Principal’s Note

Please note Term 4 starts on Tuesday 6 October. Newsletter 6 had the incorrect date.

The flu has decimated our attendance rate. It is now at 93.3% for Term 3 but I thank everyone for keeping their children home when they are unwell. Hopefully, the two week break will revitalise us all and have us ready for Term 4.

As some work was missed we will have complete the end of Term testing at the beginning of Term 4.

Science Day in Jundah

We drove to Jundah for a day of Science with Doctor Peter Eastwell. As I watched and listened to all of the children participating I was extremely proud of both Kitty and Lily for the enthusiasm and knowledge they displayed throughout the day.

Tallebudgera 2016

Mr Morley, Stonehenge Principal, has successfully negotiated with Tallebudgera School Camp on the Gold Coast to modify their program. Usually students in Years 6 or 7 are the lucky people who are able to attend this camp but Tallebudgera has offered to make an exception and to cater for the students of Stonehenge, Windorah, Isisford and Muttaburra. A P-6 camp is offered to us during August of next year. Tentative costs would be approximately $320 per student for a five day camp. Due to the fact that both Muttaburra and Windorah will have prepies they are also allowing us to bring parents who have a blue card.

The Camp is also negotiating for us in obtaining prices for visits to Seaworld and other attractions.

More about this opportunity as the year progresses.

Work Experience

Thank you Dakota for your help this week. We have enjoyed having you and hope that you can visit again soon.
Ambulance Visit

Vanessa visited us on Thursday and the students were able to try out the equipment in the ambulance. We enjoyed the informative session.

Cake Stall

A very successful fund raiser for the students was held last Thursday. Thank you, Ross and Wendy Groves for all of your work. At this stage the total amount raised for the stall was $530. This money will go towards funding the school camp in 2016.

Questions for Grandparents

Trophy won by Merv Geiger, Windorah SS in 1963.

Year 2 student and Preps had a successful morning with their Grandparents. The children proudly showed off their work, read and then prepared a lunch for their visitors. The children also collected information about their grandparents and what happened when they were at school. They later used this information in their history reports.

Read-a-thon Money

This money now needs to be returned to school so that it can be banked and the students will be able to collect their prizes. Due to absences this will have to be finalized at the beginning of Term 4.

Behaviour Management

Term 3 saw us using Gotcha’s to reward positive behaviour. The aim was for each student to ‘earn’ 20 positive gotcha’s a week when he/she is observed following the school rules; Safe, Respectful and Responsible. Most weeks all of the students earned 20 gotchas and received a small reward.

I prefer encouraging children to follow the rules by acknowledging the positive behaviours rather than concentrating on the negative behaviours and for the most part this works.

After some discussion Miss Jenny, Miss Charlotte, the students and myself have identified the following as the negative consequences that will be implemented if a student chooses to disrupt the learning of others or does not show the proper respect to people or property.

1. Stay in during lunch breaks.
2. Stay upstairs and work during sports on Wednesday.
3. Ring Mum/Dad and let them know that the student will be staying after school to complete work.
4. Miss swimming on Friday.

Hopefully, these consequences will not have to be implemented too often.

Writing

An effective Introduction to a story.

What a Mess

“Come on!” shouted dad as mum was being fussy with her clothes. “We are going to be late for the poddy ride and I will miss the bullock ride,” yelled Dad. Mum raced downstairs and got in the car. We started off. “Wait,” said Mum, “I forgot Jade.” Back we went, we would be really late now. What a mess!

Thank you, Koby for this introduction. It made my morning.

Have a great break everyone. Jenny H and Jenny B.