coordinator and is in the process of organising this session, possibly for next term. We will give further information as it comes to hand.

The Dandelion Reading scheme which we started using across the junior classes at the beginning of this term is used widely across Australia and in forty other countries. The books and associated activities are engaging and teach reading in a systematic manner following the synthetic phonics approach.

We are currently looking at introducing a new whole school approach to teaching writing. This is in the development stage and will hopefully be in place for Term 1 2017.

A REMINDER: Applications for Kindergarten officially closed 29th July 2016. I will endeavour to include enrolments after the cut off date, but to ensure a space and your preferred Kindy days I would urge people to enrol at your earliest convenience. Should you know of anyone in the community with a child likely to be of Kindergarten age we ask that you encourage them to come into the school office as soon as possible to arrange enrolment.

The term has seemed longer than 10 weeks. It must have been the cold weather. Term 3 is traditionally when we have vast numbers of children and teachers away sick.

I wish all of our children and their families a safe and restful break.

I would like to remind parents that the first day for children next term is TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER. Monday is School Development and therefore pupil free.

Kind Regards
Ray Knight
PRINCIPAL
COMING EVENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday 16 September</td>
<td>Faction Athletics Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 22 September</td>
<td>Come &amp; Try Cricket Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 23 September</td>
<td>End Term 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 10 October</td>
<td>School Development Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 11 October</td>
<td>Students begin Term 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 18 October</td>
<td>P &amp; C Meeting 9.00am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 20 October</td>
<td>Interschool Athletics (Yr 3-6)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

FROM THE P & C………..
School Banking-Dollarmite Savers.
Term 4-change of banking day.
From the beginning of term 4, banking will change to every Tuesday morning. It will still be conducted in the community room (school uniform shop) from 8.15am. Special arrangements will be made for the Kindy class bankers who may be affected by the change in day and I will notify you asap.
The 2 movie tickets will be drawn after banking this Friday and the winners will receive their tickets before term ends. Just in time for the holidays!!!!

Yvette Terpolilli

LOST PROPERTY
If you have misplaced any items this term (uniforms, drink bottles and jumpers) please take some time to go through the lost property buckets outside the community room. They are overflowing at the moment. Efforts are made to return items received that are labelled with names.

RAFFLE
Don’t forget to return your tickets in for the Royal Show Tickets raffle—return by Wednesday 21 September for your chance to win!!