From the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of week 8 already, the term is certainly going quickly. With assessment for our students coming up, sports trials and regular training, it is more important than ever that our students are getting plenty of rest. This week we have been discussing the importance of looking after ourselves in order for us to do our best. I look forward to our students finishing strongly in the next couple of weeks before a well earned holiday break.

Rugby League and Netball Trials

Earlier this fortnight a large portion of our students attended the Peak Downs Rugby League and Netball Trials held in Clermont. It can be difficult to provide these opportunities for our students given the distances involved, so a very big thank you to the parents who drove their own and other students. It was fantastic to hear the news that four of our students made the Peak Downs representative teams. Congratulations to:

- Carter Wight—Peak Downs Rugby League
- Jake Phillis—Peak Downs Rugby League
- Joe Schottelius—Peak Downs Rugby League
- Miranda Luck—Peak Downs Netball

Students have already begun training for their next trials which will be held in Emerald shortly. Congratulations, train hard, and good luck!

Attendance

A very big thank you. After the weather events we have quickly regained our target of 95% attendance.

A gentle reminder that if your child is absent from school, can you please call and inform the school in order for proper attendance records to be kept. If your child is absent from school without notice or reason, it is recorded as ‘Unexplained’ on the system. I am personally aiming to have zero unexplained absences and I thank everyone for their efforts so far. Currently, our attendance is at 96.7%, well done everyone.
School Excursions / Camps

‘Beef Week’ will be happening on Friday the 8th May, further information and forms will be sent closer to the date. Students will be involved in a school tour of the event and associated activities, I’m sure it will be a wonderful day.

The 2015 Canberra Camp has been booked! A massive thank you to Jo Luck and Tanya Wight who have spent a lot of hours behind the scenes to prepare this. We are still finalising some of the details but more information will be available to our campers early next term at a camp meeting. Watch this space.

Cross Country

Cross country will be held next Wednesday at Middlemount Community School. All students will travel to and from the venue on the school bus. We are going to attend the Middlemount Shopping Centre after the cross country. If you do not want your child to purchase lunch, please send a packed lunch and we will ensure that it is refrigerated. Although water will be available on the day, a personal water bottle may be beneficial, I’m sure it will still be warm.

Minions of the Week

The Minion of the Week award is earned by a student that demonstrates one of our five keys to success. Last week it was awarded to Caden Torrisi, for his enthusiastic speech to the class. Our second Minion of the Week was awarded to a student that was absent, so it will be awarded next week. Congratulations Caden.

Lastly,

If you have anything that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call or drop into the school.

Regards,

Troy Mutton
Acting Principal