Welcome back to term 4. I trust the students enjoyed the break and are rested for another busy and exciting Term. There is so very much value added to the school operations by our volunteers. I want to thank our Swimming helpers. The volunteers allow us to keep the groups smaller and more kids swimming.

I was very proud of the Student efforts at the Concert before the holidays, and to the 62% of students in Year 4 to 7 who were recognised for meeting the school expectations in Term 3.

Student Booklist or Student Resource Scheme
The school operates a Student Resource Scheme where texts and other equipment are provided on hire to the students. Further to this a Bulk Purchase of Student Materials is implemented to coordinate the bulk supply on behalf of families. It is intended to offer both schemes again for 2014. Families must signal their intention to participate in the schemes by Friday 8th November. Information will be sent home shortly. This year with a better understanding of the scheme there will be only one order placed with only a set number of spare materials kept for incoming families. i.e; No late orders accepted.

Teacher Aide Celebration Day
Again I would like to thank our Teacher Aides for their contribution to learning within the school. Currently the school purchases 20 hours of support in addition to the 130 hours supplied by the staffing allocation. That is on average an hour and a half extra to every class in our school. We recognise the value in supporting teachers to form groupings of students with similar needs to deliver individualised instruction.

From Facebook – For these and more ‘Like’ the School Facebook page.

Swimming Lessons have begun
Working Bee helpers
Concert performers
Year 4-7 Recognition – Damper cooking
Combined Band - Strings
Combined Band - BWP

Principal’s Message
NAPLAN
Schools have been asked by Education Queensland to share the general summary of the (NAPLAN) data with the school community. Individual student reports are still some time away from distribution due to a printing error. Our website has a full report for our school community.

In simple terms when compared to the Nation we are statistically similar or above in 93.3% of the areas for Literacy and Numeracy. This includes our average or mean score students meeting the National Minimum Standard and those achieving in the Upper 2 Bands. It is a tremendous result. It is all the more satisfying because as a school we have not reverted to teaching to the test and have kept providing opportunities for students with a holistic well-rounded education. In fact our parents demanded it of us when undertaking school planning a number of years ago. I believe we should be known as a school with a supportive environment, with opportunities for students and as a place where students can achieve. Why – Great Teachers.

Staffing
There will be two changes to staffing in 2014. Ms Peepal will remain on leave for 2014 and Mrs Farley is transferring south for family commitments.

Both positions are to be filled by transfer. Mr Nick Lunn from Pacific Paradise SS on the Sunshine Coast is the first appointee.

Class Allocations
Teacher Allocations have been determined for next year. An email will be sent this week notifying of the staffing for next year. This is earlier than usual to allow teachers time to prepare for the next phase of the National Curriculum implementation (Geography).

Teachers have met to place students into draft classes. Parents who supplied student or educational factors have had that considered; along with the teachers own knowledge of students. Teachers have now finished their input into the class formation process. From this point, administration reviews and makes adjustments as student numbers fluctuate. Class allocations are released on Friday 6th December.

It is expected staffing levels for 2014 will remain at 14 class groupings with enrolments equivalent to this year. There is an outside chance with continued enrolment growth further classes might be formed.

Key Timelines
Email announcing teachers for 2014 & Booklists sent to all parents 15/10/2013
Administration (Deputy and Principal) review of student placements. (Book pack orders to be received) 8/11/2011
Class placements & room allocations released 6/12/2012

Mathletics
Mathletics is to help students enjoy maths and improve their results. Mathletics covers Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum. Teachers are familiarizing themselves with the program and all it offers.

The school has accessed some special pricing to evaluate this program ($9.90 a student) until the end of 2014. Privately, parents would pay $99 a year to access the program.

We have already been using Lexia as an Internet based, individualized, reading software that builds skills with explicit practice in phonemic awareness and phonics while promoting gains in vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. The school uses it for all Prep to Year 4 students and the Internet based version allows home access. (Download instructions available from Office) It hasn’t replaced good explicit teaching, but gives individualized support to practice and reinforce their skills.

For Mathletics, Home Users are synchronized with the school database. Students use their username and password from school.

The home school partnership will be strengthened by the access to this program. The website is located at: http://www.mathletics.com.au/

Honours Program
We have been thrilled by the students who pursue their Honours work and cannot wait to see the results of their work at the Presentation Evening. Tasks set for 2013 were of a higher quality, interest and challenge and with the National Curriculum it has become more of an independent task for students. Those who complete Honours really demonstrate persistence and organisation and a great work ethic.

