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From the Principal

This week our students in Year 3 and Year 5 took part in the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. The NAPLAN tests are a formal measure of how students are performing, however, it is important to remember that they are a point in time test **and only one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process.**

We expect that the test results will be sent to our school in September this year, and an individual NAPLAN report for each student will be sent home around this time. These **confidential reports will show your child's results against key national information in each year level.**

Our school will use the information in a number of ways, primarily to better identify students requiring additional support, and to identify strengths and improvement areas in our teaching programs.

NAPLAN test results will be released later this year. Visit www.nap.edu.au for more information

Attendance

Attendance is a key priority of the school. Every child must attend school every lesson of every day in order to invest wisely in their education. Studies show learning gaps when a child misses even just one day per fortnight – see the table below to note the impact it has on learning.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much however.....

My son/daughter is only missing just.....	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 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Every day counts!

Please ensure you encourage and support your child to routinely attend school – every lesson, every day counts. We ask that you communicate any attendance issues, including reasons for absences, to the school. Please contact 4748 2127 to inform us.

Effective Age Appropriate Pedagogies

Miss Taylor and I travelled to Townsville last week to attend information on a project we are beginning in Semester Two with the Department of Education and Training and Griffith University. Camooweal was selected to participate in a research project about evidence-based learning and age-appropriate pedagogies. We know effective pedagogies (teaching) are learner-centred, involve the scaffolding of learning and actively engage students in learning. Our context will be looking at the characteristics that guide effective teaching in the early years to create learning experiences that respond to the individual student. The preparatory year students are specifically targeted during this project. If you have any questions, please contact me on 4748 2127.

Science Camp

This Sunday sees our excited Year 3-6 students heading off to Townsville for the annual Science Camp. The bus is leaving Camooweal State School at 2:00pm. All students and staff are to be at the school at 1:30pm. Everyone is welcomed to see them off on their grand adventure.



Thank you to Thelma Riley and Jono Wright for participating in this year's camp. **AND a very special thank you to Sarah** who has received quotes, set out the itinerary etc. I am aware of the many hours that you have contributed in organising the camp. You work tirelessly for the students and we THANK YOU.



SunSmart Policy

Attached to this newsletter is our school's revised SunSmart Policy. This term the whole school has been practising wearing our hats at play time and wearing our shoes/socks all day. The students and staff have done extremely well in encouraging the

the students with following this new rule for the safety of our students. We are encouraging students to wear a broad brimmed hat. Wearing a hat with a brim that shades the eyes can also reduce UV radiation to the eyes by 50%.

In Semester Two, Term 3, the school will be enforcing **the rule of wearing your hat outside to play. "No Hat, No Play"**.

Responsible Behaviour Plan

Camooweal State School is committed to providing a disciplined, high performing and enjoyable learning environment for all students and staff. The school aims to provide students with opportunities to engage in quality learning experiences and acquire values supportive of their life long wellbeing. Camooweal State School Responsible Behaviour Plan is in this newsletter for you to peruse. With the school staff, students and wider community maintaining a strong partnerships we maintain a high standard of behaviour and discipline together.

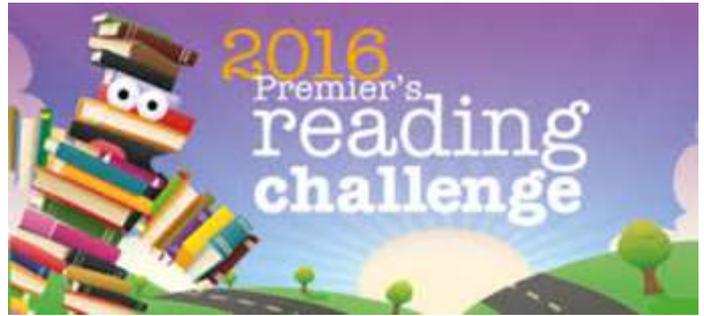
Lyal Giles – Assistant Regional Director

Lyal will be at the school next Tuesday the 17th May visiting. He visited last term and was quite impressed with the school. He has very happy memories at Camooweal as he use to be a teacher here, so thee bonus for our school is that he knows the students parents.

