**Principal’s Messages**

Welcome to the new school year! It is fantastic to see the grounds so green after our rain. This week is Be Respectful week. In the classroom, we aim for ‘First Time, Every Time’ (follow instructions the first time), ‘whole body listening’ (face the talker and look at their face) and ‘hands up’ to ask a question and to ask to leave his or her chair. In the playground, we aim to follow the rules of the game and be a good sport.

Welcome Mr James Webb, Care Class D (Year 3-4) and Miss Heidi Merritt, Care Class E (Year 5).

Farewell Mrs Denise Pearson, our long-serving teacher aide, who retires tomorrow after many years’ service. We wish her well.

Sports Captains election speeches were made on parade today. Next Thursday we will have our badge ceremony for all school leaders at our 8:50am parade in the hall. Family and friends are welcome.

First Day Fun Day was a great success! We doubled our attendance for the first day of school. Thanks for coming along and making it an exciting first day back for our students. We thank the many organisations who participated and donated their time and resources.

Volunteers with Blue Cards are welcome! We need extra help in the library and at other times during the week. Come in to the office and let us know when you can help.

Our new uniforms look amazing. After their late arrival, it is pleasing to see so many students wearing their uniforms with pride.

Reading at home every night is the key ingredient for kids to grow their vocabulary. Lots of chances to hear hard words makes reading the hard words easier.

Instrumental Music lessons will commence next week on Monday morning 8 February – 8.45am, 9.15 and 9.45 sessions. A copy of the timetable displaying when your child’s lesson is scheduled can be found on the music room door. Year 4.5 and 6 teachers have also received a copy in their pigeon holes. IM lessons are 30 minutes in length and rotate weekly. There are some vacancies in Year 4 percussion. No word yet on a strings program.

New Uniforms are now available at the tuckshop. There are still old style shirts for sale for $10 each.
PUBLIC NOTICES

Townsville Hockey
Hot4Hockey HotFM Fun Day
Saturday 6 February, 9.00am to 1.00pm
At the Townsville Hockey Association
Murray Lyons Crescent, Annandale.
Get Hot4Hockey, learn new skills, make new friends and play some games.
BBQ, Canteen, Food & Drink available.
Information for Townsville Clubs sign on dates available at www.townsvillehockey.com
Or find us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/TownsvilleHockeyAssoc

Townsville Basketball 2016
Sign On
Saturday 13 February, 9.00am to 12.00pm
At Townsville 106.3FM Stadium
Senior Competitions begin 22 February
Junior Competitions begin 26 February
For further information visit www.TOWNSVILLEBASKETBALL.NET.AU or call 47783400

Saints Eagles South Football Club
Information Day
Sunday 7 February, 10.00am to 1.00pm
Marron Crescent, Mundingburra
For further information contact Annette on 0423 129 492
Register now at PLAYFOOTBALLQLD.COM.AU

West Squash Club
Junior Squash
Starts Friday 5 February, 4.00pm to 5.30pm
All gear provided. Coaching and Social Play
$5.00 per session.
Kirwan Tenpin & Squash
101 Bamford Lane, Kirwan
For enquiries phone: 0402 068 079

Anne Street Gospel Rally for Grades 2 to 6
Held every 2nd Thursday, 6.15pm to 8.15pm
12 -14 Anne Street, Gulliver
Children sing songs, learn about God, eat dinner and have fun!!
$2 per child to help cover dinner and activity costs.
Thursday 11 February: Slip and Slide
Thursday 25 February: Minute to Win it
Thursday 10 March: Junior Master Chef
For all enquiries please contact Fiona on 0437 268 616

First Day Fun Day Photos
Above: Prep Teacher, Ms Kassie Koppe adds her hand print to the Belonging Tree Mural.
Right: Lots of goodies for Prep to Year 2.

Tuesday 9 February
$2 Pancakes at Tuckshop

Every Day Counts