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Associate Principal's Column

Communication Between Home and School

If you ever have a question or concern about how your child is progressing academically or socially, or if your child expresses a concern about his or her school work or what is happening in the playground, please remember that your child's class teacher is usually the best person to approach first for assistance. Our teachers are dedicated to helping students achieve to the best of their ability, and they also work hard to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students, so they are always approachable if you need assistance with genuine concerns. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, it is always advisable to contact them to make an appointment to meet at a mutually convenient time.

Characteristics of a Good Student

It's important to remember that successful students are not always the students with the highest marks in the class. A student is successful if they are achieving to their potential, and successful students generally display a number of common characteristics.

- Successful students are attentive in class, polite and respectful.
- Successful students attend school every day. They are punctual and make sure they catch up on missed lessons or assignments.
- Successful students are motivated learners. They have learnt that success comes as a result of their personal effort.

- Successful students stay focused and on task at all times.
- As they grow older, successful students take responsibility for their own learning.
- Successful students participate in class discussions and ask questions.
- Successful students have a good balance of school and play in their lives.

How Can Parents Help?

- Establish a regular routine: getting out of bed at a set time, having breakfast, getting ready for school etc.
- Factor in relaxation time for your child. Be careful not to 'overschedule' them.
- Show a genuine interest in what your child does at school.
- Take every opportunity to praise your children and help foster a positive attitude towards school.
- Establish good relationships with your child's teacher.
- Encourage your child to feel good about themselves. Help set realistic and specific goals and focus on the positives.
- Teach your child that it's OK to make mistakes and that this is part of the learning cycle of education and life.
- Be a role model for your child. You are your child's most important teacher, so continue to explore and learn together. Don't leave it all up to the teachers at school.
- **Remember that you cannot ask anything more than for your child to do their best. Not every**

Great state. Great opportunity.

child has the natural aptitude for academic success in all subjects. If they are trying their best then they need to be congratulated and encouraged – no matter what ‘marks’ they achieve on their report.

Murray Leak, Associate Principal Years 3 & 4

Risa Utama Author Visit

On Monday, 38 students from Prep-Year 3 attended an Author Presentation with Risa Utama.

Risa is a Year 11 student who wrote and illustrated a children’s picture book which she titled, *Benny Bilby’s Wish*, and was published in November last year. Risa read her beautiful book and spoke to the children about being incredibly motivated by Australia’s dwindling bilby population.

Students really enjoyed the book and the opportunity to learn more about the environment and endangered species from a young lady who is so passionate about these great causes.

Risa’s book aims to raise awareness of the plight of the bilby, Australia’s most endangered marsupial. To help and learn more about bilbies like Benny, please visit www.savethebilbyfund.com

Benny Bilby’s Wish was available for students to purchase on the day with all proceeds going to the Save the Bilby Fund. To order a copy of Risa’s book, or for more information, you can email Mrs Christy on rpick33@eq.edu.au .



P & C News

Hello and a HUGE THANK YOU! To all those that took part in our Colour Run! We raised approximately \$24,000.

Here are the results:

The highest fundraising class (winners of the class party) was **3M - congrats Miss Cramm - great effort raising \$1076.50.**

The *highest fundraising student* who wins the DELL Inspiron Laptop and case valued at \$310 plus a Minor Car Service from No Limit Automotive Mobile Mechanic valued at \$165 is **Kacey from 4P** who raised \$330.65.

The *second and third highest fundraising students* who take home a Samsung Galaxy Tablet valued at \$255 + a Minor Car Service from No Limit Automotive Mobile Mechanic valued at \$165 are **Bailee from 3M** for raising \$305, and **Pippa from PR** who raised \$270.

The Movie World, Sea World and Wet n Wild family pass was won by **Ben from 3P**.

The Super Amart \$50 voucher has been awarded to **Jake from 1W**.

Family passes to Inflatable World have been awarded to:

- **Charli PS**
- **Cooper 1S**
- **Luca 2P**
- **Zane 3O**
- **Max 4G**
- **Joshua 5P**
- **Lilly 6M**

A Huge thank you to the Ramos, Thomas and Anderson families and to LJ Hooker for their generosity in donating vouchers.

We hope that you all had a lovely Mother’s Day. A sincere **THANK YOU** to all those that donated gifts and helped at the "Mother’s & Other’s Day". It is lovely to see the children buying gifts.

School Discos will once again be held once the floor in the hall is completed.

The Uniform shop currently has gold coin donation items as well as 2nd hand items for sale. We are also selling the Entertainment Book for \$55 with a portion of the cost going back into the school.

Our next P&C meeting will be held in the School Library @ 6:30 pm on the 23rd of May. New members are always welcome.

Term Two Interschool Chess Tournament

The second round of the Gold Coast South Primary Interschool Chess Tournament will be held on **Wednesday 8th June** at Kings College. Whilst this event is open to players of all abilities from beginners to A Grade, your child will need to have some experience of the game if they are to enter. There will be a teacher from our school at the event to supervise but parents will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the tournament.

If you would like your child to participate, **please collect a permission note from the front desk in the administration building** and return it with the money to the payments window by Wednesday 1st June. The cost is \$18 per student.