During his visit, he completes "walk-throughs" in both classes ensuring that there is a consistency within the school which highlights Camooweal's explicit improvement agenda and that there is a systematic curriculum delivery. He also discusses with me the nine inter-related domains of The National School Improvement Tool (NSIT). The NSIT brings together findings from international research into the practices of highly effective schools and school leaders. The NSIT guides me to review and reflect on our efforts to improve the quality of classroom teaching and learning. We look forward to his visit.



Vaunessa Parker



We will be launching the annual Premier's Reading Challenge next week.

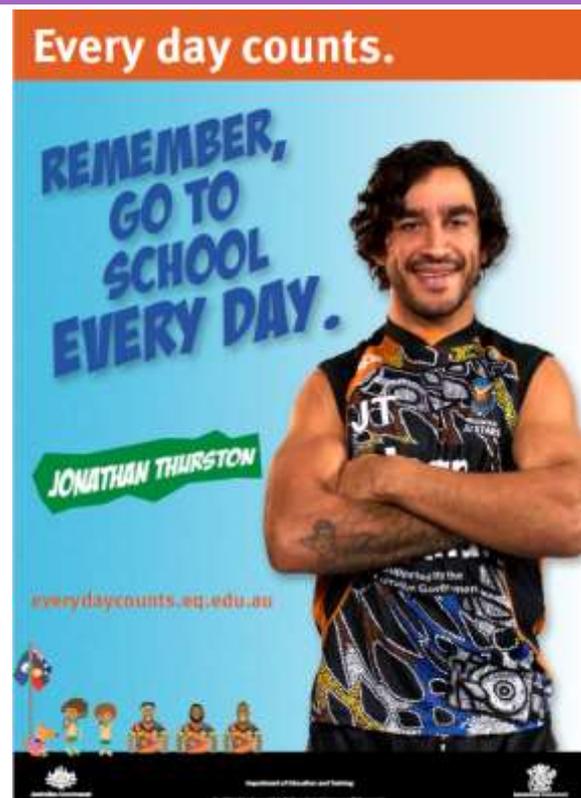
Students will be encouraged to engage in meaningful, age-appropriate reading on a daily basis (for example, Preppies will be looking at pictures and finding known words and letters, older students may be reading chapter books) and a tally of completed books will be kept for each student.

At the end of the challenge in August, the goal is for the Prep – Year 4 students to have completed 20 books, and the Year 5 & 6 students 15 books.

All results are forwarded to the Premier's Office and official certificates will be awarded to all successful students.

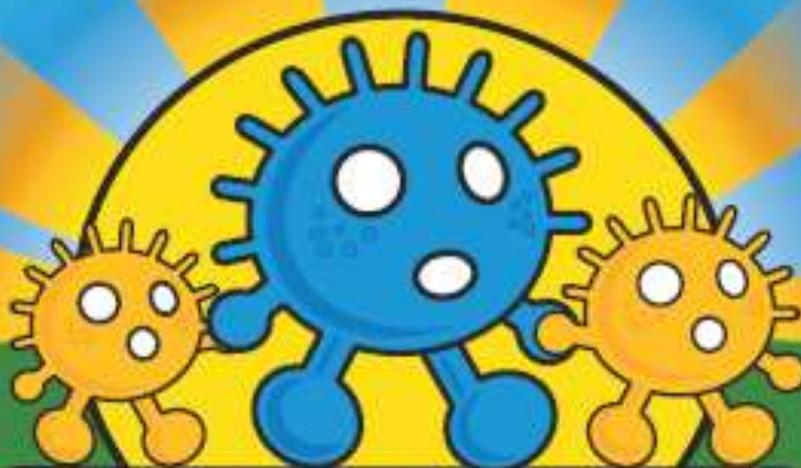
As an added incentive, the school will be awarding a book prize to all students who reach the goal for their year level.

Happy reading, all!



Please note: there will be no school bus run on this day.

**ACTIVE KIDS ARE
SMARTER KIDS**



**WALK SAFELY
TO SCHOOL DAY**

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

**Until they're ten,
children must always hold an
adult's hand when crossing the road**

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P-2 NEWS

Hello to all and welcome to the latest news in the P – 2 room! As always we have had a wonderful few weeks, working hard and learning a little more every day. Miss Thelma and I are so proud of the progress being shown by every student in the class- we are seeing skills and strategies being used that we did not expect to see so early in the year! Well done, everyone!

