FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MRS SHARON MCMORROW

End Of Term Countdown
It is hard to believe that we are now in the second last week of the 2011 school year. I can’t believe how fast time flies. This time of the year is especially busy around classrooms and across the school as we finalise end of year events, reporting, parent teacher interviews and also prepare for the year ahead.

Just to help everyone stay on track over the coming days I have broken down some of the events and activities:

- Year 2 and 3 swimming this Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday. Swimming continues into next week on Mon, Tues and Wed.
- Parent teacher interviews occur this week
- Academic Awards Ceremony for Years 4-7 Thursday 1st December from 1.45pm
- Academic Awards Ceremony for Years P-3 Friday 2nd December from 1.45pm
- Tuesday 6th December RIBBET rewards disco in school time for level 1 and 2 students
- Wednesday 7th December Year 7 Farewell Evening
- Wednesday 7th December final school books and resources are sent home.
- Thursday 8th December Class party day
- Thursday 8th December Student Assessment Folios, Report Cards and 2012 Class notification letters are distributed
- Friday 9th December Final Day of term clean up day.

Academic and Encouragement Awards in English and Maths.
As part of our recognition of outstanding Academic Achievement, I will be presenting all students who receive an “A or VHA Overall” for English and Mathematics on their Semester Report Card with a Principal’s Award Certificate. I will also be presenting Encouragement Awards to students who have made wonderful progress in English and/or Mathematics at a dedicated assembly in the second last week of term in our school hall.

Our Senior School Special Assembly will be conducted on Thursday the 1st December from 1.45pm.

Our Junior School Special Assembly will be conducted on Friday 2nd December from 1.45pm.

All parents/caregivers of eligible students should have received a recognition letter and invitation to attend the presentation ceremony last week.

I look forward to celebrating the outstanding academic achievement and efforts of our students with our school community during both assemblies.

Planning Ahead for the 2012 School Year
In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2012 school year it is

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COMING EVENTS
1 Dec—Senior School Special Awards Ceremony
2 Dec—Junior School Special Awards Ceremony
10 Nov—Music Showcase
7 Dec—Year 7 Farewell
9 Dec—Last day of school year
essential that our enrolment predictions are as accurate as possible. I would ask all families who may be moving or relocating to a new school for the start of the 2012 school year to please contact our school office so we can update our records. If you have family or friends who are planning on relocating to Hervey Bay or enrolling in our school for the 2012 school year I would also ask that you encourage them to contact our school office for an enrolment pack so we can also have up to date information about new families arriving. Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try and ensure a smooth start through accurate staffing and class numbers for the upcoming school year.

**The Organisation of Classes and Year Levels for the 2012 School Year.**

Accompanying the Semester Report Cards and Assessment Folios on the 8th December will be a letter advising parents of their child’s interim class placement for the 2012 school year. This letter will also have the 2012 Student Requirements Booklist attached.

Please be aware that the organisation of classes for the commencement of any school year is a complex and challenging one. Staffing for all schools across the State is not finalised until the 8th day of the school year. Up until that point all arrangements are only interim until staffing is finalised in all schools. This is to ensure that all schools are equitably resourced and a period of time has lapsed to allow any last minute enrolments to be included in school staffing models.

A great deal of time and analysis of school data is utilised in formulating classes for the upcoming school year. We appreciate your support and understanding with this matter.

**Top NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**MRS HELEN FORBES**

As we move into the last two weeks of the year I’d like to thank Lisa Noonan for filling in for me whilst I was on Long Service leave. The break was refreshing however, it has not taken me long to be brought back into reality as the last term is always a busy one with final assessments, presentations, year 7 graduation, break-up day parties, tired students and teachers and rising temperatures adding to the daily work load.

This time is a special time when we need to work in partnership (student, teachers and parents) to support one another. I look forward to seeing many of you at the various celebrations over the next two weeks.

Thank you to all the parents who have made time for parent teacher interviews this week. These conversations are an integral part of our reporting procedures and believe it or not mean so much to your child.

