Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Attendance at school is a key factor to success at school. Our school attendance target for 2017 is 95%, we are currently at 94.9%. This is a disappointing start to the school year and below our 1st month data for the past few years. Unless too ill for school or attending unavoidable appointments, students should be at school and on time. It definitely stacks the odds in your child’s favour, and after all is a legal requirement. It is VITAL that as an entire school community we believe EVERY DAY COUNTS.
**EVERY DAY COUNTS**
Every day counts... because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day
Every day counts... because going to school means getting a better chance at life
Every day counts... because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience
Every day counts... because going to school is a legal requirement.

**WHAT THE LAW SAYS**
- Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on ALL school days unless you have a reasonable excuse.
- You must not keep your child away from school for minor reasons.
- Under the law, schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers for any unexplained absences.

Adding to the final point, our school will be following our Attendance Policy and following up with parents after inspecting the first 5 weeks of attendance data. Our target of 95% allows for 10 absent days per year, which is quite achievable for most students. Obviously the school takes into account severe illness / injury and unavoidable events / commitments but close inspection of the data suggests many of the students with unacceptable (below 85%) and unsatisfactory (below 90%) are absent from school for more minor reasons. Give your child the best shot at life, make EDUCATION a priority!

Some exciting news...baby Green has arrived! Congratulations to Mrs Green and her husband, Michael, who last Thursday evening welcomed Pippa Evelyn Green into the world. Pippa has settled well into her new surroundings, and her parents are absolutely as proud as punch. Welcome Pippa and congratulations Mr & Mrs Green!!!

Have a brilliant week!

Cheers

Bruce

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK – 13th FEBRUARY 2017**

**PREP B:** Annabella S for always trying her best.

**PREP M:** Hannah P for impressive Prep writing.

**1V:** Elyse G for always being ready to learn.

**1M:** Lucy C for great listening and top efforts.

**2S:** Amelia W for an amazing start to Year 2 learning.

**2ND:** Lucy T for amazing maths and perfect procedures.

**3L:** Kellie C for demonstrating great leadership in the playground and the classroom!

**3WS:** Laura S for her responsible attitude to learning.

**4D:** Amarli C for great work with non-standard partitioning.

**5J:** Jye Z for wonderful reasoning with number lines.

**5W:** Madyson P for having a great attitude towards all classroom tasks.

**6H:** Nate W for a positive and conscientious start to Year 6.

**6M:** Zeek B for improved focus and effort in mathematics.

**Mr T’S MIRANI MATES – 13TH FEBRUARY 2017**

**VINCENT B** – A fine young fellow who is firing up his fundamentals and focus to forge his foundations whilst forming firm friendships that facilitate his fantastic inclusion to the Mirani SS family.

**HEATH L** – A country kid who has clicked into gear with his CLEAR concentration, COMMENDABLE common sense, CONCISE calculations, COMPELLING courtesy and CHARISMATIC conduct to cause considerable commitment to the common cause of LEARN, FUN, SAFE! COOL!

**HEIDI E** – A lovely young lass who has leapt into learning with lashings and loads of her AWESOME attitude, CLASSY conduct, MARVELLOUS manners, SUPERB school spirit and TERRIFIC teamwork. TREMENDOUS!
SCHOOL NEWS:
SCHOOL MANAGEMENT UPDATE - HEAT MANAGEMENT
Students are being advised on hydration and sun safety at school during these extremely hot conditions. Please follow up at home and ensure students have a water bottle, sunscreen and a sun safe hat for school.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC
Senior Constable James Dolby and the school have received some concerns regarding some traffic practices around the school. In particular, speed, parking and drop off / pick-ups will be monitored and if dangerous and/or illegal appropriate action will be taken. Remember, SAFETY is our number 1 priority!

YEAR 3 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Year 3 will be holding a Parent Information Session on Tuesday 21st February starting a 3.15 pm in the Year 3 Building (E Block). Parents please come along!

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE
On the 17th March at 2 pm Tayliah T is taking part in the World’s Greatest Shave. T is hoping to raise $3000 for The Leukaemia Foundation. Please help her reach her goal by going to her page on www.worldsgreatestshave.com and donating….. Every dollar helps!

LIBRARY NEWS:
LOVE YOUR LIBRARY WEEK
This week we are celebrating Loving Our Library. Every child who borrows will receive a free gift and students in year 4, 5 and 6 will be able to have a “Blind Date With a Book.” We also have on display the most loved books of 2016.

The following E.L.F.’s were presented with their badges on parade yesterday and we welcome them for 2017. There were some fantastic applications and I look forward to working with this new team. First training session will be in the Library on Thursday 16th February.


Thank you. Delys Siddle.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

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16th February Alison Walker, Steph Allen
17th February Melissa Caimoy, Kerrianne McPhail, Debbie Holmes
20th February Janet Delaney

COMMUNITY NOTICES:
MARIAN MARKETS
Marian Markets held at the church Grounds in Marian - Sunday 19 February - 8 am – 12 noon
A huge variety of great stalls. Sausage sizzle & refreshments available.

PIONEER VALLEY SPORTING ASSOCIATION
Pioneer Valley Sporting Association Gargett Thursday Morning Ladies Tennis Fixtures to commence 2 March 2017. $33 yearly membership, $7 Weekly game fee 8.30am start. Registrations to be in by 20 February. Experience not essential. Great Social morning. Contact Lisa Ph: 0427705280.

WESTS NETBALL
Wests Netball as looking for players for their upcoming season. If your child is looking for a sport to play look no further Wests Netball would love to have you. Please email westsnb@gmail.com for more information.