Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

As parents and educators one of our highest priorities for our children is that they are happy. Self-esteem in children is vital for a successful and happy school experience. Children who have a healthy level of self-esteem are more likely to succeed at school and make friends. The way we interact with children daily can influence their level of self-esteem.

Below are some tips on how we can promote high self-esteem in children:

- Build on your child’s strengths and point out their areas of expertise.
- Give realistic responsibility. Develop self-help skills from an early age.
- Help to develop the courage to be imperfect; mistakes are part of learning.
- Help to develop the attitude that anything is possible.
- Establish an achievement board or star chart.
- Look for small victories or achievements and celebrate them.
- Help children set goals and stick to them.
- Leave notes of appreciation under their pillow and in lunchboxes.
- Give objective feedback, but begin with a strength or positive point.
- Compare them only to themselves.

Don’t forget that our Under 8’s day is next Wednesday. We look forward to seeing lots of our young families here for a fun-filled morning!

Until our next newsletter.... Jessica Wertz, Principal

If you can dream it, you can do it.

Walt Disney
Prep/Year 1 News – Ms Vallis

This week the children have really enjoyed making their wonderful wind ornaments with some special visitors. Thank you so much for all the materials you sent along to help the students with their task. Sincere thanks to Raelene, Emma, Ned’s grandpa, Ingrid and Ms Lui, who all gave up their free time, and for their patience, help and untiring efforts with this task. Thanks to Katja as well who has also helped in our reading activities.

On Monday, we had our first of two enjoyable one hour visits from the officers from the Smithfield Branch of the Qld Fire and Rescue Service, which the children enjoyed immensely. They are eagerly looking forward to their revision lesson, and to also look over the fire truck at their second visit next Monday. We now realise how important it is to be prepared for such an emergency and now have a good idea of what to do if this arises.

Next week, the Prep students will have some special homework as part of our History unit- they will need to ask an older family member some questions about how things might have changed since they were young. We need to know things such as: what sort of games you played and toys you played with; if you went to the cinemas; what sort of jobs you had to do around the house; where you went for holidays and perhaps what things you liked best about your school life. The year one’s will need to find out how their family celebrates Christmas, birthdays and special holidays. We hope you enjoy helping with this task and thank you once again for your interest and participation in your child’s education, it is much appreciated.

Year 2/3 News – Miss Carvill

Firstly, a big congratulations to all of our grade three students and the grade five students who completed their NAPLAN testing last week. These students showed great focus and work ethic throughout the three days. I saw them using different strategies from class to solve problems, edit their work and decode texts. Regardless of what their results are all the students should be very proud of themselves as they all put in their best effort.

Last week we practised using our computational thinking skills in technology to breakdown and solve problems. This week students will be starting to use this type of thinking to create a digital resource. We will be using simple algorithms to create a game to share with others. We look forward to sharing these later in the term. Also a big welcome to Tenequa who joined our class last week. All of the students did a great job at making her feel very welcome.
Year 4/5/6 News – Mr L’Orange

In Science this week students are beginning to design and create an animal with specific adaptations. During the term students have been learning about different animals and plants that live in extreme environments and how they have adapted to survive. Ask your child about an animal they’ve learnt and see if they can tell you about its adaptation.

Hats! Please remember that your child needs a hat every day at school. There is an increasing number of students in the class that are forgetting to bring a hat. Students like to run around outside at lunch but without a hat they will have to stay undercover.

Students of the Week

Matthias - for always bringing a positive attitude and love of learning into the classroom.

Johannes - for being a great classmate and having a great attitude towards her learning.

Under 8’s Day

Next Wednesday 25th May, 2016
9am – 11am

❖ Face Painting!
❖ Races!
❖ Obstacle Course!
❖ Craft Activities!
❖ Lucky Dip prizes!
❖ Food and drink stall!

All children who are not yet of school age are welcome when accompanied by an adult!
Last Friday we had our camp out! We put to use our team work, rope and knot tying skills to construct an awesome village of sheets, boxes and tents! It was great utilising a lovely part of the school. Everyone had a fun afternoon and we were really impressed with the cooperation and thought that went into the village design!

We’ve also taken to a bit of chalk art on the bricks outside our room!