Mr and Mrs Thomas run ‘Chess Club’ each Thursday, second break, in our school library. Children are welcome to attend to

develop their skills in the lead up to the tournament. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Thomas for their time and expertise. We all appreciate your time and efforts greatly!

Thank you

Mrs Renea Christy, Enrichment Coordinator

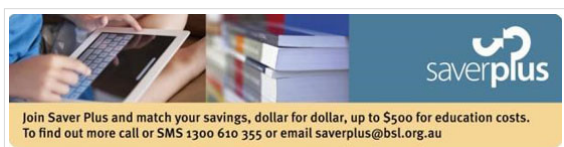
Music Class of the Week

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
Prep. M	Reading rhythms with a steady beat
1S	Great compositions using taa and ti-ti
2O	Pitching high C in the canon "When Handel Wrote The Fireworks Suite"
3B	Moving quickly through recorder lessons
4B	Blowing gently to make a warm tone on recorders



Chappy News

Parents, did you know the Government will abolish the "school kids bonus" from the middle of 2016. There is a way to get help! You are eligible if you have a Centrelink Health Care or Concession Card (plus have a little bit of paid employment as family income) to join the Saver Plus program to get up to \$500 for education costs and a free budgeting course. To find out more ring Jasmin from The Smith Family on 0417 485 477 or email jasmine.dorrington@thesmithfamily.com.au Jasmin will be at the next P&C meeting on 23 May at 6.30pm in the school library, if you'd like to find out more. I hope to see you there! Hope you're having a great week.



Leisa Logan, School Chaplain

Winter Interschool Sports Draw – Friday 13 May

Please phone our hotline on 5568 6388 for ALL up to date information on interschool sport draws and cancellations due to weather.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Games at Pizey Park, 6A at 1:30pm, 6B at 12:45 and 5A at 12.45pm

GIRLS SOCCER: Games at St Vincents Primary, 6B at 1:35pm, 5B at 12:40pm

BOYS SOCCER: Games: 6A at Italo Club at 1:35pm, 6B & 5A BYE, 5B at Glennon Park Nerang at 12:40pm

NETBALL: Games at Firth Park Mudgeeraba, 6B & 5B at 1.20pm, 5C at 1.50pm

AUSTRALIAN RULES: Juniors at Salk Oval Palm Beach field 1 at 1:35pm

OZTAG: All games at Marymount, 6A field 9 at 1:35pm, 6B field 8 at 12:45pm, 5A field 4 at 1:35pm and 5B field 4 at 12:45pm.

QSchool App

Please check your Qschool App, school website for the latest on sports information regarding changes or cancellations due to weather.

School Banking News

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

Max 5W	Madison 4G	Calum 6B
Vaughn 3P	Leila 3O	Hailey 3M
Anthony 3P	Harrison 2O	Kai 2M
Kris 2G	Pepper 1/2R	Shanae 2M
Isla 2O	Jacob 4B	Ruby Leigh 1G
Brodie 1P	Jake 1W	Tiana 1S
Edward 2B	Jack 1S	James 1P
Ploynapat 1P	Ella PM	Luana PR

Congratulations to classes PR & 4G for being this week's school banking champions!

School Banking Volunteers

Student of the Week

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

6O	Ezra & Leilani	6B	Holly
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6G	Trey, Brock & Vanessa	5P	Jasmine
4G	Tia & Piper	4M	Skye
4P	Max	4S	Zac
3G	Hannah & April	3O	Hannah & Kane
3S	Dante	2W	Sophia
1M	Asher	PS	Jagger
PG	Daniel	PW	Banjo
PM	Addison	PR	Pippa
PS	Ethan	PW	Banjo

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 16 May	Milly
Tuesday 17 May	Susana
Wednesday 18 May	Carolyn & Esther
Thursday 19 May	Carolyn & Chaille
Friday 20 May	Maureen & Rikki-Lee

Diary Dates

REMINDERS:

- Year 5 Lightning Carnival \$6.50 due Monday 16 May 10.30am
- Year 2 Rural Discovery \$21.00 due Wednesday 18 May 10.30am
- Year 6 Canberra \$200.00 due Friday 20 May 10.30am
- Year 6 Day Camp \$50.00 due Friday 20 May 10.30am

Community Notices

Varsity College presents Peter Pan on Friday 27th May 6.30pm and Saturday 28th May 2.30pm & 6.30pm. Tickets: Children/Students \$10, Families \$18 & Families \$60 (2 adults & 3 children). Book online at www.theartscentregec.com.au

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

Sheryll Eades, Website Coordinator

Friday 13 May	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Friday 13 May	Various	SEP Sport commences
Friday 13 May	Yrs 3 & 5	Naplan catch-up
Monday 16 May	Yr 6	Energy Trailer
Tuesday 17 May	Yr 5	Lightning Carnival
Tuesday 17 May	Selected	ICAS – Digital Technologies
Wednesday 18 May	Instrumental Students	Fanfare – William Duncan SS
Thursday 19 May	Yr 2	Rural Discovery Day
Friday 20 May	Instrumental Students	Fanfare – Currumbin SS
Friday 20 May	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Mon 23 – Wed 25 May	Yr 5	Camp
Monday 23 May	Selected	District Cross Country
Thursday 26 May	Yr 6	Lightning Carnival
Friday 27 May	Yrs 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Tuesday 31 May	Selected	ICAS - Science