Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Next Tuesday 15th we will be holding our 2017 Student Leader elections in the Resource Centre from 9:30 – 10:00am. Students in Year 4 and 5 who have nominated will present their speeches to the school, followed by voting from the Yr 2 – 6 students. 2017 Leaders will be announced at our Awards Night on Friday 2nd December where they will be presented with their badges. All parents are welcome to attend to watch the speeches.

Our 2016 School Opinion Survey data has been released, and we are very pleased with the results from parents, staff and students. The School Opinion Survey is an annual suite of surveys to gauge opinions on important aspects of schooling in Queensland State Schools. This gives schools an indication of parent, staff and student satisfaction as well as an increased understanding of their strengths and areas for improvement. I am pleased to report that our school achieved very high results across all areas, with both students and parents indicating that students felt safe and happy at our school and that their learning needs were being met. Thank you to all of the parents who took part in the survey.

Term 4 assessment is well and truly underway, with teachers beginning to write their Semester 2 report cards. It is important that students attend school every day, as students who are regularly absent are missing out on not only the lessons but the assessment sessions too – which results in them not achieving as high as they could be on the tests. All report cards will be sent home in the last week of this term. Any parents wishing to meet with their child’s teacher can make an appointment through the school office or with individual teachers.

This week we have welcomed another three new families to our school – it is exciting to see our little school growing so fast! It is also great to see how welcoming our students are, showing new students around and making sure that they feel comfortable and accepted.

Until our next newsletter…. Jessica Wertz, Principal

Wednesday 9th November, 2016

School Office hours:
Mon – Thurs 8:30am to 3:00pm

School Watch: 13 17 88

P&C Association Meeting is held once a month at 6:30pm
President: Andy Grainger
Next Meeting: TBA

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 9th – 11th
Artist in Residence – Print making

November 16th
Prep Open Day

November 17th
Yr 4/5/6 Excursion

December 2nd
MBSS Awards Night 6pm

December 7th
Year 6 Orientation Day at CSHS

December 9th
Last day of Term 4

WANTED!

Please donate any unwanted school uniforms to our office so that we can pass them on to new families or those in need.

All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination

Earl Nightingale
This week in science we conducted another viscosity test. This time instead of using a variety of liquids we only used one. We used 3 samples of honey that were all at different temperatures. We found that when we heat honey it becomes runnier (high viscosity). Whereas cold honey is very thick (low viscosity). Obviously the warmest honey won the race. We did however have some varying results. We noticed that not everyone’s viscosity test had the same outcome. We discovered that variants in experiments can lead to different outcomes or data. Our major variant was that some of us had used larger amounts in some samples and this helped them to run down the page quicker.

We are now in week 6 and only have 2 weeks left until students are expected to present their technology assessment. This task needs to be completed and presented to the class on Monday of week 8. If there are any questions or concerns with completing this task please see me asap. In the meantime happy building! I look forward to seeing all of our models very soon!

Students in Prep/Yr 1 were very helpful this past week, showing their substitute teacher the ropes. Ms Vallis returned to school today after being away for the past week and I’m sure she will be impressed with all of the great work that the students have accomplished whilst she’s been away!

We have seen great improvement in the reading abilities of students in the Reading Intervention group. One student has moved from reading level 1 to reading level 5 in about 10 weeks! What a fantastic effort! Students who are also practising their sight words at home seem to be the ones making the best progress.

**Students of the Week**

**Tehiyana** - for her determination and effort in class, and for always helping others.

**Hayley** – for putting lots of effort into her work.

**Caleb** - for showing more and more confidence in the classroom by having a go and working independently.
Our class have been absolute troopers working on writing the most convincing persuasive arguments for their assessment. Most have finished, and the rest are well and truly over the hill. As we work along, I’m checking through their writing and am thoroughly impressed with the effort and calibre of each student’s arguments, well done to my class! As we are passing the middle of the term already (time flies!), students are looking at the last unit of Maths with year 4/5s revising money and year 6s learning about tessellations for geometry. As a whole class, we have been revising the rules of Rounding Numbers which is proving especially helpful for the year 4/5s where rounding money up and down - a very important skill to have!

Our class have been broadening their minds in Geography learning about the country of Indonesia. One interesting point students have learnt is that we have more in common with our neighbours across the sea than originally thought; one of the main sources of income for both our countries is tourism. Students have inferred that this means Indonesia must be a beautiful country to visit just as Australia is. However they were disappointed to hear that although Indonesia’s tourism industry generates billions of dollars, this beautiful country still remains a 3rd world country. Perhaps one day, our students can make a change for the better. Have a wonderful week 6!
We have gone CRO-CRAZY over croquet! Not only are we playing it outdoors in the traditional way, Trent used his amazing design and engineering skills to make a mini croquet course inside complete with archways to putt through and ramps.

We also drew some lovely pictures using oil pastels on textured card.

We are in the process of organising the vacation care program with lots of fun activities planned. Call or email me if you would like a vacation care booking form.