IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS:
All Education Queensland schools operate under very strict conditions when the need arises to administer medication to students. Please ensure you fill out a “Request To Administer Medication” form available from the school reception office prior to leaving any medication with staff.

Please also note this important information:
1. No medication (including over-the-counter medications such as paracetamol) can be given without appropriate medical authorisation.
2. Medical authorisation may take the form of a prescribing health practitioner’s letter, an Action Plan or Individual/Emergency Health Plan signed by the health practitioner or the original medication with a completed current pharmacy label displaying the child’s name and dose.
3. In summary, in order for staff to administer medication to your child please make sure the below steps are taken:
   - A completed and signed “Request To Administer Medication” form is handed in to staff (for short term medication a dated and signed note listing all details of medication, dose and administering time is acceptable)
   - AND
   - The medication is in its original packaging with a current pharmacy label made out for that child

Thank you for your understanding in this matter. These EQ protocols help ensure your child’s safety. Please talk to Sandra or Donna if you would like further information or clarification on this topic.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Month of February
Happy Birthday!

Sienna B 1st
Cameron 8th
Lillie PW 15th
Connor F 20th
Regan 25th
Bella W 26th
Bodee 27th
DIPL: Our DIPL textbooks have arrived at the school and Donna will be invoicing families as soon as possible. If you would like to send your money along in an envelope with your child / children’s names and the word DIPL on the front, please do so as the earlier we can get the books into the classrooms the earlier we can begin the program. Cost per book will be $18.

Sports Houses: Our two Sports Houses are Waringle (blue shirt) and Euramo (red shirt). These houses are named in honour of two of our small local schools, long since closed down. The P&C are organizing sports shirts, and order forms are available in the reception office. Please talk to your P&C if you have any questions regarding either the school uniforms or the sports uniforms. The best time to catch a P&C person at the school is on a Friday morning when many of them help out with tuckshop.

Team members of our two Sports Houses are listed on an insert of this newsletter. Kairi School Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday June 22nd.

P&C Executive: Congratulations to our P&C Executive for the 2015 school year.

President Cirsty Bonadio, Vice President Danielle Pauline, Secretary Faith Stuart & Treasurer Kylie Fahlstrom.

State Wide Principals’ Conference: I will be absent from the school on Thursday and Friday attending the State Wide Principals’ Conference being held in Brisbane. The 5/6 class will be capably looked after by Jackie Burnett, one of our regular Teacher Replacements.

Purchase of Additional Staffing: We are very pleased to confirm that Sue Quinn will be in the school every Tuesday on contract for Learning Support; and Merran McEachern will be here every Friday on contract via the Great Results Guarantee funding—both ladies will be supporting and extending student learning across the school.

Update from the Principal

Welcome to 2015. The Prep class have been very busy already! The students have settled in nicely and are enjoying their activities and learning.

We have been focussing on learning our letters and sounds using Jolly Phonics and craft and writing activities. So far we have learnt the following letters - s, p, i, a, t, n, c, k, e, h, r, m, d. The students are doing very well with the learning of these letters and their sounds. Great Job! We are also focussing on the following Sight Words - the, and, is, it, in, a, of, to.

We have been participating in reading groups in our class and taking books home to read! We have been very excited to visit the library and borrow books :-)

In maths we are learning about the numbers up to 5 and patterns and sorting collections. We are also talking about days and dates and learning the days of the week and their order by singing our “Days of The Week” song.

Feel free to pop into Prep anytime - we love visitors!

Thank you.

Update from the 1/2 class

Hello everyone, year 1 & 2 have settled into routines and have learned about ‘whole body listening,’ so we are now focused on learning and are all very proud of our responsible and respectful behavior.

In English we have been enjoying stories about families and friends. We have been discussing the characters experiences and feelings which may be similar to our own.

In Science we are studying creatures that live in the school yard and around our homes. We have looked at the special parts of their bodies that help them to survive in their environment.

In Maths we have been working hard on understanding the place value of numbers, with year 2 looking at numbers up to 999. We are commencing our 3D shape investigations involving the use of 3D shapes to construct a town and castle. The shapes have different properties which makes them suitable for different purposes in our designs.
Update from the 3/4 class

We have had a flying start this year, with the “old crew” back together. Add our four new boys and we now have a grand total of 27 students. I am also proud to be surrounded by such fantastic support: Mrs Williamson and Mrs Tomo, Mrs McEachern, Mrs Quinn, Mr Edwards, Mrs Jackson (PE), Mrs Snelling (Music), Ms Fuller (Speech Language). Thanks also to the many parents who signed up to join the team after the reading meeting last Thursday. Another meeting is planned for later in the term.

As a co-operative team we are striving to improve literacy and numeracy skills through explicit instruction. The most effective way to teach is to challenge the students at their level of development, hence the way we group students according to their skills in speech, reading, spelling and maths. We want to challenge without confusion and conversely make the activities fun and interesting!

With NAPLAN looming, please assist us by stressing that formal exams are very much part of schooling – Prep to Grade 12 and are nothing to be concerned about. To help with a difficult section of NAPLAN (read and reread short passages) at home. Try reading newspaper articles and then discussing what your child learned.

Update from the 5/6 class

Over the past few weeks, it has been pleasing to see the interest and focus the students have shown during their lessons and how well they have settled into their classroom routines. In History this semester, the students are exploring the development of British colonies in Australia during the 1800’s. In their lessons so far, they have been learning about the reasons for establishing secondary settlements and colonies in Australia. Last week, they focused on the establishment of a colony in Van Diemen’s Land. In Visual Arts, the students have been exploring the use of line to create movement and emotion. They are a lovely class of children who work to their potential every day. Well Done.

Library News

Welcome to the new parents and children to our school. It is wonderful to see so many children bringing their library bags on class borrowing day and returning books on time each week. (We have a rule, “No bag, no book”, as we encourage children to care for our library books.)

Here is a link to a story calendar from our Children’s Laureate Jackie French, also 2015 Senior Australian of the Year.


Thanks for reading.

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Malanda Health Centre  Wed 4th & Thurs 26th March  Ph: 4096 5339
Herberton Hospital  Thursday 5th March  Ph: 4096 2222
Atherton Midin  Tuesday 17th March  Ph: 4091 6103

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P & C UPDATES:
Hello Everyone, just some quick updates:

😊 The uniform order is still in the pipeline with the supplier, but we are hoping to see the order delivered soon…….

😊 If you have any fantastic fundraising ideas that you would like to share with us, or you would like to lend a hand with P&C and / or Tuckshop, please come and talk to us. The best times to catch us are Friday mornings, or if you happen to see us at the school in the mornings / afternoons.

😊 Don’t forget to check out the Kairi P&C Facebook page. Lots of information and news available there.

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