2015 SCHOOL LEARNING PRIORITIES

- Reading Comprehension
- Number Facts and space
- Writing

DATE CLAIMERS

March
20th Swimming Carnival
27th P & C Trivia Night

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the State Schools Principals’ Conference in Brisbane at which many educational issues were raised. One important issue that was covered was ATTENDANCE. There is an extremely strong link between School Attendance and student performance. A developing issue is a growing mentality that it is ok to just take a day off for no real reason such as ‘don’t feel like it today’ or ‘my birthday’, etc. This not only disrupts instruction but also instils a ‘poor work ethic, down the track for school and work.

The table below outlines our school attendance rates for the first 5 weeks of term. Our target attendance rate for the entire 2015 school year is 95% + (2015 attendance was 93.3%). So far for this year we have an attendance rate of 96.9%. A promising start but it must be maintained to assist the school to continue to improve student learning outcomes.
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<th>Attendance Range of School Days</th>
<th>Approximate % of Students</th>
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<td>Less than 85%</td>
<td>5.8%</td>
<td>16 students</td>
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<td>Between 85-90%</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
<td>10 students</td>
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<td>Between 90-95%</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
<td>14 students</td>
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<td>Above 95%</td>
<td>85.8%</td>
<td>285 students</td>
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For students who make up the <85% group, if an attendance rate of let’s say 80% was maintained across the term it would equate to 10 days or 2 weeks of the term. This would transfer to 8 weeks or 2 months of the school year. This IS and would be totally unacceptable. The school fully appreciates that when students are ill they are ill and should remain at home. However, it is highly unlikely many students would be genuinely ill for those periods in a given year. Parents/caregivers, will be contacted later during the term should unacceptable attendance rates continue without any legitimate reason.

Parents / Caregivers please monitor and ensure your child’s regular attendance to school – it is your legal responsibility, and something that can make the world of difference!

Cheers Bruce

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – 2nd March 2015**

**PREP W:**

**PM:**

**1B:** William W. for his great effort in spelling this week.

**1M:** Hope B. for being a super classroom helper.

**2S:** Rachael C. for looking, listening and learning.

**2N:** Mia-Jane M. for being a maths whiz.

**3L:** Usha J. for working well in reading activities.

**3/4W:**

**4J:**

**4/5D:**

**5B:** Griffyn C. for outstanding effort with your school work! What a start!!

**5/6MD:** Bryce P. for being a mature student who always makes and effort.

**6H:**

**MR T’S MIRANI MATES AWARDEES – 2nd March 2015**

**BRANDDON M.:** A proud Preppy whose performance promotes himself as a person of promise, paved by his powerful participation, precise production and propensity for perfection! Perfecto!

**CASSIDEE B.:** A new member to Mirani SS who has made an impressive start by maximising her mindset, minimising mistakes, mastering mathematics and magnifying her manners.

**HANNAH C.:** A likeable lass who leaps into literature with lightning linguistics that launch her into the language limelight, leaving fellow learners enlightened by her language and literacy. Legendary!
SCHOOL NEWS:
SCHOOL MANAGEMENT REMINDERS
EARLY DEPARTURES / LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL:

Please note the following new procedures to Early Departures and Late Arrivals to school:

- All late arrivals (any time after 9:00am) must report to the Administration Office to receive a Late Slip to hand to the Teacher on arrival to class. If a student arrives without a Oneschool Late Slip, they will be sent back to the Admin Office to receive one. No Late Slip – No class entry.

- All early departures must be signed out at the Administration Office. Parents will be given an Early Departure Slip to hand to the Teacher when collecting students from class. If parents do not have a Oneschool Early Departure Slip, they will be sent back to the Admin Office to collect Slip before students are released. No Early Departure Slip – no release.

If you have any concerns please contact the Administration Office. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS
Mirani State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing and would appreciate parents/carers to provide the school with any relevant medical health information that is required to support the students at school. Information about medically diagnosed conditions, such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy, including administering medication should be provided to the school. Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts. For any enquiries please contact the school on 49 667 333.

UNIFORM POLICY
Please note the uniform policy states that students must wear closed in shoes unless injured, this is a safety requirement.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE NUMBER: is (07) 49667 360. This number is for parents to ring if they have a child who is absent from school for any reason.

SAFETY: Please take care when dropping off/picking up students around the school.

BUSES: Parents please contact the office ladies if you have a student who is not travelling on their nominated bus in the afternoons.

2014 SCHOOL MAGAZINE
Parents we have quite a few magazines from 2014 left over. If there is anyone who is interested in purchasing a school magazine please see the ladies in the office. The cost is $20.

WIN A CLASSROOM MAKEOVER
Mirani State School will be participating in the ‘Win a Classroom Makeover’ which is being run through the Daily Mercury. Tokens will be published daily starting on Saturday 14th February and will end on the 16th March 2015. Please collect all tokens and place them in the school collection box. Good luck Mirani!

P&C NEWS:
TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday night March 27 we have our next fundraiser for the year, our Trivia Night. Last year’s event was a huge success and everyone who attended had an absolute ball! So please spread the news among your friends and family and organise a team. All funds raised go directly to improving facilities and opportunities for your children. Please nominate by contacting the office by the 18th March to assist with planning and catering. We only have a few fundraisers this year so it would be fantastic to have as many teams as possible to help make the event a huge success.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
5th March  Melissa Caimoy, Liana Welsh
6th March  Kathryn Gardner, Melinda Jenkins
9th March  Shirley Feitz