From the Principal

Dear Parents and Community,

Next week I will be out of the school for 4 days. I try to be out of the school as little as possible, unfortunately I have a two day induction being run by the department on Monday and Tuesday and then on Thursday and Friday I am completing a facilitator course for a new program that we are going to implement in the school in 2017. Mrs Glowrey will be the teacher in charge in my absence.

Prep Open Day

Wednesday 3rd October we are holding our first Prep Open Day from 9-11am. All parents with children starting Prep in 2017 are welcome to join us for the morning. If you have any friends or neighbours in the catchment area that have prep aged children feel free to pass on this information.

NAIDOC Day

Last Wednesday we celebrated NAIDOC Day with Hendra SS, it was a great day and I would like to thanks the staff, students and parents of Hendra and also the staff and parents who helped our students walk safely to and from Hendra.

Student Absences

The Queensland Government have recently made changes to the way schools are to deal with unexplained student absences. The changes made mean that the school must contact a parent or guardian the same day as an unexplained absence. It is important that if your child is to be away from school or late arriving, that you inform the school by either by ringing the office or contacting the class teacher directly. Parents will be contacted by phone after teachers have done the roll.

School Assembly

Our school assembly is now being held every Friday afternoon from 2:40pm. Please join us for these if you are available.

School Facebook

We now have an official Facebook page, please get on and like the page, we will endeavour to keep you updated with photos and reminders about different events and activities taking place at the school.

Updated consent form

There has recently been an updated version of the parent consent form released by the department. This consent form is about the use of your child or children’s name, photo and work being used in places like the newsletter, website and Facebook. Please complete the attached form and return it to the office. If you would not like certain
information or photos to be used, please put this in the limitations section. For example you may say “Photo can be used but no name to be published.” Or “only to be used in school, not used on Facebook.”

**School Opinion Survey**

Recently you received the 2016 Education Queensland School Opinion Survey. The survey closes Friday 29th July, it is important that as many parents as possible complete the survey. If you require any assistance or have any concerns with this please come and see me.

Kind Regards,

Liam Bray
Principal

**Reminder**

Raw Art payment and permission slips are due in Monday 1st August, if you haven’t already handed these into the office please do so ASAP.

Footsteps dance payment and permission slips are due in by Monday 15th August. Extra copies of both permission slips are available at the office or on our website if required.

**Music News**

Congratulations to all the Beginner Instrumental Students who gave their first performance on Parade last week. There are 9 beginner students playing flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and percussion instruments. Learning an instrument is fun when you have learned enough notes to play some songs. It also teaches students about punctuality, responsibility (remembering all their equipment each week), perseverance (practising 3 – 4 times a week) and team work – learning to play all those notes in time with each other. Mrs Lynne Shepherd is our Instrumental teacher and she comes in every Thursday from 11.30 – 3.00. If you would like to know more, she can be reached on lshep3@eq.edu.au.

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