Dear Parents

Yesterday we held our first Monday afternoon whole school assembly and it was great to see a pleasing number of parents in attendance. It is hoped that this afternoon time will prove to be a more convenient time for both the school and parents. We would prefer all students to remain at school after the conclusion of the assembly rather than leave early – there are usually tasks that need completing in classrooms.

Next Monday 28th July is our Education Week Assembly with some special awards being given and some wonderful entertainment from our choir, band and public speakers. The assembly will commence at 2.00pm.

On Wednesday 30th July at 10.30 we have open classrooms with all students showcasing some work or achievement they are proud of. Morning tea will be provided at 11.15 am

We look forward to seeing you at both these events.

This Friday is school tree day. We are planning a slightly different day with Bunnings coming into our school to help redesign our edible garden and plant a range of hardy plants. We thank Bunnings for their support.

Our school breakfast club has been in operation for over 8 years which is quite a record. Through this program we are able to provide a healthy breakfast and a good start to the day for many students. We are seeking sponsors to keep this wonderful program going and also parent volunteers to give up some time to help serve breakfast. If you can help please contact the office.

Yours in Education
Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

Quote of the Week: Education is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world.

Assembly
Monday 28th July is our special education week assembly, it is a whole school assembly. All parents, family members and friends are warmly invited to attend. The assembly commences at 2:00pm in the school hall.

Canteen News

Thank You
We would like to thank Rebecca Donaldson for all her hard work in the Canteen. Rebecca has had a huge impact with getting the canteen up and running over the past 12 months and it is greatly appreciated. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Sincere thanks from P&C Committee, staff, parents and the children.

Welcome Back
With Rebecca’s departure we welcome back Megan Parker. Megan has worked in our school canteen previously and we are very happy to have her return.

Canteen Opening Hours are as follows
Monday 9am-2pm
Thursday 9am-2pm
Friday 9am-2pm
(CLOSED Tuesday & Wednesday)

Canteen Roster
Thursday 24.07.14 Megan, xxxx, xxxx
Friday 25.07.14 Megan, xxxx, xxxx, xxxx.
Monday 28.07.14 Megan, xxxx
Tuesday 29.07.14 Closed
Wednesday 30.07.14 Closed
Thursday 31.07.14 Megan, xxxx, xxxx
Friday 1.08.14 Megan, xxxx, xxxx, xxxx.

xxxx indicates help is needed.

If you are able to spare an hour or two please see Megan in the canteen. Thank you.
**P & C News**

**P&C Meeting**
Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th August 2014 in Heritage Hall at 1:30pm.

Items on the agenda will include
- **FETE**
  - Student appearance
    - Body & Facial Piercing
    - Coloured Hair
    - Coloured Nails

Everyone welcome.

**Uniform shop news**

**OPENING HOURS**
The uniform shop will now be open from 9am to 10am on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS.

**AVAILABLE NOW!!**

- **Library Bag - Maroon**
  - Waterproof Oxford Polyester
  - Reinforced Carry Handles
  - Flaps with Velcro
  - Top Stitched Edge
  - ID Tag Outside
  - Name Tag Inside
  - Length 27cm Width 38cm

- **Scrunchies - Maroon**
  - Easy care polyester
  - Easy to remove and doesn’t drag your hair!

Payment can be made by cash, eftpos, or cheque. Lay-by/payment plan also available. Thank you for all your support.

**2S Report**

2S would like to welcome everyone back from the holidays and we hope you had a happy and safe holiday.

One of our favourite activities throughout the week, which students look forward to is numeracy groups. During this time we focus on strategies where students are purposefully looking for the most efficient way to add and subtract numbers mentally.

Below are photos of students participating in their numeracy groups.

**Interview with Chandon Kelman- Aged 12**

**School Prefect**

1. What is your favourite thing about school and why?
   Art, Sport and Spelling, because I like to spell and I'm talented in Art and in sport it's fun and I get fit.

2. What would you do with $100 and why?
   I would save up or either, I'll spend it on food for Kate, Lluka and I because they do a lot for me.

3. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?
   I would go to Fiji or Hawaii, because I've always to go snorkelling in their magnificent water.

4. What would you do if you were Prime Minister for the day and why?
   If I was Prime Minister for a day I would ban brussel sprouts, smoking and I would make school hours shorter. Because all those things get on my nerves.

5. If you were given one special wish, what would it be and why?
   If I was given one special wish I would ask for more wishes.

6. What do you want to be when you grow up and why?
   I want to be a marine biologist photographer. Because I love taking photographs and being in the water.

**Reporters:** Lluka and Kate

**U.H.TAFE Outreach**

U.H.TAFE Outreach is delivering an Introduction to Retail Course at Muswellbrook TAFE. This course will include students being enrolled in 2 subjects that focus specifically on retail – interact with costumers and work effectively in a customer service environment. This will be held on Mondays 9:30am to 1:30pm starting on the 18th August and finishes on the 3rd November at Muswellbrook TAFE. There is NO TAFE enrolment fee.

Please phone 65421115 if interested.
Give Blood

The Mobile Blood Service is visiting Muswellbrook PCYC on

Monday 28 July from 1.30pm – 7pm
Tuesday 29 July 9am – 3pm
Wednesday 30 July – 1.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 31 July – 9am – 3pm

Drink up have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in
the hours before you donate

Eat have a good sized breakfast or lunch

Please bring photo I.D. with you
Call 139596 or visit donateblood.com.au

Please Note Change Of Date

Quirindi Public School P and C Horsesports will
be held on Monday 13th October at 8am sharp.
Contact Simon 0428485355

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Book Club Orders are due back to school
TOMORROW Thursday 24 July 2014

ABILITY LINKS

Ability Links aims to assist people with
disability to be valued and equal members of their
communities and help build a society where
people with disability enjoy inclusive lives in all
spheres: community, public, private and social.
It is about building a person’s informal networks to
support them to achieve their goals and have their
needs and interests met. It is also about promoting
community inclusion and participation for people
with disability, so that people with disability are
able to access and participate in activities available
to the general community.

Ability Links coordinators, known as Linkers, work
with people with disability, their families and carers to plan
for their future, and help people become more confident,
supporting them to achieve their goals, break through
barriers and access support and services in their
community. Linkers also work alongside communities
and mainstream services, supporting them to become
more welcoming and inclusive to any person who would
like to connect with their community.

Please phone Debbie Camps – Ability Links
Coordinator Muswellbrook LGA to find out more
0428 169 248 or drop in at our office in the QE11
Building CNR’s Bridge and Market Streets,
Muswellbrook

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2014

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You are invited to attend:

1. Our education week assembly
   When: Monday 28th July at 2.00pm
   Where: The School hall
   What: Student awards and special entertainment

2. Classroom Open day
   When: Wednesday 30th July at 10.15
   Where: Your child’s classroom
   What: Celebration of success and classroom activities

Please stay for morning tea after the classroom visits in the library.