Principal Communication

Dates to Remember:-

* NEXT P & C meeting (Monday), **17th August 6:00P.M.**
* Public holiday Monday the 10th of August
* Zone athletics 11th and 12th of August
* Concert Wednesday, 9th of September
* Rewards Day, Friday 11th of September
* Camp Year 3-6 14th to 18th September
* Next Playgroup week 6 (August 17th)

This is generally the time most students are away due to colds and flus. Please contact the school immediately, if your child/children are ill. Our curriculum is jammed packed and often children who miss one day, find it very difficult to catch up on lessons missed.

Congratulations to our ladies who ran our first playgroup session this week. I believe it was successful with both parents and students having a good time. The next playgroup will be on the 17th of August.

NAPLAN results are being sent home today. I am pleased to report that students achieved at or above minimum national level in most areas of the tests in both grades 3 and 5.

Good luck to the students who will be competing in the Zones athletic carnival this coming week. I am sure they will have a good time and do their best. Mrs Bishop and Mrs Broomhall will be there on Tuesday and Wednesday is only 1/2 a day.

The Rewards Day for this term will be held on Friday 11th September. This is a week earlier than usual as the Year 3-6 students will be away on camp during the last week of term.

Representatives from the Kingaroy State High School visited the Year 6 students today giving them a lot of valuable information on what to expect in Year 7. Parents of students who will be attending Year 7 at Kingaroy are invited to a Year 6 to 7 Parent Evening on Tuesday 18th August, from 6:30pm at the High School Assembly Hall.
This week, students in Prep have been working to consolidate their learning of number and the relationship between words, concrete and physical number value up to 10. Students in years 1 and 2 deepened their learning of concepts relating to fractions 1/2 and 1/4. In years 3 and 4 students extended their knowledge of fractions learning about larger fractions in all sorts of situations. Students in years 5 and 6 extended and repeated learning’s from earlier in the year about fractions and percentages. Fractions was an area that was highlighted in term 2 NAPLAN test practices, as an area that needed considerable more attention. It is reassuring to see concepts students struggled with earlier in the year are more easily understood now.

The cold weather this week has had an impact on everyone. It is important to send your child to school with adequate clothing for the day. Often early in the morning the weather is pleasant but by nine or ten o’clock the wind gets up and make the day quite cold. Even though we have air conditioners in the classrooms, children should still have jumpers or coats to wear when they are outside. Tinny has a reputation for being colder than anywhere else in the area.

This week a number of children were tested on their sight words. Some children need to put in more effort to learn these words as they are most important for reading. Please check to see if your child has some coloured words in their homework folder to work on.

Library day is Tuesday. Please help your child to remember to return books. This is a great opportunity for your child to choose books that you can spend time reading together at home.

Congratulations to all our stars this week.

Anatoli Kuchtin received the Principal award for his persistence in maths and all other subjects. Jade Biltoft received the student of the week award for working really hard in mathematics. Santino Kuchtin received a merit award for his terrific show and tell and always being organised. Chloe Lippiatt and Jack Lippiatt both received the bookwork awards, keeping it in the family!
This week we harvested some items from our garden to use in a number of recipes. At this time of year we have plenty of spinach, parsley, spring onions and kale. With the addition of a few other items we put together three very interesting dishes.

The kale was used to make Kale Chips. We used the spinach to make Spinach and Feta Puff Pastry Rolls and the spring onions and parsley were used to make Tabbouli Salad. The year 3 – 6 students worked very well together to create these dishes. The recipes are included for you to try at home.

Our next cooking activity will be in week nine. If anyone has an over-abundance of fruit or vegetables that we could possibly use to create healthy but interesting dishes please see Nat Eisenmenger or Karen Bishop. This week we used someone’s excess lemons to make a tasty lemon drink.

Apart from preparing the dishes the children are also involved in preparing and setting the table, washing and wiping up and being responsible for putting things away.

**Sporting Schools**

Our Sporting Schools program began this week. The year 3-6 children tried out their gymnastic skills on Wednesday, while the prep – yr 2 students participated on Thursday. Mrs Jones from the Murgon PCYC is a qualified gym coach and is providing the children with a great gymnastics experience. This new structure means we only get four weeks worth of activities. It is hoped that if the children really enjoy the activity, parents would then look into further fostering their child’s interest.

It is exciting to note that a few Tingoora children have already joined the gym program at the Murgon PCYC.