2015 SCHOOL LEARNING PRIORITIES

- Reading Comprehension
- Number Facts and space
- Writing

DATE CLAIMERS
FEBRUARY

9th P & C Annual General Meeting 6.30 pm

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Welcome back and welcome to all of our new students and families. A SPECIAL welcome to our 49 prep students beginning their school life this week – a very exciting time! Also, welcome to ALL new students and families and our new staff members; Mrs Sharlene McAnulty (Yr. 5/6MD) and Ms Cathy Myers (1M). Another change is Mrs Rebecca Vella who will have Music for the first half of Term 1 whilst Mrs Cherie Green is on Long Service Leave. Unfortunately, Mrs Rowe, our AWESOME Business Service Manager in the office will be on sick leave for the first half of Term 1 after undergoing surgery last week. She is recovering well and is keen to be back on deck ASAP! We wish her a full and speedy recovery! Please be mindful that some current admin staff are new to their roles, so your understanding and patience is greatly appreciated.
Our school has planned to continue to build on our strong improvements from 2014. During Term 1 staff professional learning will focus on a whole school approach to teaching writing – 7 Steps to Writing Success. Additionally the school has been successful in its application to participate in an innovative year long program focussing on the teaching of numeracy and mathematical reasoning. These Whole School approaches will join our already embedded Reading@Mirani program.

MASSIVE thanks must go to Michael Mullins (grounds), Maryann Mullins, Jan-Maree Murray and Alison Silman (cleaners), for all of their hard work getting the rooms and grounds ready for action. A massive task considering facilities lay essentially dormant for the Christmas vacation period and our recent wet weather. Huge thanks also to Robyn, Brett, Alison, Matt and Kellie in the office for getting all the admin requirements ready for a flying start for our students.

A reminder that class lists are draft until the end of week 2 and possible student movement or structural changes may be necessitated due to enrolment fluctuations. Classes will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Mirani State School is a great school, and we are all here in the best interests of your child. To achieve this, positive COMMUNICATION is the key. Please take the opportunity this week to meet your child’s teacher, as the best outcomes are achieved when HOME-SCHOOL-STUDENT work together.

Our school rules are simple and central to that purpose: LEARN – SAFE – FUN!!!
Have an AWESOME first week!

Cheers, Bruce

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.

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.

DISABLED CAR PARK: Reminder no parking in the disabled car park.
**CAR PARKING:** Reminder to all parents with regards to parking in Augusta Street. Please ensure that when picking up or dropping off students that you **DO NOT** park across any driveways.

**PARADE:** Please note that Parade will be held on Monday afternoons at 2.30 pm under the new covered area out near the oval.

**YEAR 6 SHIRTS**
Parents who have students in Year 6 a note will be coming home with your child with regards to information about Year 6 shirts. The shirts will cost $35.00 per shirt but please note that **NO PAYMENT** is required at this stage. All parents will be invoiced at a later date. No late orders will be processed and all forms must be handed in by **Friday 6th February**.

**SPORT NEWS:**

**TENNIS LESSONS**
Mackay Tennis will be holding Tennis Lessons at Mirani State School for 2015. Please note that lessons will commence Wednesday 28th January, Prep, 1 & 2 (3pm – 4pm), 3, 4, 5 & 6 (4pm – 5pm).

**LIBRARY NEWS:**

**HINTS ON KEEPING LIBRARY BOOKS CLEAN AND FRESH**
Please find included with this week’s Newsletter a note that gives everyone some hints on keeping library books clean and fresh with all their pages together.

**P&C NEWS:**

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
Parents please note that Tuckshop will commence on Monday 2nd February. Please ensure that the following information is clearly printed on a brown paper bag when ordering for first and second lunches.

- Name and class
- Food required
- Total amount enclosed

A tuckshop menu will be sent home at the end of the week.

**P & C MEETING**
The next P & C Meeting will be held on the 9th February at 6.30 pm. This meeting is the AGM and all positions will become available. We look forward to seeing some fresh faces.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**COUNTRY UNITED SOCCER CLUB SIGN ON**
Country United Soccer Club sign on and 40th Anniversary Fun Day will be on 1st February at Western Suburbs Leagues Club Grounds from 12pm – 4 pm. Jumping castle, bumper soccer, horizontal bungee, fun soccer drills, sausage sizzle and more. Register

**WESTS NETBALL SIGN ON**
Wests Netball Sign On will be held at the Marian Town Centre on Sat 31st Jan from 9am -12pm. Mirani State School (Parade Cola) on Wed 4th Feb. For Under 9’s to Seniors (born 2007 or earlier) Grading Day will be held at Marian State School 7th Feb - times to be confirmed. For any further enquiries please contact Linda Turner on 0408 548 226.

**PIONEER VALLEY SPORTING ASSOCIATION**
Pioneer Valley Sporting Association Thursday Morning Ladies Tennis Fixtures commencing Thursday 5 March 2015. No experience necessary, great morning of fun & exercise. 8.30 am Start. Yearly membership $33 & Game fees $7 each week. Registrations to be in by Friday 13 February 2015. Any enquiries contact Lisa Zarb P: 0427705280 or E: lisazarb@bigpond.com

**WESTS RUGBY LEAGUE 2015 SIGN ON**
For U/6’s to U/16’s, Saturday, February 7th- 9am TO 11am. At Function Room, Western Suburbs Leagues Club, Branscombe Road, Walkerston. New and existing players will need to register online. New players please bring 2 copies of your Birth Certificate. Sign on fee’s-U/6-$110 and U/7-U/16-$150 per player (may be paid off by arrangement). Which includes a club shirt and a team photo. For all enquiries please contact Club Secretary – 0418710731 OR secretary.wdjrffc@hotmail.com