Next week we will be completing the assessment task for our current English unit. We will be retelling a familiar story, demonstrating our understanding of the structure (beginning-middle-end) and features (characters, setting, problem, resolution) of a narrative text. The assessment involves each student making an oral presentation to the class, with the older students using some digital skills including creating a Power Point presentation with a recording of their retell. Several students have told us that they have been practising talking about the story, Crunch the Crocodile, to family members at home and this is great to hear- a real commitment to learning!

As our confidence with reading develops, we have seen some wonderful progress across all areas of the curriculum. The Preppies are beginning to read and write small words and are understanding how sentences are put together (left to right, **spaces between words, punctuation etc.**). **The Year One's** are developing their independence through reading instructions to complete tasks and reading through their work to make sure it **makes sense** and the **Year Two's** are reading texts to find answers to questions and write thoughtful responses. We have seen sight word recognition gains in all year levels and our tracking of pre and post-test spelling results shows gains in this area across each week. You know your students are loving reading and writing when they look forward to- and request extra- tests in these areas!!

With assessment time coming up soon, I am starting to plan the associated activities and resources needed to give our students the best chance to showcase their learning. In Science, each year level will be demonstrating their understanding of different materials and their properties through constructing a variety of objects. If you have any of the following recyclable materials at home, it would be a great help if you could send them along to school for our projects:

Tin cans (the sort with a ring pull top so they don't have a sharp edge)

Food boxes (cereal, biscuits etc.)

Bubble wrap

Foil pie tins

Wood off-cuts

Any other safe bits and pieces that can be recycled into craft projects (plastic, cutlery, nuts and bolts etc.)

I'm sure everyone will be fascinated to see what we plan to do with all these bits and pieces... watch this space! Thanks for your help!

This fortnight we celebrated the birthday of Geraldean! Happy birthday, Geral!

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Camooweal State School Facebook page for regular photos and updates of our learning in the P – 2 class!



Stavros is very proud to be writing his name independently!



The Preppies are learning about direction using the clever little Bee Bots.



Conducting science experiments—how strong are different materials when they are pulled?



Exploring culture in our Health unit—reading about the lives of children in different places and answering questions about how they live so we can compare their lives to our own.



Working together to make a "Welcome Home" banner for our dear Miss Minnie!

Our little Preppies hard at work, doing their handwriting practice.



Until next time- Miss Taylor & Miss Thelma

Year 3-6

It has been full-time in the classroom yet again. The students have been busy learning new skills and advancing their studies. We have started new work, prepared for NAPLAN and enjoyed our friends and those who have helped us each day.

In science the students have started the term studying weather patterns, in particular cyclones and have conducted experiments measuring wind and atmospheric pressure. They found it interesting learning how to be a meteorologist to get an understanding of how weather affects us.



Now we are studying living and non-living things in biology. We will be looking at classifying, creating creatures from varying environments and looking at what happens to mouldy bread.

We have had a wonderful time with the visit from the Cowboys who talked to us about living and eating healthy and also the on-going lessons from the Deadly choices team. We had a few games too.



The class has continued to work well towards achieving our reading and spelling goals.



We are studying Dance for our Arts curriculum this term and it has been quite surprising to encounter the shyness of the 3 to 6 students to get up and dance in front of the class.



Although as the lessons have progressed we are starting to see some very good team work and some excellent dance skills.

Another visit also came from our NWRH team who talked to us and gave some helping ways to look after ourselves. We played a game of 'Celebrity heads'.



This week all our grade 3 and 5's are doing their NAPLAN tests and we hope they all do well and showcase their skills and learning. Remember to just try your best and have a solid go.

A highlight this weekend, is getting ready for our science camp to Paluma from Sunday to next Friday. We will be on camp for 5 days and will create and record many memories.

We would like to thank all our helpers that are travelling the journey with us and helping us to read our goals.

Mr Hayes and Miss Thelma R





PLAYGROUP

Playgroup runs from
9:00am—11:00am.

All are welcome.

Please remember that
parents/carers must stay to look
after their own child.



