PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

It is meeting season at Mirani SS, with most year levels / classes conducting Parent Information sessions over the current fortnight. Whilst the school realises that all parents won’t be able to make the times due to work or other commitments, parents are encouraged to do so if possible. The sessions are a great way to put a face to a name and also hear about class routines and expectations such as; homework, assessment, behaviour management, communication, etc. This opportunity combined with our class Term Overviews and individual class communication forums (e.g. communication books, class dojo, email, etc.) are how we as a school strive to communicate with you about your child’s education. Remember, learning is at its most effective when all stakeholders (student, school & home) work positively together toward our common goal – student improvement!
On the subject of meetings, next Monday 27th is a big one with:

- **5.30pm – 2017 Syd / Canberra Camp Meeting (parents of Year 6 students attending)**
  It is vital ALL families intending or interested in this trip attend this meeting as vital information will be shared.

- **6.30pm – P&C AGM (Open to parents/caregivers & community members)**
  Our P&C is a positive and proactive force in our school that provide services and resources that benefit EVERY child at Mirani SS. As you can see meetings are short & sharp, so come along and help our school to continually improve.

- **7.30pm – 125th Anniversary Meeting (Open to parents/caregivers & community members)**
  The weekend of September 15 & 16 is our 125th Anniversary Celebrations. We desperately need input from the community, past & present, to help organise this weekend. Once again meetings are purposeful and do not drag on, so please come along to help out.

Congratulations to Josh H & Sarah L who have both recently returned from the Queensland State Swimming Sprint Championships where they swam terrifically. Josh finished 6th in the state for 50m Breaststroke and has also been selected to represent Capricornia Region at the Queensland Schools’ State Swimming Titles next month in Brisbane. Congratulations Josh & Sarah!

Have a terrific week!

Cheers Bruce

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK – 20th FEBRUARY 2017**

**PREP B:** Alinice P for great sight word recognition.

**PREP M:** Riley B for having a really good go at regular writing.

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

**1M:** Nicholas C for great determination and top efforts.

**2S:** Seth C for consistently focussing on the learning activity.

**2ND:** Emily W for fantastic procedure writing.

**3L:** Cooper C for a great start – 1st week back at Mirani.

**3WS:** Steele J for his invaluable contributions to group discussions.

**4C:** Chloe E for being an AWESOME class member and friend.

**4D:** Hayden M for terrific classroom work.

**5J:** Charlie D for working conscientiously at all times.

**5W:** Callum H for working hard to avoid classroom distractions and for putting his best effort into his work.

**6H:** Zac L for a fantastic effort in assisting Mrs Medway during Prep buddies.

**6M:** Darcy T for good progress on his History research project.

**MR T’S MIRANI MATES – 20th FEBRUARY 2017**

**RACHEL C** for being a well-mannered worker who wows people with her AWESOME attitude, CLASSY courtesy, FIRM friendships, PERFECT politeness, STRENGTHENING skills and TREMENDOUS team work. TOPS!!

**DANICA S** for being a fine young lady who leaps into her lessons with loads of high level logics and learning to elevate her into atmospheric areas of achievement based on her awesome attitude and advancing abilities in all areas of her academic endeavours. AMAZING!

**TYNAN R** for being a beauit bloke who bounces into business with A-Grade energy, CLEAR concentration, FABULOUS fluency, MARVELLOUS mathematics, RADICAL reading, SENSATIONAL skills and a WONDEROUS work ethic. WICKED!!

**SCHOOL NEWS:**

**SCHOOL MANAGEMENT**

**EARLY ARRIVALS**

The school appreciates that at times students may need to be dropped off earlier than the 8.30 am recommended time. In these instances, students are reminded that they are to sit under the covered area between A & C Blocks until the first bus arrives at approximately 8.20 am. Our cleaners / grounds staff are busy preparing the school for the school day and playground supervision is not provided and classrooms are not open until this time. Students are not to wander through the school, drop bags off at classrooms or play games such as handball.
STORM DAMAGE
Please be aware that the school received considerable damage during last Tuesday evening's electrical storm. In particular, our phone and internet systems were damaged and are currently undergoing repair.

YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Year 6 will be having a Parent Information Session tomorrow, Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February at 3.15 pm in C Block. Parents please come along and find out what is happening in your child’s Senior Year at Mirani.

NUTRITION
Good nutrition during childhood is essential for normal growth, development, current health and future health. Health authorities agree that eating more fruit and vegetables may be the single most important dietary change needed to improve health and reduce the risk of disease. You can improve your child’s health by:
- Including plenty of fruit and vegetables in meals and snacks.
- Offer water if your child is hungry between meals. Children often think they’re hungry when they’re actually thirsty.
- Let your child help choose and prepare healthy meals and snacks

SPORT NEWS:

HPE WEEK
HPE Week is a week that celebrates the role of Health & Physical Education in schools and communities. The aim is to promote the importance of HPE in the Australian Curriculum and highlight the importance of HPE to the learning and development of children and young people. In 2016 at total of 76 schools registered and participated. At Mirani SS, HPE week is celebrated by students participating in Daily Lunch Time Activities.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING
Starts next Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} February at 8:15 am and runs each Monday and Wednesday for 6 weeks to give students adequate training to attend the PV Cross Country Trials. Open to 10-12 years. Notes have gone home today.

SWIMMING
Swimming continues this Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} February. It has been a great 2 weeks so far. Remember to wear a sun safe swim shirt and sunscreen and if you have googles available please wear.

LIBRARY NEWS:

WHITSUNDAY VOICES
This year’s Short Story Competition has officially opened. Whitsunday Voices are inviting students from Years 3 – 6 to enter the 2017 Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival short Story Competition. Students are free to respond to a theme or topic of their choice and there is no limit to the number of entries allowed by each student. Please see Mrs Siddle for further information.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

TUCKSHOP
23\textsuperscript{rd} February Stephanie Allen, Collette Schria
24\textsuperscript{th} February Hannah Milne, Melinda Jenkins, Brenda Belford-Bartho
27\textsuperscript{th} February Katie Porter

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

BMX AUSTRALIA SIGN ON
BMX National Sign On Day at Walkerston BMX Club, Creek Street Walkerston. Sunday 5\textsuperscript{th} March 9 am – 1 pm. For further information please contact Kirsty Skaines 0407 153 133.

PIONEER VALLEY
Sign up and Information night for Pioneer Valley Local Ambulance Committee at Finch Hatton Ambulance Station from 5.30pm on Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February 2017. Join us and learn more about Community Awareness Programs in the Pioneer Valley. Contact Secretary. Nicky 0421 632 160.