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2016 Diary Dates...

Sept 7 – 17th: Prep – Yr 3 swimming

Sep 12-16th – First collection of money and sponsorship forms in

Sep 18: Last day of term

Mon 3rd Oct – Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tues 4th Oct – School returns

Mon 17th Oct – Student Free day

Oct 21st- Final collection of forms and monies returned to school.

Tues 25th Oct – Musica Viva School Performance

Thurs 10th Nov – Spectacular Performance

Mon 14- 18th Nov- Book Fair

Wed 7th Dec – Report cards to go home

Thurs 8th Dec – Year 6 Graduation Dinner Dance

Frid 9th Dec – Last day of school.

Student Absence Line:
49656360

This service is available for parents reporting their children's absence from school. Please clearly state their name, class and reason for absence. All absences are recorded for teachers.

14 September 2016

From the Principal's Desk

Last week, students were tested on their spell-a-thon words with sponsorship forms that have been returned being updated with the number of words correct. Students will bring this home to allow money pledged to be collected. Sponsorship forms and money are to be returned by the 21st of October.

Last night I had the privilege of attending Cultural Night. Parents, family members and staff were treated to a number of performances from students participating in Instrumental programs, choral, recorder and drama groups. It was a wonderful testament to the hard work of both students and staff and their progress over the space of 6 months. BRAVO!!

Our Prep – Year 3 students wind up 2 weeks of swimming lessons this week and I congratulate them on their positive behaviour during these lessons.

This Friday, all classes will be holding BOB day activities, a time where we recognise those students who have been focussed on ensuring positive choices throughout the term. I would like to congratulate all students participating in these activities for their continued good behaviour throughout Term 3.

Our next P&C meeting is on Monday, 17 October at 5.30pm in the staffroom. You are most welcome to attend.

We wish all a safe and enjoyable holiday. Term 4 resumes on Tuesday, 4 October. The School Watch number is 131788 for security breaches to our school.

Enjoy your week.



Tracey Adams
Acting Principal.

News from the Office-

Lost Property - There is a significant amount of lost property in the box, please check to see if your child has anything in there, all unnamed items are eventually being donated to Life Line.

Does Attendance Really Matter?

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>

Does being on time really matter?

He/she is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

Attendance News

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day: they learn better, they make friends, they are happier, they have a brighter future.

It has been excellent to see so many students attending school every day this term. Each week we monitor both individual and class attendance and the class with the highest attendance receives an award on parade. In Week 8, 4E (97%) and PB (98%) had the highest attendance. Last week we saw 6C (96%) and PB (99.5%) achieve the highest attendance for the week. Congratulations to the students of these classes for demonstrating the importance of attending school every day possible.

For more information:

<https://everydaycounts.eq.edu.au/coolstuff>

From the Guidance Officer

Everyone's life is busy and we all have different needs and experiences. Here are some contacts that may be useful in different circumstances. This is not intended as an endorsement just information for different resources.

Act-Belong-Commit is an online campaign and app encouraging people to take action to protect and promote their own mental wellbeing.

Autism Games

Autism Games provides free, online games to assist children with moderate to severe autism to develop independent living skills.

Beyond blue Support Service provides telephone, online, and email counselling for people going through a tough time.

The Cancer Counselling Service offers telephone counselling for anyone in Queensland diagnosed with or affected by cancer.

Cool Kids Online is a structured, skills-based program that teaches children (aged 7-12) and their parents how to better manage anxiety.

Eheadspace is an online and telephone service that supports young people aged 12-25 and their families going through a tough time.

Kids Helpline is Australia's only national 24/7 telephone, online counselling and support service for young people aged between 5 and 25 years.

MoodGym is a free, online cognitive behaviour therapy program for depression and anxiety

This term Year 5 have been reading, discussing and analysing lyric and narrative poems. As part of their assessment they had to transform the narrative poem 'Fur and Feathers' by AB Patterson into a narrative. This was written by Bailey Van Helmond of 5C and is well worth the read.

Snap, Crackle, Boom

"Meteors huddle up," yelled Bohde the team captain. "All right we have made it all the way to the grand final. We have been offended, teased and insulted by this team. We are not going to let the Boomers win another championship. When we get out there we play hard!"

The Meteors do one final cheer before exiting the locker room and enter the football field. They see their rivals the 'Boomers' enter the field. They are enormous, strong and menacing and have not lost a single game in the season. "But today they will," thought Bohde.

The game begins as the Meteors kick the ball to the opposing side. The referee, Jack, is highly disliked among all the teams because of how seriously he takes his job but is the best referee for the grand final. The Boomers abruptly catch the ball and bolt to the Meteors try line. It is difficult defending the Boomers with no hands by they manage to fumble the ball and make a turnover for the Meteors. As the Meteors run to the other try line, the Boomers team captain, Matthew, and co-captain, Patrick, high tackle Bohde and now he is unable to play. Jack blows the whistle incessantly and calls the penalty on Matthew. The game stops because of the argument between Matthew and Jack.

"Mate calm down. It was the correct call to make," whispered Jack as he tries to calm Matthew down.

"You don't know how much pain it is playing a game of football! You should quit being a referee and probably learn ballet with your sister," yells Matthew. Jack takes the insult seriously and flies away while weeping and sobbing.

The game starts again and the Meteors are very close to the try line. They find an opening and score the first try of the game. As the Meteors celebrate and pat each other on the back the Boomers create a game plan. The plan was to jump over the Meteors and score the try to get the game back in order. Boomers head down the field and try to execute their game changer. Patrick has the ball and jumps over the Meteors but one player was a step ahead of them and tackles Patrick just as the siren goes off for full time. The Meteors win and they did it with determination, exhilaration and team work.

Later that night the Meteors were awarded their trophies and the Boomers received their runner-up medals by the officials of the Walgett Football League. One of the officials asks the

Meteors to do one final war cry. After the war cry everybody cheers and congratulates the Meteors on their win, even the Boomers congratulate them.

Everyone was at the dinner except one, Jack wasn't there.

"Maybe he actually did quit being a referee? Who knows?" questioned Matthew.

All he knew was the Meteors, underestimated by the Boomers, were now the WINNERS!

Bailey van Helmond 5C

Year 3D Excursion Recount



When we were sitting on the seat near the beach, we saw people and trees. In the Marina, we saw sailing boats. We heard water splashing against the rocks and cars and motor bikes.

By Honey Harman

When we went to see Emily and Ben they spoke to us about the Harbour. They showed us a 3D map of the Marina. It showed where the boats are parked, lots of buildings which hold oil and petrol.

By Ellex Haber

When we were having morning tea at Mulherin Park students saw statues. They were Snoopy and Fred. We used a compass to find different things.



By Elijah Algar

When we had lunch, we sat on a hill. We played a game with 3B on the grass. I loved this game, it is called pop up. I saw a long green crocodile at Mulherin Park.

By Liam Broadstock

When the students walked along the waterfront they saw lots of sailing boats, palm trees and the Breakwater Wall. The students had lots of fun.

By Kye Baggow

Tuckshop Talk

Milo will finish up on Friday 16th September, tuckshop is also open this day. We will reopen Wednesday 4th October. Have a good holiday.

ROSTER:

Wed 14th – Mary Maloney

Thurs 15th – Robyn Adams, Debbie Adams.

Frid 16th – Tamika Cook, HELP NEEDED.

Our newsletter can now be viewed on the school website www.fitzgerass.eq.edu.au.