Sport
The Softball and Volleyball teams are about to commence their competitions.

Instrumental Music
Recruitment testing will be occurring Thursday this week for students who have expressed an interest in joining the program for 2014. Lessons for existing students are postponed for this week. The Parent Information Session for incoming students will be Thursday 28th November.

World Teacher Day – Friday 25th October 2013
Teachers are continually renewing their knowledge and skills to ensure their profession remains vital and effective. World Teachers Day celebrates the role teachers’ play in a constantly changing world. Celebrate with us as we acknowledge the valuable contribution of teachers to our communities.

Swimming
Swimming has started and with some modified bus arrangements has increased the swimming time. There have been great reports from the students. I am hoping this year there will be no students showing reluctance as it is a compulsory part of the curriculum. We cannot opt out of maths or English if it isn’t our favourite, so too with swimming. It is a life skill to tackle tasks that aren’t your favourite when required. I encourage parents to assist with their child’s resilience and be consistent with this message. Sickness and medical reasons that may arise through the term are acceptable and can be informed by a note from home.

Swimming – Jewellery
It is an issue each year but safety assessment from EQ and the Tannum pool guidelines excludes the wearing of jewellery during swimming.

“Procedures should be put in place to ban, dissuade or protect (e.g. tape) the wearing of jewellery. “

There is a high chance of losing jewellery for those who have ignored the guidelines as the pool filter ends up being filled with items. Teachers are not to be responsible for taking out or looking after jewellery. Students can either leave items at home, or take it out and be responsible to put in a safe place such as tidy tub, clip sea bag or small container. If ears are freshly pierced they can be taped.

Year 7 Brisbane Camp
Students are starting to get excited and will be exposed to many forms of public transport and the responsibilities associated with being an independent traveller. I am confident students will have an enjoyable time at some of the fun things that are planned but also exposed to some great learning
opportunities. Attending the Camp with me will be Mr Sauer, Mrs Copsey and Mrs Raffin.

A briefing session will be held on Wednesday 16th October at 2pm for all students and interested parents.

Parent Forum – Thursday 25th October 9:15am

Invitations will be extended to the Parent Forum to provide input and feedback into the School’s operations with the Deputy Principal, Cathryn Murdoch. Topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- opportunities to discuss what or how children are being taught
- your thoughts on what is working well within the school
- your ideas to provide the best opportunities for students at our school

Recognition Awards – Year 4-7

Students will again be recognised at the end of this Term if they have met the expectations for attendance, behaviour, uniform, effort and homework completion. The reward activity is yet to be decided.

Green and Healthy News

With the huge success of Woolworths’ Aussie Animal Collector Card packs, our Green and Healthy Team have decided to hold our own “school swap day”! We are asking all families to place any spare cards they no longer require into the large green tub in the school office. Our Green Team will then sort and collate these cards to be made available for students to collect during our school swap day on Thursday 24th of October at 11:15am in Ms Clow’s Year 2 room. To participate in the day, all you have to do is write down the numbers of the cards you still need for your collection and bring it to school on the swap day (please leave all albums at home so that they do not become lost or damaged). Our Green Team will do their best to ensure that as many students as possible end up with a complete collection! If any parents would like to assist on the day, please see Ms Clow (or write your name on the list in the office). Your support would be greatly appreciated!

New Website

https://boynislass.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

QSchools App

You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. The QSchools app is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.

Prep Enrolments 2014

Prep Orientation Days

Parents and Carers are welcome to bring their child/children along for further familiarisation sessions as listed below: Prep Orientation Days

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Playgroup “Focus on Fours”

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PE NEWS

Swimming

The cost of the program will be either $14 or $18. Transport arrangements are by bus each week. This year all students must wear a swimming cap. Caps are available from the office in House colours for $5 each. A copy of the times and days children will be swimming is shown below.

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UNIFORM SHOP

For year 7’s attending Tannum Sands SHS in 2014

For incoming students 2014, Tannum Sands SHS’ Uniform Shop will be holding three “try-on” days, where students can come with mum or dad and physically try on sizes and get advice about uniform items. The try on days for uniforms for 2014 students will be held on 17th, 18th and 21st Oct, from 3.00pm to 5.15pm at the high school’s Uniform Shop, building just behind the Admin building.

A 25% deposit is required on the day that the order is placed. Eftpos, Cash or Cheque accepted.

All orders must be received by Wednesday 23rd October. Any enquiries call Tara Whiting 4979 9752.

