Miss Karen and the Prep class of 2015

Student Leader Elections

Students will make speeches on parade next Thursday (12 February) prior to elections on the morning of Friday 13 February. Positions to be filled are Sharks and Dolphins Captains and Vice-Captains and Student Councillors. All students in Years 3-6 will be able to vote as well as school staff. Student Leaders in our school have a range of responsibilities and over the years have met them very well. I’m sure this year’s nominees and successful candidates will be no exception.

Great Results Guarantee

Last year the school received in excess of $40 000 of additional funding through the Great Results Guarantee. This funding enabled us to provide considerably more support and tuition in Reading to students in Prep-Year 3. This additional support produced very good results with identified students improving up to 20 reading levels in the 8 months of the program. Students in Prep also received additional Reading tuition and the average reading level in that class improved from an acceptable Level 7 in 2013 to an excellent Level 10 in 2014.

We will continue to receive this additional funding in 2015 and expect to receive approx. $45 000. All of this will be used to continue to improve reading standards across the school –mostly through the purchase of additional teacher aide hours.
**Principal's Report**

**All programs underway**
All of our Literacy and Numeracy programs are underway this week. Every day between 9:05 and 12:30 the school is a hive of activity as students in all classes 1-6 undertake both classroom programs and small group programs targeted at their level. These programs include: Yr 1-2 RAGE, Yr 3-4 RAGE, Yr 5-6 RAGE, Yr 1-6 Spelling Mastery (students grouped from Letterland to Level F) and Number Groups in Yrs 1-6 with students undertaking work at Levels 1-15, Junior Elementary Maths Mastery (JEMMS) or Elementary Maths Mastery (EMMS).

This is my final newsletter as principal at Mourilyan State School. This week brings to an end my career as a teaching principal of small schools as I move to a regional position. In the 28 years I have spent as a principal, the last six have been the most pleasurable and the most productive. Many thanks to all those who have seen me and expressed their good wishes – they are very much appreciated.

**Class Meetings**

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**Smoking Policy**

**Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds**

Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

School Banking

Welcome to another exciting year of School Banking. This year’s theme is the Outer Space Savers and we’ll join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

In a School Banking first, there is a new Grand Prize competition in 2015. Students who make 25 or more school banking deposits during 2015 will automatically enter the draw to win a trip to California’s Disneyland where they can enjoy Space Mountain and everything the park has to offer. The prize includes return airfares, five night’s accommodation, transfers and 3 days’ park entry for up to two adults and two kids, as well as AUD$2000 spending money. For further competition details, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

P & C News

2015 has started off with the refurbishment of our tuckshop, which is nearly complete and Tuckshop will begin on Tuesday 10th February.
We have quite a few fundraising events this year to help raise much needed funds to concrete the new under covered area.
Our first P&C Meeting with our new Principal Mr Alex Neilsen will be on Monday 9th February at 7pm. I would like to extend a warm invitation for all to attend. Whether just to keep informed with the progress of the P&C or to share your ideas and opinions.
If you have any business that you would like to be addressed, but are unable to attend, please feel free to contact me on 0407 831 804. Thanks, hope to see you Monday.
Renee McLeod
P&C President

Tuckshop News

We are seeking suggestions for the Tuckshop menu. Please think about what foods you would like to see on the menu and let us know by completing the form below and returning it to the school. If you have any questions please call Rachel Doyle on 0400 401 287

Please list 3 ideas or any dietary and allergen requirements

1. 
2. 
3. 

Please return to school by Thursday.
INNISFAIL NETBALL

Innisfail Netball is holding a free come and try day next Tuesday the 10th of February from 4pm to 6pm at the Bessie Spiller Courts.

LITTLE FISH PLAYGROUP

The theme for next Tuesday’s playgroup is Pirates and Princesses. Children can come dressed up if they like, and you can make pirate hats and/or crowns plus there will be other crafts and activities.

INNISFAIL SWIMMING POOL

All squads and learn to swim have recommenced. Anyone interested in lessons or squads please contact the pool to organise a free assessment ph 40611267.

LITTLE ATHLETICS

Sign on day : 27th February 2015
Where : Castor Park, Mourilyan
When 5.30pm—6.30pm

Club nights start on 6th March with a free sausage sizzle.
For more information contact Centre Manager, Cameron on 0409 485 566