



3 December 2015

## Associate Principal's Column

### Student Reports

As semester two student reports will be handed out next week, it is once again an appropriate time to begin to think about what those reports might tell us about individual students.

Each report is the culmination of a whole semester's work, and so looks at a student's progress over time. With many children, week-to-week performance on tasks and classroom behaviour can be 'up and down'. The teacher has to make an overall assessment based on the whole semester, so it is important that the report is viewed in this context.

Also it is important to remember that a student does not have to receive lots of A's and B's to receive a 'good' report. C's mean that a student has achieved what is expected of him or her for that grade. A student who has worked hard to attain C's on a report should be congratulated on their efforts and achievements.

Similarly, marks of D or E should not be viewed as 'bad' marks in themselves. If the teacher has judged that a student has worked to the best of his or her ability, even if the student receives D's or E's in some or many areas, then the report should be viewed as a positive one. We are all born with varying levels of ability in different areas, and all we can ask is that students do the best they are capable of.

Hard-working, well-behaved students should always be congratulated on their performance, no matter what grades they have on their report. As they grow older, these types of students will have many opportunities to find their own personal niches in life to make the most of their individual talents - and these talents may not necessarily lie in the academic field. For many students, the talents that lead to future success may lie in any number of other fields, such as artistic, physical, social, emotional, constructional or organisational, to name a few.

Students who work hard and behave well are good students.

**Murray Leak, Associate Principal Years 3 & 4**

### Kids Corner – English Letters

As part of our English Literacy Unit, the Year One children have enjoyed the lovely picture book 'The Lighthouse Keepers' Lunch'. During the many enjoyable activities involving this story,

the students of 1O were asked to write a letter to the naughty seagulls who were stealing Mr Grinling's beautiful lunch. This was sent over to him on a line from Mrs Grinling at the cottage on the mainland. Here are some interesting creations:

#### Dear Tom

*Did you like the hot mustard? Why did you sneak into Mr Grinling's basket? I like vegemite sandwiches. What kind of things do you like? Why are you so bad? When are you going to be good? From the News Reporter.*

#### By Alana

#### Dear Bert

*I know that you like my food but if you keep on eating Mr Grinling's lunch he will starve. Anyway how are you? Have you gone off to eat somebody else's lunch? How are your friends Tom and Fred? Did you like my disgusting sandwich? The only reason why I did that is because Mr Grinling didn't want you to eat his lunch. But if you want, you can come over and have some lunch. But if you see a basket with elastic on it do not eat it. Kindly saying but you are a bit cheeky. From Mrs Grinling.*

#### By India

#### Dear Tom

*What thing do you like on a sandwich? Do you like water? I don't. Do you like Mr Grinling's lunch? Don't eat Mr Grinling's lunch! Do you like flying? I don't like flying because I'm scared that I will fall. I like fish. What food do you like? Did your tongue feel like it was on fire? I hope you have a good day. From Hamish.*

#### By Amelie

#### Dear Fred

*Did you like Mrs Grinling's cooking? Fred, is it easy to fly or is it hard to fly? I like yummy sandwiches. Do you? I don't like yucky sandwiches. Do you? I like apples and nectarines and strawberries. Did you like my disgusting sandwiches? Can you stop stealing Mr Grinling's lunch otherwise he'll starve? Can you stop being a cheeky seagull? What food do you like? Do you like worms? If you do, don't steal Mr Grinling's lunch, get the worms out of the ground. Love, Mrs Grinling.*

#### By Raiha

## Dear Bert

*I hope you never ever come back Bert. I won't be scared of heights ever again. I will find more extra strong mustard and don't call me a pretty kitty. I will always chase you. Do you like cats chasing you? From Hamish*

**By Aiden**

## Book Fair

Most books on order have been received and given out to students, but the following are still on backorder:

- 'Make this Book'
- 'Jurassic World Dino Rangers Sticker Book'
- 'Lego Ninjago World of Ninjago Official Guide'
- 'Pokemon Deluxe Essential Handbook'.

Should they not arrive before the school year ends, we will pass your contact details on to Scholastic for them to arrange delivery directly with you.

Thank you for your support during the book fair.

## Uniform / Bookshop News

We currently have all book packs in stock and they can be collected from the Science room east end. Additional opening hours are on Thursday afternoon for sales and collection 2-4pm.

**Dione Skelton, Uniform/Bookshop Convenor**

## Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!

It has been a beautiful year with the support of my French Leaders to whom I now bid Farewell and Good Luck. I can only wish the best to a beautiful group of children. I will miss you dearly.

Thank you to all the families involved during the year with the Griffith University Speech contest, the Bonjour Festival and those who hosted our lovely French children from St Jean Baptiste New Caledonia last month. Your support is invaluable to our school and sister school agreement. Our community is full of good will which radiates through our children and in my lessons with them.

The year ends with already many plans brewing for next year. In the meantime, I wish all my students from year 2 to year 6 a restful break with your families.

