

Newsletter No. 32

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Welcome back to term 4.

A special welcome back to both Mrs Sunner and Ms Cowley who will be teaching years 4 & 5 respectively. This term will be really busy with preparations for the end of the school year, swimming, Eisteddfod, transitions to and from Primary School etc. Students will be very busy learning during their day at school.

Swimming for term 4. This forms part of the school's compulsory curriculum and students will be expected to participate unless parents have provided a reason for non participation. This of course includes sickness. Students who are not swimming will be expected to continue with their learning in alternate subject areas. This will include literacy and numeracy skills. Children will be swimming (23rd - 27th November) at Pioneer Pool for older students and Marlin's Swimming Centre for smaller kids. Costs and times to be advised at a later date.

Jewellery at school - The school policy on the wearing of jewellery states that only a watch and a signet ring, one pair studs/ small sleepers are acceptable. All other types of jewellery are not allowed. (If your child has a piece you haven't noted before, please, consider returning to school as some students have lost jewellery).

Within the next week, we will be sending home the individual student results of 2009 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy) for years 3,5 & 7. An information sheet will be included for parents. As these reports form part of the formal assessment of your child during their years of education, I urge you to keep them with the school based report cards.

Students and teachers have worked very hard this year to achieve some very good results. I would like to commend the students who have focussed on their literacy and numeracy skills and also the teachers who have dedicated their efforts to individual students' learning. We, as individuals, teachers and a school combine our individual and group efforts to ensuring the very best educational outcomes for your child. I acknowledge particularly, our group of very dedicated teachers - thank you for all of your efforts. We will use the results of this testing, our school based testing and individual student testing to ensure the very best programs for students at this school.

Birth certificates for children starting Prep Year:

Parents of children born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 who are starting Prep in 2010 will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year. The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush. To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can:

- download an application form from www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm
- visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse.

Don't leave it to the last minute - apply for a birth certificate now.

Further information for parents and carers wanting to enrol their Prep-aged children in a state school in Queensland is available on the Department of Education and Training website at:
www.education.qld.gov.au/student-services/inclusive/prep/

Have a wonderful week
Belinda Eckford / Principal

SPORTS NEWS

TOUCH FOOTBALL DRAW (9th October)

- F4 5.45pm **BUCASIA BABES** v Mirani Misfits
F2 5.45pm **BUCASIA BAD BOYS** v Vic. Park Vikings

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Please make the following changes to your tuckshop menu.

- **Pizzas are \$2.00.**
- **ALL chips are now \$1.00**

Below is the delicious range of ice-creams we're selling this term.

Chocolate paddle pops	\$1.20
Rainbow paddle pops	\$1.20
Ice Twist	\$1.00
Splice pine / lime	\$2.00
Frozen yoghurt / Strawberry	\$1.30
Frozen yoghurt / Fruit salad	\$1.30

Children in Yrs 4 - 7 may purchase after the bell over the counter. Children in Prep – 3 are to order ice-creams using the paperbag method. Thank you for your support.

Julie Ferguson

EISTEDDFOD NEWS

Wednesday 14th October at 8.30am – Instrumental Ensemble and Recorder Band.

Friday 23rd October at 8.30am (Bus leaves School) – Yr 3 – 7 Choir. \$4.00 for the bus and permission forms will need to be into the office asap.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental recruiting for year 4's is currently underway. Students have taken forms home and these are due back to Mrs. Miller now.

IMPORTANT: The Parent Meeting will now be held on Thursday 5th November due to Eisteddfod Commitments.

Linda Miller / Music Specialist.

MAGPIE SEASON

Please be aware that between Gentle Avenue and Kemp Street there are aggressive magpies. Wearing hats or bike helmets may be a deterrent. Moving quickly past the area will help also. Signage has been erected to warn children and adults alike.

Regards,
Tracey Nutley.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Bucasia Film & Festival: Friday 23rd October



- Gates open 5pm
- \$5 per family
 - Tickets available next week.
- Featuring 'Monsters vs Aliens'
- Plus lots of side attractions
- Volunteers needed.

