From the Principal

Where has the school term gone? In the last fortnight we have been busy completing assessment items, participating in a drama performance and we also attended our first movie night. We’ve also simulated how floods and earthquakes effect houses and bridges, and tested our homemade bricks against a simulated summer storm. With term 3 fast coming to an end however, it is important that our students take time to reflect, relax and recuperate before the start of Term 4. We may not want to think about it just yet, but for our Year 6 students this means that they only have 10 weeks of school left!

With the school being closed for the holidays can I please ask everyone to keep an eye out for it while we are on our break. If you happen to notice anything please do not hesitate to contact me.

Whole School Review Findings

Last newsletter I mentioned that we were waiting on the report from the School Improvement Unit. Late last week we officially received both the Executive Summary and the School Review report. The Executive Summary is now available on the website for download or viewing.

Speaking of the website, one of the recommendations of the report was to update all information. As such, shortly a member of staff will be trained to upload news and calendar events and the website will receive a general overhaul. I look forward to using this as another way to communicate to parents and the community in the near future.

Attendance

Our attendance rate is holding steady at 91.2% however our goal for the year is 95%. Recently, I was asked what does that percentage actually mean? Given our current attendance (and if we assume that every school week has five days) it equates to approximately 18 days in which students were absent from school, or almost 4 four weeks!

With the holidays fast approaching it is an important time for our students to rest and recuperate in order to ensure that they are healthy and ready for another term. I am confident that we will once again reach our target of 95% and I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing commitment.
Words Their Way—Spelling

Our spelling lists have concluded this term and the students will have no homework for this week and week 1 of next term. New spelling lists for the term will be sent home via email and in paper form early in Term 4.

Minion of the Week/s

Our students of the week for the last fortnight were:

Week 9—Mr Grady Wight
⇒ For his impressive ‘Super-Nova’ character and participation in the Offroad Drama Presentation

Week 8—Mr Lane Parker
⇒ For working hard on his listening skills and attentiveness in class

Congratulations to both students. With our new rewards system in place, students that receive a Minion of the Week award also receive 3 tickets that they can use to purchase different items at school.

Brigalow Cluster Meeting

Unfortunately, this meeting needed be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We are currently looking at rescheduling this for early Term 4.

Science Experiments

It was an exciting time here at the school last Monday when our students got to test how their personally designed bricks, houses and bridges would handle the elements. Students got to simulate an earthquake and flood, as well as experimenting with how hand made bricks would handle a summer storm. Thank you to Mrs Lisa Small for the organization and preparation of these experiments.
Camps / Excursions

Tim and Howard Drama Performance

On the 8th of September our students participated in a space adventure with Howard and Tim. Students examined different aspects of drama including clowning, creating tension and introducing comedy into a routine. On the day the students were a part of a Supernova group that infiltrated an evil lair pretending to be a ‘Glump’. Students then had to tell jokes to overcome the ‘gloominess’. It was a great day and I’m sure we will try to do it again soon.

Why do aliens like to eat clowns? Answer: Because they taste so funny!

Tissues and Paper

Finally, just a gentle reminder. If you could please send through to school any reams of paper or boxes of tissues for the remaining term it would be greatly appreciated.

End of Term

Lastly, if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school or myself. I would like wish everyone a safe break and I look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

Yours Sincerely,

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