2014 SCHOOL LEARNING PRIORITIES

- Reading Comprehension
- Number Facts and space
- Writing

DATE CLAIMERS

February

9th
P & C (AGM) Meeting 6.30 pm
(School Library)

9th
School Leaders Induction

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

As you will note above, Writing is one of our core School Improvement focuses for 2015. Being able to write effectively is an important life skill! This year we will target improving our writing comprehension by:

- Implementing a Whole School Approach to the teaching of writing – Writing@Mirani
- Entire teaching staff participating in weekend writing Professional Development – 7 Steps to Writing Success
- Resourcing classrooms with greater writing resources and teams of Teacher Aides and support staff at designated writing focus times
- Providing teachers, teacher aides, volunteers and parents with training
Writing Rewards - incentives for students who achieve or surpass Individual Learning Goals for writing

A key component to improving a student’s writing level is regular writing! This is where home can help out big time by establishing and supporting a writing culture at home. Some simple ways to achieve this can be:

- To, With, By – either writing to, with or by your child as much as possible
- Practical writing – shopping lists, recipes, stories, letters, post cards, emails, etc.
- Develop vocabulary by Speaking & Listening with your child (e.g. dinner table)
- Being positive about writing and your child’s writing (confidence is a vital factor to improvement)

Next Monday evening (February 9th) at 6.30pm is our first P&C meeting for 2015 (AGM & General Meeting). **PLEASE** come along and help guide our school to even bigger and better things. Meetings are brief, social and practical and achieve many fantastic outcomes and opportunities for your children. Last year the P&C provided over $30 000 of resources to the school including; furniture, sport equipment, computers, camp and excursion support! Be pro-active - be at the P&C meeting!

Finally huge congrats to our 49 Prep students who have made a stellar start to the school life. The group are extremely settled and are in the full swing of learning! Hats off as well to the new Prep parents, the prep attendance and lunches are excellent – keep it up!

Have a terrific week!

Cheers Bruce

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 3rd February 2015**

**PREP W:** Luca W. for a sensational start to Prep.

**PM:** Jake H. for marvellous Mirani Manners and an outstanding attitude to learning.

**1B:** Lachlan B. for being an active listener and a hard worker.

**1M:** Andie D. for super manners and great listening.

**2N:** Levi S. for settling in Year 2 routines.

**2S:** Ashton W. for an excellent start with number facts.

**3L:** Tyson C. for a great start in Year 3.

**3/4W:** Asher W. for working so conscientiously in the first week of school.

**4J:** Willy B. for a fantastic start to Year 4.

**4/5D:** Josh H. for being an enthusiastic and dedicated learner.

**5B:** Ashton M. for an outstanding start to the school year.

**5/6MD:** Chloe P. for excellent attitude and a great start to the year.

**6H:** Year 6H for an excellent start to the school year with everyone displaying maturity and a positive attitude.

**MR T’S MIRANI MATES AWARDEES – 3rd February 2015**

**RYDER E.** A beaut young bloke who has bounced into business with, badge worthy behaviour, a brilliant attitude and a beaming smile on his dial. BEAUTY!

**EUAN M.:** A marvellous young man who has impressed ALL members of Mirani SS with his AWESOME attitude, ENORMOUS effort, FIRST-CLASS focus and MIGHTY manners! MAGNIFICENT!

**JASMIN G.:** A super student who has sprung into the spirit of the school – displaying COOL concentration, CLASSIC common sense and SILKY skills that will set her on the shuttle to success!

**SCHOOL NEWS:**

**SCHOOL MANAGEMENT/OPERATIONS**

**Emergency Management**

Often at this time of year our area can experience extreme weather events (e.g. flooding, cyclone, etc.) Generally the rule of thumb is that unless publically announced through a major media source (such as ABC Radio) the school will remain open. However, parents/caregivers must make the decision of safe transit to & from school based on their local knowledge of their conditions (e.g. roads, creek crossings, etc.). Should buses be required to depart earlier than normal due to deteriorating conditions, families will be contacted. If contact is not made, students will not board the bus and will remain at school for their parents to collect.

