Apologies for the tardiness of the Week 8 newsletter. Last week was a busy one which was partly spent in Gladstone for the CQ Principal’s Conference. As well as getting to listen to a lot of very interesting speakers, I was also involved in presenting at the conference as part of a presentation by the Brigalow Cluster Principals. Together we discussed how our schools have worked together so successfully over the years to collaboratively achieve great results for our small school group. It is a testament to how committed our schools are to working together to achieve the best outcomes for our students.

Speaking of which, we were excited to host Valkyrie school recently for a pottery workshop (read more later in the newsletter). It was great to have so many kids running around and enjoying our beautiful grounds. A big thanks to Valkyrie for travelling over to us. We can’t wait to see how all of the pottery pieces turn out.

We had our own school visit last Wednesday with our 2nd day with Middlemount Community School. Once again the students had a great time joining in with classes in Middlemount and having a ‘big school’ experience. It is great to see friendships growing and the students experiencing different styles of teaching and learning. A big thankyou once again to Mr Russell, Miss Dyer, Mrs Porter, Mrs Evitt and Miss Shannon for welcoming the students into your classrooms.

If you fancy yourself as a bit of a Novak Djokavic or Serena Williams don’t forget that we have our American Tennis Tournament this Friday night (see advertisement attached). This is a round-robin style competition which allows everyone to have a hit and a bit of fun. Dinner is just $4 and softdrink will be available on the night.

To finish off, I would like to send out another couple of thankyous. Firstly, many thanks to Mrs Tanya Wight and Miss Tammy Davidson. With the Brigalow Athletics Carnival almost upon us, Tammy and Tanya have been giving us their time so that the students have a chance to practice the different events before the day. Thanks also to Mr Matt Luck and Mr Scott Phillis for transporting, constructing and concreting in our new sign. It is yet another example of our incredibly supportive parent body and staff who are always willing to lend a hand. The sign will be painted over the next week and (weather permitting) will be completely finished very soon.
ICPA SPORTS CAMP FORMS

Just a reminder to parents that the forms for the ICPA Sports Camp are due by no later than 17 June. The forms need to be returned to the address supplied on the paperwork.

POTTERY WORKSHOP

Last Wednesday we welcomed Mrs Louise Schocher, a member of the Capricornia Potter’s Group, to the school. Louise travelled from Bajool to spend the day demonstrating some basic pottery techniques and helping the students with a project as part of their Visual Arts program. The students had to think about things that represent their school or community and how they could be symbolised on a clay tile. The students got to add ‘slip’ to their tiles before Louise took them back to be glazed and fired. When complete, the tiles will be displayed in the school. Louise has been in touch since the day, to say that the tiles went through the firing process well and are looking great.

HELLO Week 9!

It is hard to believe but this week is the 9th in an 11 week term. It has raced by. As we start to approach end of term it is customary for students (and staff) to begin feeling tired and we can be prone to sniffles. Please be mindful that we are coming up to a very busy few weeks of wrapping up units, assessments and revision. Let’s keep up our exemplary attendance. If your child can’t be at school however, please drop by or give me a call to discuss how we can catch them up.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wednesday 15th June is the Brigalow Athletics Carnival which is being hosted by Clarke Creek. The day will be hosted at Middlemount Community School and as always, Mackenzie River will have a tent for parents and family to cheer the kids on. Staff will be assisting on the day with jobs but we ask that you please step in if an extra hand is needed to rake the long jump pit or hold a measuring tape. The more help given, the more smoothly the day runs and the more enjoyable it is.

QLD CRICKET

On Wednesday we will be receiving a visit from some representatives from Queensland Cricket. The students will have the opportunity to be involved in some skills and drills practice and get some bowling and batting tips from the players. This will be great practice before students go away for the Clermont ICPA Sports Camp.
HOST NEEDED FOR VETERINARY STUDENT PLACEMENT

TESS is a 3rd year vet student at JCU in Townsville and she needs a property to host her so that she can complete her 2 week Beef Industry Placement somewhere between 17th June - 25th July.

Please contact Tess on 0408648789 if you can help or need more information.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

As well as being fun, the Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature.

Last year, more than 138,000 students and 830 schools registered for the program. More than 89,000 students successfully completed the challenge reading 1.95 million books.

The reading period for the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Monday 16 May and closes Friday 26 August.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2016 challenge is to reach a total of two million books read.

Our students will be participating and we are confident that they will rise to the challenge.
The fortnight in pictures...
American Tennis Tournament

When: 10th June, 7pm following the P&C meeting
Where: MRSS Tennis Court
To nominate, please email Scott Phillis on scottphillis@bigpond.com or phone on 0427857175

$4 for BBQ dinner. Softdrink will also be available

Work as a polling official and make votes count

Temporary positions are available in your local area to work on election day.

Even if you haven’t worked on an election we want to hear from you. Training is provided.


We are seeking registrations for:
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