From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

2017

As you all know Miss Cobcroft is leaving us at the end of the year. Yesterday I was able to confirm our new teacher coming in will be Mrs Melissa Berning. Mrs Berning is an experienced teacher who has spent the last few years in Central Queensland. I am sure the community will make her feel welcome when she joins us.

If you have any friends or family members that have prep aged children in our catchment area, please let them know that we have space for 2017 and that they can contact the office for a prep handbook and enrolment details.

Please let the office know if you will be leaving the school at the end of the year so that we have accurate numbers for planning.

2017 Booklists

Booklists have been sent out, if you require another copy you can download them from the school website or see the office.

Student Leadership – 2017

Over the next couple of weeks, Year 5 students will be going through the process of applying for leadership positions for 2017. Students have written a formal letter to apply for a leadership role that myself and Mrs Nicholls will go through. Students will then be shortlisted for positions and those going for school captain will each give a speech to students from Year 3-6 and students and staff will vote for their preferred student.

P&C Christmas Raffle

Each year the P&C hold a Christmas raffle, if you would like to make donations of any goods such as food, drinks or small gifts, the P&C would be very grateful. Donations can be left in the box in the office. The P&C have some wonderful raffle prizes organised, as well as hampers. Thanks very much to Nicky and the other parents who have been busy organising this. Tickets are attached with the newsletter, if you would like more tickets please see Eva or Melissa in the office.

End of year events

Two very important end of year events are coming up. Our end of year concert will be held on Monday 5th December, dinner will start at 5:00pm and the concert will start at 6:00pm. Awards are handed out for academic achievement and effort and each class will be doing a performance. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Our Year 6 students will celebrate their graduation with a dinner with family and teachers on Thursday 1st December. Please keep those dates free.
Facilities

I am currently in the process of getting quotes to improve the area outside the Year 1/2 classroom. The plan will be to put synthetic grass down from the deck out to the playground and then extend the roof from the deck out to give us a wet weather and sun safe area.

Attendance

Please remember that we are teaching all the way through to the end of the year and time away from school will have an impact on your child’s learning.

“Every day counts” has been the slogan that we have used in schools for a number of years around attendance. It is important that students are attending school each and every day and are at school on time and here for the entire day. Some figures to think about:

A student that misses 10 minutes a day ends up missing 1.5 weeks of school in total in a year. A student who misses one day a fortnight ends up missing 4 weeks of school in total in a year.

Animals on the school ground

Please note that it is Education Department policy that animals such as dogs and cats are not to be brought onto school grounds. Thank you for your understanding of this policy.

Kind Regards,

Liam Bray

Principal

Reminders

Payments due

There are still a few overdue invoices for Raw Art, Footsteps and Year 5/6 Camp. Please make sure payment for these activities are finalized as soon as possible.

Would you like to be a Host Family to an AFS exchange student arriving in February?

Are you ready to get an unforgettable experience, get to know another culture, make a lifetime friendship by adding a new member to your family from different country?

If your answer is YES, then log on to our website www.afs.org.au/host and get to know our amazing students arriving in February.

We have students from a variety of different countries eagerly awaiting any kind of information regarding their future host families who will host them here in Australia for the length of their program.

If you believe you can be such host family for 5 or 11 months, then please contact the Hosting Coordinator at the AFS National Office: on 1300 131 736.

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BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rl@scce.com.au
Out of this world with Summer Reading at Brisbane City Council libraries!

Council’s Summer Reading program kicks off from 10 December 2016 to 22 January 2017.

Summer Reading returns these school holidays to encourage children to enjoy the experience of reading by collecting stickers to complete their Summer Reading pocket book. Participants can collect stickers for their pocket book each time they attend a Summer Reading library event or finish reading a book. Children who have collected 10 stickers in their pocket book will receive an exciting prize as a reward!

Summer Reading offers terrific free events and activities, including:

- Cartoon and writing workshops
- Live performances
- Music and science activities

And, it’s free to participate. Don’t miss out on the fun! Visit your local library this summer and get reading.

Hamilton Library will have two shows in the Hamilton Town Hall.
Tuesday 20 December 11am “Let’s make a song” singing, dancing, puppets
Friday 6 January 11am “Funky chicken: Chooks in space”
For children aged 3 – 8 years.

For more information about the Summer Reading program, pick up a copy of What’s On in Libraries (available late November), visit the website www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or phone Council on (07) 3403 8888.