Class News

Prep H News

Term 4 sees us swimming at the pool with Mrs Hurst. In class, we will be learning how to keep safe around water environments and who can keep us safe around water.

To keep safe you should go to the pool, beach, or river with an adult to watch you. Look for obstacles before you go into the water, enter the water cautiously, do not run and dive in, check the depth of the water to see where it is best to swim, obey the life guards, swim between the flags and play safely.

We will be learning how to protect ourselves from the sun by slipping on a shirt, stopping on sunscreen, slapping on a hat and wrapping on sunglasses as well as looking for areas to play in that are out of the sun.

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A BIG THANKYOU TO QAL FOR PROVIDING THE FUNDS FOR OUR 3 NEW COMPOSTERS.

We are now composting all of the fruit scraps from the Preps, Year 1’s and 2’s. The fruit scraps break down and turn into nutrient rich compost which we then dig into our gardens.

**News from 4SS**

This Term in English, our work is around advertising. Students will be viewing various types of advertisements and learning what makes them persuasive. There will also be more of a focus on teaching strategies needed for writing. Our Learning Support Teacher, Janelle McHugh will be assisting with this and it is a school wide initiative as was/is CAFE reading. In Maths, we will be looking at a variety of areas, including number, fractions, data and measurement. In History, we move onto our major assessment piece where children have to research an aboriginal group and look at the effect that contact with others has had. Science will involve the students investigating how forces can be exerted by one object on another through direct forces and forces acting from a distance.

**A fictional historical recount from last term written from the point of view of a convict by Dhivja**

Hi. My name is Stephine von Kickpaw. I was 10 years old when I was put on the Lady Penrhyn. I was with my mother, but she died on the ship from starvation. We were both sent here because we had stolen a loaf of bread from a street vendor.

The ship was rotten and it stank. I missed my mother. I felt all alone. On the 26th of June I met a wonderful friend. Her name was Louise Maklin. I was scrubbing a deck when another girl was demanded to do the same thing as me. We secretly started talking and then we became friends. Louise had stolen 95 pounds, from her employer for firing her. I had asked her why she stole so much money and who for. Then, “I can’t tell you. I’m sorry,” she said. I wondered why. I just told her that I was on here because of my mother, but she died. My father had died from stealing money and was sentenced to death.

Then two crew members came in and took me. I was put back in a prison cell. I stayed in there for 2 days. On the 3rd day I was put up on the top deck to help stitch the sail. We had just been in a big storm, and there was a big hole in one of the sails.

As I was stitching the sail I saw convicts having punishments done to them. Just then the captain came out and said; “land ho.” I stared around and then I saw it. Port Jackson!

I was so excited to finally get off the rotten hull that I nearly fell off the mast. When we arrived, the land looked so dry, so the captain ordered that we sail further. So we went more north. We anchored and Louise and I watched as the British flag was unfurled.

One day later the women were allowed off the ship. It felt good to be on dry land. Louise, I and a few other women became maids for captain Arthur Phillip. Arthur treated us with very little respect. It was unpleasant but it was better than living on the streets.

It has been 12 years since then, and I am 22 years old and a free settler. I’m married and I have 1 baby girl. We are all happy here in Australia.

The end.

**Art work with maths symmetry from last term**

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**Focus on Fours Playgroup**

All 2014 Prep families are welcome to attend. We meet every Friday 9-11am in the school hall. Bring a healthy lunch, hat and drink bottle. We ask for $2 to cover the cost of our resources and for you to be a member/join Playgroup Queensland, http://playgroupqueensland.com.au/ Please share this information with all those it applies to.

Any interested 2015 families are welcome to come along and meet with some lovely parents and children who are keen for this program to continue next year. We have a little group already forming!!

For more information please contact Anita 4973 2434
ART CLASSES at the Community Art Centre start next week for primary school children. Classes are after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. For enquiries contact Jenny: email: jen_4nier@yahoo.com.au; ph. 49729022 or 0419 705 175

Junior Squash Superstar Program (Ages 7 - 14)

Designed to introduce juniors to squash, through a fun & interactive program
Fun, Fitness, Skills, Achievement levels

Wednesdays 4 - 5:30pm. (9th Oct - 11th Dec)
(1st wk Sign on / Grading)

Coach Richard Williams (Assisted by Junior CQ reps)
Venue - Gladstone Tennis & Squash (Glentillyon Road)
Cost $10 per session (Discount for whole term)

Sessions designed to be fun while progressively developing skills

Please contact Richard Williams

Mob 0407 124636
aytonwilliams@gmail.com

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