Call Becky 49 547678

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4 PUPIL FREE DAY	Monday 19 th Oct
ARTS COUNCIL	Wednesday 28 th Oct
SWIMMING	November 23 – 27

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

Learning Network Queensland's MACKAY Centre is now offering a Back to Work course to people who wish to upgrade their skills in order to enter or re-enter the workforce.

The course will begin on 12th October and will run on Monday and Tuesday for 5 weeks.

This program focuses on job seeking skills including writing resumes and addressing selection criteria as well as learning the basic computer skills of word processing and accessing the internet and email.

The Back to Work course is funded by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation's *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* Initiative.

For further information phone **Betty Marshall**, Coordinator LNQ Mackay on **49407 405/ 0428151054** or visit the centre at Central Queensland University, Boundary Road, Planlands Mackay

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Milo In2 Cricket

Registration for Northern Suburbs Cricket Club will be held on Thursday, 15th October from 4pm at Wanderers Soccer Grounds, Ben Nevis Street, Beaconsfield. The programme will run for 6 weeks commencing straight after registration. Players will be required to wear closed in shoes, bring a hat and also a water bottle to each session. Cost for the 6 week programme will be \$50.

All enquiries please contact

Nea Ridley

Junior Co-Ordinator

Northern Suburbs Cricket Club

Phone: 0419 278 250

Email: willandnea@bigpond.com

Share Your Thoughts on Parenting

Share your thoughts and ideas about parenting and programs to support parents, as part of a project conducted by the Parenting and Family Support Clinic (PFSC) at the University of Queensland. We are looking for parents of a 2-10 year old child to complete a survey and view some short videos about parenting programs P.

The study is available online at: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/engagement>. Alternatively if you reside in the Brisbane metropolitan area, you can complete the study at the PFSC by contacting Faye Nitschke (Email:

faye.nitschke@uqconnect.edu.au

or Ph: 07 3365 7307).

TAKE HOME AN INTERNATIONAL BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER.

Capture the spirit of family and friendship by hosting an international exchange student from Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend your local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

CONTACT : 1800 500 501

email : scceaust@scce.com.au www.scce.com.au

POSITIONS VACANT at Dolphin Heads Resort

- Casual function staff required for weekend work. Must be well presented and reliable, some experience preferred but not necessary.
- Casual cleaning staff required – 20-30 hours per week, some weekends, school hours available

**Please phone Kate Hall – Operations Manager on Ph: 4944 4706
Or email operations@dolphinheadsresort.com.au**

Down syndrome Awareness Week October 12 – 18

Next week is Down syndrome Awareness Week and the focus this year is on 'Promoting Friendships'. Friendships are important – they help us to fulfil our basic human need to belong. We all need friends in our lives – we are all social beings and we need human contact and a sense of belonging to help us feel like we have value, that we are loved and that we are wanted.

Children with Down syndrome like to have friends; they like to help out, to learn and to be good at what they do. They like to have a turn even when they aren't as quick or as good at things.

What is Down syndrome?

A 'syndrome' is a condition that is associated with a number of distinguishable characteristics. A baby with Down syndrome is born approximately one in every 700 births, with roughly equal numbers of males and females of all ages, ethnic groups, countries and economic backgrounds.

What causes Down syndrome?

Down syndrome is a chromosomal anomaly. In most cases it is caused by an extra copy of chromosome 21 being present in all of the body's cells. There is no reason for this and no one is to blame. It happens at conception and the occurrence of Down syndrome has not been linked to any activities before or during pregnancy.

How can you tell a person has Down syndrome?

Some of the more common features associated with Down syndrome include upward slanting eyes, low muscle tone, smaller stature, shorter fingers, and intellectual disability to varying degrees. People with Down syndrome can usually engage in similar activities to their peers. They may just need more practice to learn new skills.

It is important to regard each person as a unique individual, treating them with respect and acknowledging their strengths along with any special needs.

The Down Syndrome Association of Queensland Inc (DSAQ) has an excellent website www.dsaq.org.au if you would like further information.

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