**Top NEWS FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL**

**MR BRUCE JACKSON**

**RIBBIT—Disco**

All Level 1 & 2 students will participate in a Disco run by Frog FM next Tuesday 6 December. A letter will be sent home this week for eligible students.

**2012 Student Leadership**

After heavy scrutinising of both staff and student’s feedback, positions for the 2012 Student Leadership Team have been offered. The school will have structures and processes in place for 2012 to ensure we have maximum involvement of our Student Leadership team. There will be 3 specific portfolios in which 3 student leaders will be primarily responsible for:

**Student Leader: Student Welfare** : Jack Bennion, Shaiyl Hohn, Sara Hanson

**Role:**
- Welcome new students and check in on their progress
- Check in on the welfare of injured, unwell students, and students with anxiety issues
- Be trained in problem resolution to help solve minor lunch time issues and peer mediation
- Organise a buddy roster for students who find making friends difficult
- Have input recommending students for good behaviour awards

**Student Leader: Student Activities Coordinator** Zoe Gallagher, Nikita Keegan, Nina Collins

**Role:**
- Plan, implement and evaluate lunch time activities eg: chess tournament, trivial pursuit quiz, lunch-time dance lessons, library rotations
- Umpire lunch time sports games
- Help supervise general lunch play in lower grades: lunch play monitor
- Conduct a wet day timetable lunch time activity for groups of children
- Help ensure lunch and play areas are tidy and clean and help coordinate emu parades to ensure that they are
- Help the environmental club coordinate the compost bins

**Student Leader: School Promotions** Maddi McMorrough, Jesse Staples, Josh Grinter

**Role:**
- Meet and greet new parents
- Meet and greet visitors in school

Meet and greet visitors to school
Be an ambassador for school at local events eg ANZAC Day, etc
Coordinate student leaders column in the newsletter
Help perform promotional activities for the school and be the school’s public face eg
Make a student promotional film about school, Frog FM
Coordinate student assembly
Speak at special school occasions eg teacher’s retirement, special assemblies, World Teachers day

**House Captains:**
- **Kondari**: Lachlan Lakin & Kayla Kummerfeld
- **Corrawinga**: Regan Zelow & Aimee Steer
- **Tulara**: Vincent Green & Chloe Wedmaier

We also plan to have an Intershouse Team Spirit Trophy/Shield to be up for grabs throughout the year.

Congratulations to our 2012 Student Leadership Team.

**Back to school in 2012**
Parents and carers are reminded that the first day of school for all state school students is Monday 23 January 2012.

Changes to public holidays and student free days were recently announced by the state government.

Starting in 2012, the changes include moving the Queen’s birthday holiday from June to the first Monday in October, and moving some student free days to create a two-week break at Easter. This means the 2012 Easter school holidays for students run from Monday 2 April to Friday 13 April.

A one-off Queen’s Diamond Jubilee holiday will be held on Monday 11 June in 2012, and the Queen’s birthday holiday will be on Monday 1 October 2012.


**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

**Electoral Commission looking for workers**
The Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) is looking for paid workers to assist them on election day in polling booths and returning office offices.

To be eligible to apply, you must be 16 years or older.

Complete an expression of interest form online at [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au) or phone 1300 880 921.

**LIBRARY NEWS**
**MRS MELANIE MILLS, LIBRARIAN**
Yes, it’s that time of year when we need ALL library books and home readers to be returned as soon as possible. Students have received many reminders in recent weeks from both library staff and class teachers to bring their books to school. Unfortunately, students with outstanding loans will receive a bill for their replacement.

Thanks for your help in encouraging your child(ren) to return their library books and home readers.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
**MS LEE SMITH**
A reminder that tuckshop will be open this week as normal (Wed, Thurs, Fri) However Next week we will open Tuesday & Wednesday only!

A special for our preps this week!
The first 23 Prep students with a lunch order at second break that also includes one of the below Paddle pops will receive a free 90 min DVD movie from streets ice-creams called ‘BEGINS’ featuring the paddle pop lion and his friends.