PARADE

In term 1 parade is held every Friday at 2:45pm. We would like to invite everyone to attend. At parade we highlight students who have been

- trying their hardest
- Being good role models
- Showing respect
- Being learners and
- Being safe

We would like you to join us in these celebrations.



School times for Term 2

Breakfast Club: 8:15am—8:55am
School Starts: 9:00am
First Break: 11:30am—12:00am
Second Break: 1:30pm—2:00pm
School Finishes: 3:00pm

CLINIC VISITS

Please be aware that the Camoowal Clinic welcomes all parents/carers to take their child to have head lice and boils attended to. Head lice spreads very quickly and easily between students.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Do you need a Birth
Certificate for your
child?



If your child is nearing School age **and you don't have a certificate, come** and see us at School. We can help you with the paperwork and cost. It is a legal requirement for all School students to have a birth certificate or other documentation for proof of age.

WEEK 2 PARADE AWARDS 22/04/16



P-2 CLASS AWARDS
Grace Doyle, Manoah Wright, Tysshaya Green,
Reanna Manning, Jordan Williams



3-6 CLASS AWARDS
Damon King, Lakeetah Wickahm

PRIDE AWARDS

Damon King, Nelson Holt, Jayden Dempsey Billy,
Tjanara Wright



SPIRIT OF THE ANZAC'S by Lee Kernaghan

We were treated by the P-2's singing a song devoted to the many women and men who have fought bravely for our country.



WEEK 3 PARADE AWARDS 29/04/16



P-2 CLASS AWARDS
Stavros Wickham, Reanna Manning

READING AWARD
Reshanka Age finishes her 'red words'



3-6 CLASS AWARDS
Donella Holt, Bradford Riley, Rayoni Holt

PRIDE AWARDS
Lisa Lorraine, Reanna Manning, Isaac So-
lah, Jordan Williams



WEEK 4 AWARDS ON PARADE 06/05/16



PRIDE AWARDS
Jayden Dempsey Billy, Donella Holt,
Sheldon Dempsey, Warren Percy

95-100% ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week students who have achieved an attendance percent between 95 and 100 received a special present. Keep up the great attendance.

Lisa Lorraine, Jordan Williams, Patrick Doyle, Grace Doyle, Mary Riley, Jayden Dempsey Billy, Kerry Percy, Anthony Percy, Reanna Manning, Warren Percy, Amy Dann, Stavros Wickham, Jacob Solah, Nelson Holt, Isaac Solah.





Minnie receiving a Cowboys shirt. Thank you Minnie for all the hard work you do for our School, especially helping us get to school every day.



Three lucky students in the 3-6 Classroom received a Cowboys bucket hat. Damon King, Donella Holt and Mary Riley.



On this day we learnt about the NRL Cowboys House being established in Townsville for students to live whilst attending school. This house offers a unique, culturally-supported accommodation solution for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young men from remote northern and western QLD to attend a choice of secondary schools in Townsville.

Congratulations to all the students who received a Cowboys back pack.
These students had 100% attendance.

Lisa Lorraine, Jordan Williams, Geraldean Elis, Stavros Wickham, Anthony Percy, Patrick Doyle, Damon King, Isaac Solah, Jayden Dempsey Billy, Mary Riley, Grace Doyle, Kerry Percy, Reanna Manning, Nelson Holt, Jacob Solah, Laylah King, Warren Percy, Leroy Timothy.



2016 school calendar Queensland state schools



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There are 194 school days in 2016. Semester 1 2017 commences for teachers on January 19 and for students on January 23.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days for teachers are January 21-22, April 6-8, and October 17. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

November 18 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 25 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 2.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2015) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au



May 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 Labor Day public holiday	3	4	5 Deadly Choices	6	7	8 Mothers Day
9	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13	14	15
16 Science Camp	17 Science Camp	18 Science Camp	19 Science Camp	20 Science Camp Walk to School day	21	22
23 Under 8's Week	24	25	26 Deadly Choices Under 8's Day	27 Camooweal Campdraft	28 Camooweal Campdraft	29 Camooweal Campdraft
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June 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Nelson NRL visit	2 Deadly Choices	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Mt Isa Show Holiday	18	19
20	21	22	23 Border Sports	24	25 School Holidays start	26
27	28	29	30			

SCHOOL RESUMES 11 JULY 2016