Our Motto — Work Conquers All
Our Vision — Every child improving, every day in every way.

Principal Communication

Dates to Remember:-

* NEXT P & C meeting 24th MARCH - 6:00P.M.
* Movie and popcorn evening - 26th of March
* Cross country and fun run 31st of March

Thank you to Jenny Bone for helping out every week with swimming and to all the parents who donated their time to help with swimming lessons, this term.

Our Garden Regatta is beginning to come together as we prepare to implement the unit, next term. Thank you to Steve Goodchild, for coming up on the weekend and cutting the top off the big boat. Thanks also to Dylan and the Goodchild family for selling another $100.00 board, for the student council.

Thanks to the parents who have already made donations towards the Easter Raffle, some of the money raised will help with the end of term rewards day (entry into the pool). A note went home yesterday, explaining about the Easter Raffle tickets. All tickets and money, must be handed back to the school before the raffle is drawn. If you do not wish to sell any tickets, please hand back your ticket book. If you sell some but not all tickets, please bring all sold and unsold tickets back.

It is really reassuring to know our children are in great hands, especially when parents come up with ideas, (based on research or networking), about ways we can improve learning or better engage our children to their tasks (thanks Cassie Millers).

Don’t forget to come to the P & C meeting this coming Tuesday, at 6:00P.M.

Mosquitoes - there have been some complaints that there are many mosquitoes around once again. Please send your child with either non-aerosol or roll-on mosquito repellent to protect them from these disease carrying vermin. Please make sure your child’s repellent is clearly marked.

Each week, families are reporting there are head lice found in one or more children’s hair. Please make sure you are following the guidelines sent out last week, about how best to treat these little pests.

This coming Thursday the movie Big Hero 6 will be presented, entry will be $5:00 - includes popcorn & soft drink.
Students continue to work hard to improve. In maths, students in years Prep, 1 and 2 have been learning about direction. Students have been learning about clockwise and anti-clockwise directions, right and left and quarter and half turns.

Students in years 3-4 have been learning about angles - ‘Cutie,’ Acute angles and Obese, ‘Obtuse,’ angles. Students in years 5-6 have been learning about Cartesian planes and coordinates, point of origin and the X and Y axis.

Please use any of these words whenever an opportunity arises, to reiterate what is being taught at school.

Visiting teachers commented on how engaged our children are in their learning and that we should all be proud.

Another busy week has rushed by. In all year levels the children have been working frantically to complete their toys which demonstrate push and pull (Prep-2), friction (3-4) and use of an electrical circuit (5-6). Thank you to those parents who have helped their child work on this project. Most children are putting in a very pleasing effort.

In the Thomas Edison room we have been looking at number patterns and skip counting in Maths. Our Indy groups are also making progress in spelling and reading. In Geography we are finding out just what geography is and the meaning of ‘place’.

It was very sad to come to school on Tuesday morning to discover that our chickens had been attacked by dogs. The mother hen and four of the five chickens were killed in the attack and left strewn across the playground. They are now becoming fertiliser in our garden. It is very disappointing to think that some pet owners are so irresponsible. The children do enjoy looking after the animals at school.

Thank you to the parents who helped their child with Show and Tell this week. The children did a great job and we even got to taste some real Pumpkin Pie. Yum, yum.

Next week I will be away on Thursday and Friday to attend the Stephanie Alexander Garden workshop in Brisbane. I am looking forward to getting this project up and running in our school next term.

Congratulations to all our stars—Madison Kendall who received the Principal’s award for her outstanding accomplishments this week, Joshua Fearby for his hard work, positive attitude and persistence and Kane Brown for being organised and following instructions. Dylan Goodchild and Riley Sewell received the bookwork awards for consistently demonstrating neat book work.
Well another week has ended and the end of term is just around the corner! As you know, we are working on our persuasive assessment pieces - speeches for the 3-6 class, a letter for the 1-2 class and verbal questioning for the Preps.

Many of the 3-6 have finished their planning and have moved on to writing their speeches. We have worked on how we can improve our sentences to make them more persuasive and exciting! The 1 and 2 class have had a practice at writing whole class letters based on a storybook we have read. Yesterday we wrote to Pigeon to give him reason why he should go to bed early and not stay up late. It was great to see such wonderful ideas flowing and I think we convinced Pigeon that sleep was a good thing!!

What can you do at home to help extend their persuasive language? Give your child choices and ask them WHY they chose the one they did. Don't just ask them IF the like something, but get them to give you the REASONS why. Discuss the pros (good) and cons (bad) of situations/foods/TV shows/things that are happening - give them both points of view. Talk about FACT (it is a fact that the human body needs water to survive) and OPINION (water is great, but I prefer juice sometimes), as we use these to extend our persuasive views.

Thanks for another great week everyone! ☺