- Paddle pop - rainbow or chocolate $1.50
- Paddle pop - Lemonade Icy Twist $1.50
Volunteers
If you are able to volunteer an hour of your time once or twice per term from 1.00 - 1.45pm to support our school and children then please leave your name, mobile number & email and note the day that suits you (Wed, Thurs or Fri) at the office as we do need more volunteers to keep the tuckshop open.

This week's roster:

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THE MYSTERIOUS AUTHOR—BY ERIN HENDREX 5C

On the 19th of November, some students went to see an author—Cameron Stelzer. The first thing he did was tell us how to improve our writing. I learnt that you need to use lots of persuasive words if you are trying to persuade people. He gave us some pictures of things and we had to persuade him why we should have it or why we don’t want it. The first picture was of a car it was a sports car and the next picture of a girl that was pretending to sleep. We had to persuade him why kids should be able to choose their bed time. The last activity he gave us four pictures and we had to choose one and change the name and then say what it did and how you would use it. I found it exciting, thought provoking and fabulous. On behalf of the people that went we say thank you to Cameron for letting us take his time.

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YOU CAN DO IT CERTIFICATES

25 November
4P—John Mendez for sticking with new maths concepts and understanding his work! Well Done!
5F—Jayden McLaughlin for working hard on all tasks at this busy time of year. Well Done!
5H—Jake Marsh for taking the time to learn his lines for our class play.
5C—Max Queen for showing great persistence in attempting to improve his school work.

Dear Parents
We currently have 2 students receiving chemotherapy for Leukaemia. Ashley is in 2Q and Joshua is in 5W.
Both Ashley and Joshua are receiving chemotherapy to help this condition and keep them well. Chemotherapy also kills some normal healthy cells which means that Ashley and Joshua have a lower immunity and cannot fight infections in the normal way. The viruses that cause measles, chickenpox and shingles could make them extremely unwell.
Therefore I would be grateful if you would contact the school immediately if your child was found to have one of these illnesses. If we know that Ashley or Joshua have been exposed to measles, chickenpox or shingles, medicine can be given to lessen the side effect of such an infection. This medicine does need to be given as soon as possible after the contact has taken place.
Thanking you
Kylie Schlig & Mary Carstens
Parents

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOR SALE: 1/2 size violin, good condition. $80. Phone Sue 4125 2593
If you require school bus travel for 2012 please contact Wide Bay Transit on 4128 6411. As this is a very busy period school bus enquiries can take over 24 hrs to be answered so please leave plenty of time before school starts.

From the team at Wide Bay Transit Hervey Bay

Don’t be bored over the school holidays! Join the Summer Reading Club at your local public library. Read 10 books over the summer holiday to be in the major prize draw. Great incentive prizes along the way. Check out our website at http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/web/guest/what-s-on-at-the-libraries for details of our January holiday program which will be based on our theme "The Amazing Read". You can register for the Summer Reading Club and book into our holiday program at any of the local public libraries. Hervey Bay 4197 4220, Maryborough 4190 5788, Tiaro 4129 2453, Howard 4129 4144 and Burrum Heads 4129 5237.

HOLIDAY GYM FUN

Have you always wanted to try gymnastics but never found the time? Come to our holiday classes and have fun the gymnastics way. The classes are suitable for beginners and seasoned gymnasts. Gymnasts must be 6 years or older to attend. Bring along your friends and your brothers and sisters FOR A GREAT MORNING OF FUN.

WHERE: Wide Bay Gymnastics Club, Walkers Road, Urangan. Ph: 41253011
DATE: Tuesday, 13th December and Thursday 15th December
TIME: 9am to 11.30am each day
COST: $15 per child for 2.5 hours. This includes Gym Fun class, sausage sizzle lunch and a cold drink.

The morning is fully supervised by our accredited coaches and gymnastics staff. Numbers are limited so please book your place before Wednesday, 7th December by phoning 41253011 after 3.30pm or drop into the club and register with the ladies in the office. If no one is there to take your call, then please leave a message with a contact number and the names and ages of your children attending and someone will get back to you. Classes will need to be paid for by Friday 9th December to secure your place.