**Bus Travel**

Parents are encouraged to organise and arrange any adjustments to student afternoon collection/transport in advance as much as possible. The school office is usually extremely busy in the mornings and afternoons, and at times calls of this nature can be numerous. Alterations to arrangements are best dealt with by email/note but should you need to call due to timelines please strive to do so by 1.30pm so classes can be notified in a timely manner.
Leaders Induction
Our 2015 school leaders will be officially inducted at parade on February 9. Please note this parade will be at 2.15pm. Our 2015 School leaders are: Caitlyn O'C., Arran H. (School Captains), Zara Mcl., Flynn M. (Vice Captains), Lily F., Chloe J., (Pioneer House Captains), Mitchell McP., Ollie B., (Dalrymple House Captains), Gracie P., Cooper S. (Hamilton House Captains).

Parking / Pick Up & Drop Off
Please make SAFETY your number 1 priority around our school. It is appreciated that parking spaces are limited and certain times are busy, HOWEVER, that is no excuse to jeopardise the safety of any student by taking short cuts or engaging in illegal traffic practices! Please remember that the disabled, bus and no entry zones around the school are exactly that, they are NOT drop off/pick up areas. Please obey the signage of designated areas.

Lunches
Fantastic to see so many students eating healthy, balanced lunches with sandwiches, fruit and healthy snacks as opposed to those heavily reliant on pre-packaged food. These healthy lunches make a significant difference with concentration and learning.

Central Queensland Regional Shield – Expression of Interest
Any Year 5 or student interested in participating in the CQ Shield in Rockhampton in the beginning of Term 3 need to ensure they get a form from Mr Torrens. The CQ Shield is an annual Rugby League / Netball Carnival for Central Queensland State Schools.

SCHOOL BANKING:
School Banking will re-commence next Friday 13th February 2015. All Preps will receive a Parent Pack today with the Newsletter. Any other students’ who may be interested in Commonwealth School Banking, please see the ladies in the office.

LIBRARY NEWS:
WANTED: Would you like to become an E.L.F.? The Library is looking for new E.L.F.’s (Elected Library Friends) to assist Mrs Siddle in maintaining the Library. If you are in year 5 or 6 you are eligible to apply. Please obtain a pamphlet from Mrs Siddle before completing your application. Applications close on Friday 6th February 2015. Students must be prepared to commit to all training sessions and at least one scheduled attendance per fortnight during lunch play time. A roster will be drawn up and displayed in the Library window as well as classrooms.

P&C NEWS:
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TUCKSHOP ROSTER
5/02/2015 Melinda Jenkins, Sue Stewart
6/02/2015 Kerrianne McPhail, Melissa Caimoy, Colette Schria
9/02/2015 Shirley Feitz

COMMUNITY NOTICES:
WESTS NETBALL SIGN ON
Wests Netball will be holding a sign on this Wednesday 4th February at Mirani State School Library. For under 9’s to Seniors (born 2007 or earlier). Grading Day is on Saturday 7th February at Marian State School.

THUMP BOXING AND BOOTCAMP
Come and meet some new people – all fitness levels and kids welcome! Thump Boxing & Bootcamp classes Mirani and Marian. Monday – Saturday. For further information please contact Yas on 0409 617 718 or follow on YasG PT on Facebook for more information.

PLAY AFL IN 2015 - PIONEER POWER JUNIOR AFL CLUB SIGN-ON
Register online via our website today @ http://pioneerpower.wix.com/pioneerpowerjrafl
Boys and Girls from 5 - 13 yrs. of age are invited to sign up for the 2015 Season. Training will resume19th March from 4-5pm at Marian SS Oval. For more information please contact: Megan Bone- 0488911272 or Email: pioneerpower2012@gmail.com

JUNIOR GOLF
Come and try Junior Golf on Friday 6th from 3.30 to 5.30 pm at the Pioneer Valley Golf Club. School aged children from 5 – 18 years. For further information please contact the Golf Club.

SPEECH AND DRAMA COACHING
Any Parents interested in Speech and Drama Coaching for their children please contact Megan for further information on 0411 379 944.