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!

**Madame Wada, LOTE Teacher**

## P.E. News

Thanks to our local sport stores for supporting our school this year. Loyalty card members will receive 20% off purchases this Saturday at Rebel Sport, Robina. Link your card to Caningeraba State School for 5% of purchases going back to our school to be spent on sport equipment. Amart Sports has the same program running. The school has been able to buy over \$2000 worth of equipment this year. Thank you parents and community.

Regards

**Hugh O'Toole, P.E. Teacher**

## Lost Property

Throughout the year there have been a number of "precious items" handed into the office that have remained unclaimed in lost property. These items range from watches and other jewellery to a selection of keys and other trinkets. As all lost property has to be disposed of at the end of each year I kindly request that you come and check with the office to see if an item may belong to your child.

The same applies to uniform and other items of lost property such as jumpers, hats, shoes and drink bottles. Anything unclaimed by the end of term 4 will not be kept. It will be either recycled, resold in the uniform shop or given to a charity shop.

So this is a kindly reminder to please come and check lost property on a regular basis between now and the end of term as next year will be too late.

## School Banking News

No rewards will be ordered next week but banking will still be accepted.

Certificates will start again from term 1 2016 and tokens will carry over to the new year.

Congratulations to the following students who have made 10 deposits and received a bronze certificate:

Toby PW	Isabella PW
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Congratulations to the following students who have made 20 deposits and received a silver certificate:

Liam 4M	Jacob 3B
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Congratulations to the following students who have made 30 deposits and received a gold certificate:

Amani 1S	Larissa 1G	Charlize 1B
Lola 1/2R	Jake PS	Jack PW

## Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have received a student award at their assembly.

6B	Sarah	6G	Jordyn, Jordyn & Imogen
5B	Malakai	2O	Evie

## Diary Dates

### REMINDERS:

1. Student Resource Scheme payments are due by Friday 5 February, week 2 of 2016.
2. Please phone our hotline on 5568 6388 for ALL up to date information on excursions, interschool sport draws, athletics and cancellations due to weather.

Date	Year Level	Activity
Thursday 3 December	All	Disco – Varsity College
Tuesday 8 December	Yr 6	Graduation 6pm
Thursday 10 December	Yr 1	Christmas Concert 9:30am
Thursday 10 December	Prep	Christmas Concert 12noon
<b>Friday 11 December</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Tuckshop Closed</b>
Friday 11 December	All	Last day 2015 school year
Wednesday 27 January	All	School commences 2016

## Snack Shack Roster

Please be advised the tuckshop will be closed on the last day of school for 2015 – Friday 11 December.

Thank you to the students and staff for their continued support of their school tuckshop.

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers (there are only a few) who went above and beyond the call of duty to help keep the tuckshop operating throughout the year. You are so very much appreciated!

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Enjoy the holiday and we will see you in 2016.

Date	Names
Monday 7 December	Sandra
Tuesday 8 December	Sandra
Wednesday 9 December	Carolyn & Esther
Thursday 10 December	Marnee & Carolyn
<b>Friday 11 December</b>	<b>Tuckshop Closed</b>

**Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors**

## Community Notices

### Albatross Nippers (Special Needs Nippers Program)

Albatross Nippers is a nipper program designed for children with special needs to be run out of Nobbys Beach SLSC. This program was successfully launched in April 2015 and we are excited to be holding 4 more Albatross Nipper days this 2015-2016 patrol season.

Sundays – 13 December, 24 January, 21 February & 6 March. While this initiative is great for those children with special needs to experience a Nipper Sunday program, the real benefits are for the greater Gold Coast community and people of the Nobbys area to learn how to better interact and understand difference. We are very excited to have Wally Lewis as our ambassador for this program and Iron Women Courtney Hancock and Ali Day will be present on the day. Phone: 5526 1117 email: maggie@nobbyslsc.com

### City Library Holiday Activities

Join us for some free holiday fun and get creative at your local City Library! Sessions are for children aged 6-12 years.

SUMMER READING CLUB launch at the Burleigh Waters Branch Library on Tuesday 15 December 2pm-3pm. Sign up and start reading to earn incentive prizes and go in the draw to win a great holiday prize pack! Please phone 5581 1700 to secure your place.

CHRISTMAS CREATIONS at the Burleigh Heads Branch Library on Thursday 17 December 2pm-3pm. Please phone 5581 7230 to secure your place.

### Little Lifesavers Program

At Tallebudgera Creek for children aged 5 years to 11 years. Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 January, Thursday 14 and Friday 15 January 2016 from 8am to 10am each day. Enquiries to [littlelifesavers@lifesaving.com.au](mailto:littlelifesavers@lifesaving.com.au) or phone 3846 8054.

## Visit Our Website

We encourage our parents, carers and family members to visit our website, to see ongoing class activities. [www.caningerss.eq.edu.au](http://www.caningerss.eq.edu.au)

**Sheryll Eades, Website Coordinator**