Dear Families

I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for the warm welcome I have received as Acting Principal whilst Mr Silvester is on leave. In my first two weeks I have been very impressed by the behaviour and classwork of our students.

I must remind parents and care givers that we are unable to provide supervision for students before 8.30am. It is expected that any students that are dropped off before 8.30 must sit quietly under A block until given permission, by a member of staff, to leave the designated area to play.

Last Thursday was very busy with students from each year level attending a maths challenge presentation and all students taking part in AFL skill development games during physical education lessons. The AFL activities and games will continue through until the end of the term. Shaun, our AFL development officer, commented on the excellent behaviour and attitude of our students.

This week has seen the start of a mentoring program involving students from the High School visiting our school. The mentors will be helping in each class with numeracy and literacy activities for two one hour sessions each week. Thank you to the High School students involved and Miss Stacey Hyland for facilitating this program.

Good luck to the following students; Mac Asithorpe, Liam Green, Emilee Myles, Chelsea Knight, Maisey Craig, Anna Phillips and Blake Barnett who have been selected to travel to Maryborough for the Wide Bay Athletics Carnival next Wednesday. I am sure that our music students that travelled to Brisbane yesterday are having a wonderful time.

Finally, I look forward to the next two weeks as Acting Principal.

Have a great fortnight!

James Cochran
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CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Prep/1
Another 2 weeks have whizzed by and we have all been very busy. The students have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Mr Cochran during sharing, library and PE lessons. We are also very fortunate to have a couple of high schoolers visiting during middle session on both Tuesdays and Thursdays to work with Mrs Shultz and the preps during their maths sessions. Thank you to Mr Cochran for co-ordinating this support for us.

This week we have also have had Mr Ngyun visiting our classrooms to work with and support all the teachers with implementing a lesson format known as Explicit Instruction. Mr Ngyun worked with the Prep/Yr One children on a lesson introducing the use of commas in their writing. He also had some great Kung Fu related punctuation tips. Make sure you ask your child about them.

Science Project :- Please continue to send in those cereal boxes for us to be able to make our day/night/landscape/weather models. I would really like to have one for everybody before we start.

Lost and Found :- There are still plenty of items in the found box (jumpers, coats and track pants). If you are missing any items come on in and have a look yourself, or send in a note, and I will do my best to hunt the items down.

YR 1/2
In English we are continuing our “Poetic Journey”. Students have recently changed and made adjustments to the popular “Roses are red, Violets are blue” verse, choosing to either be sincere or cheeky with it. Some examples:

| Spiderman is red,  | Roses are red,  | Apples are red,  |
| Thomas is blue,   | The sky is blue, | My rubber is blue, |
| Kittens are cute  | Pigs really smell | Friends are helpful |
| And so are you!   | And so do you!   | And so are you!   |
| By Kolter         | By Joshua        | By Aidan          |

In Maths, the Year 2 students are working with money. They have been using money to add and to make small amounts. The Year 1 students have been learning to read basic timetables while also gaining a better understanding of time durations (e.g. second, minute, hour, day, week, month, year).

In Science we have been making many mixtures using different ingredients. We have also started to look at the various materials used to make particular objects and the reasons for them. For example: shoes are made from rubber (for flexibility), leather (for durability) and foam (for comfort) – none of us thought wearing tissue boxes or bricks on our feet would cater for these needs.

In Geography we have started to look at Map Keys and the types of symbols used. In Art, we have recently looked at a Romantic Artist, Joseph Turner. The students have attempted to paint an ocean sunset after investigating blending techniques.
YR 2/3

This week we have welcomed Miss Tara Bernie to our classroom while she completes a 3 week practical experience with us as part of her teaching studies. Miss Bernie is familiar to our school, as she previously completed 3 weeks in the 6/7 classroom in Term 2. I’m sure she has already seen the difference between an upper school classroom and a lower/middle school classroom! We have continued to look at procedures whilst reading “Charlotte’s Web” and are about to launch into writing dialogue between two characters from a novel with one explaining how to do something to the other.

In Science we have been learning to read temperatures on thermometers and have discovered that heat is dispersed into the air if you leave something in a bowl (eg. like a bowl of porridge).

In Maths we are looking at money - we are all becoming good at adding coins. The year 3’s are beginning to look at calculating change in simple money situations – which is proving challenging to some. The more your child could handle small amounts of money to become familiar with coins, the more it would assist their learning.

YR 6/7

In our You Can Do It lesson about Getting Along, the class created their own sentence to demonstrate their beliefs about friendship.

*True friendship is when you have a loyal, reliable and friendly person you can trust and you feel safe around who is sharing, forgiving and honest and who will look after you in any situation.*

MUSIC NEWS

Saxon, Emily, Emilee, Grace, Jespar, Mitch, Matthew, Tasha, Daniel, Seb and Molly along with students from Mulgildie SS and Monto SHS are having an excellent time at music camp. Today (Wednesday) we saw an open rehearsal of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra and a tour of the Queensland Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal Studios. The students were able to ask questions about the instruments in the orchestra and learnt about different jobs in the classical music industry. We started rehearsing a new piece called “Sunset Serenade”. By time you read this, we will have attended a professional concert by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in the Queensland Performing Arts Complex (QPAC).
Shawn has been teaching all the students AFL skills during their PE lessons on a Thursday.

Last Thursday, World of Maths, visited our school. There were many hands on activities and problems to solve. Our favourite, in the upper school, was called Escape.

These students have been selected to participate in the Wide Bay Athletics trials.

The Mobile Education Trailer visited the Year 6/7 class again this year. We studied about university.

North Burnett Athletics sports representatives.
STUDENT NEWS CONTINUED

Our classroom award winners for this week

Class awards for last week.

Year 4/5 Parade Award winners

Classroom award winners for week 2

Our choir performing “It Ain’t Going to Rain No More”.
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