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Guidance Officer's Column

Teach your children to be Bucket Fillers.

What is a "Bucket Filler"? A "Bucket Filler" is someone who is thoughtful of others, kind, considerate and generous. A "bucket dipper" is the opposite; they think more about themselves and their own needs and can sometimes come across as mean and inconsiderate.

By becoming "Bucket Fillers", our children can start to foster happiness for both themselves and others.

Donald O. Clifton (1924 – 2003) was an American Psychologist. He is warmly regarded as the Father of the Strengths Based Psychology movement and the Grandfather of Positive Psychology. He first introduced this concept back in the 1960s.

Carol McLeod and David Messing have used his ideas as the basis for a beautiful children's picture book entitled, "**Have you filled a bucket today? A guide to daily happiness for kids.**" The premise behind it is that we all carry our own invisible bucket around as we travel through each and every day. If our bucket is filled by the kind words and deeds of others we tend to feel happier and when our bucket is empty we tend to feel sad and sometimes angry.

Interestingly, another wonderful outcome of being kind and generous to others is that it often improves the self-esteem and self-worth of the "Bucket Filler" as well! – we fill our own bucket when we fill the bucket of others. It's rather like a win-win recipe.

You might like to go and check out the picture book for yourself. We have several copies in the school library for children to

borrow. (It's easy for parents/ carers to join the school library too - just ask at the library desk.)

Perhaps we should all start to spend some more time filling other people's buckets. Let's give it a try! We're likely to all feel happier when we engage in the process.

Michelle Davies,
Guidance Officer

Key Dates for the Uniform Shop

2016

- Friday 4 November – Uniform Shop closed
- Monday 7 November – Book packs available from this date
- Thursday 10 November – Open for Prep Experience Day (8am to 1pm)
- Friday 25 November – Orders for full packs **placed and paid for** in full by Friday 25 November will attract early bird pricing discount
- Thursday 1 December & Thursday 8 December – open for Thursday afternoon trade 2pm to 4pm
- Friday 9 December – Last day of trade for 2016

2017

- Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 January – Open 8am to 12pm for new orders
- Thursday 19 and Friday 20 January - Open 9am to 11am for prepaid and online order pickups (no cash sales)
- Thursday 26 January - closed

- Thursday 2 February – open for Thursday afternoon trade 2pm to 4pm
- Friday 3 February – orders are to be placed before 10am for Senior Shirts (no exceptions)

Tournament of the Minds News

On Behalf of all of the Social Science team of Tournament of the minds, we would like to thank all participants, facilitators and students for supporting us through our journey to the Australasian Pacific Finals 2016. We would also like to thank everyone who purchased goods from the bake sale or a raffle ticket, whether you are a student, teacher or a part of the community. Crazy sock day was amazing and seeing the smiles on everyone's faces really made us happy. Another big thank you to Mrs Christy, Miss Snowball, Mr Sutton and Miss Pearson for helping us fundraise and raise money for the event.



Thank you, The Social Science Tournament of the minds team.

Book Fair in the library - Weeks 6 & 7

Book Fair starts on Tuesday 8 November and runs until 1st Break - Wednesday 16 November. Classes will be allotted times to view the Book Fair and write down their wish list to take home. This is a great opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts. Bankcard, Visa, MasterCard & EFTPOS facilities are available.



See you there!

AB Patterson Speaking Competition

Tia Whimpey represented our school proudly at the recent AB Patterson Speaking Competition. Her topic was "The Choice is Yours". She spoke confidently and expressively reaching the semi-finals of the competition. Congratulations Tia!

P & C News

- Congratulations to class 6O for winning last week's coin challenge icy pole party. They raised \$110.15.
- Don't forget Sushi & Vietnamese Spring Rolls are available from the tuckshop. Orders must be received by Tuesday at 9am for fresh delivery the next day.
- The Tuckshop is still looking for volunteers.
- The last School Disco of this year will be a Christmas Theme and held on Thursday 1 December.

Summer Sports Draw Friday 4 November

Please phone our Events Line for all up to date sports draws and information on 5568 6388.

BASKETBALL BOYS: Senior A at 1:30pm, Junior A at 12:40pm, both games at Caningeraba
Senior B at 12 – 12:30pm at Caningeraba, Junior B at 12:40pm & 1:30pm at Mudgeeraba

BASKETBALL GIRLS: Senior A at 1:30pm Junior A at 12:40pm, both games at Caningeraba
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T-BALL: Senior & Junior at Caningeraba at 12:45pm

OZTAG BOYS: Mallawa Dr Palm Beach 5A & 6A at 12:40pm, 5B & 6B at 1:30pm

TOUCH GIRLS: Pizzey Park Burleigh Soccer Club 5A & 6B at 12:40pm, 5B & 6A at 1:25pm

CRICKET: Senior & Junior at Hillcrest at 12:45pm

Library News

Thank you to the Jacobsen Family for their kind donation of books to the library.

Student of the Week

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

6B	Luke	6G	Katana
6M	Hayden	4S	Liam
4G	Tia	4M	Jada & Teresa
3G	Hannah	1S	Ciayra & Simon
1M	Elkie	1O	Summer
PR	Preston	PG	Ash
PW	Chantelle & April	PB	Evangeline
PM	Teahl	PS	Varsity-Rose

School Banking News

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

Alba 5P	Tiana 3O	Christian 1B
Tahlia 1B	Ryland PM	

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

Charlee 3O	Jamieson 3S	Madalynn 3S
Karissa 4S	Tiana 1S	Jake PR
Evelyn PM	Lochlan PB	Jasmine PR

Raphael PR	Waylen 3O	Jersey PB
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Congratulations to the following students who have made 30 deposits and received a gold certificate:

Tai 5P	Jack 3P	Kris 2G
Kruz 1M	Riley 2P	Claudia PS
Jake 1W	Coco 1W	Preston PR
Luana PR		

Congratulations to classes PB, 3S and 4M for being this week's school banking champions!

Music Class of the Week

WHY teach music?

music is a science
It is exact, specific; it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

music is mathematical
It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

music is a foreign language
Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French; and the notation is certainly not English – but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language. Also, many songs we study are from other cultures.

music is physical education
It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek, and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

most of all, music is art.
It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, emotion.

CLASS	ACHIEVEMENT
PR	Remembering all the steps in the new bush dance.
1/2R	Fantastic results in the Selmer Test.
2	Testing.
3	Testing.
4	Testing.
5W	Keeping a steady beat in the drumming circle.
All grade 6 classes	Incredible focus making "Incredibox" songs.

Diary Dates

Please phone our Events Line on 5568 6388 for ALL up to date information on excursions, interschool sport draws, athletics and cancellations due to weather.

- Student Resource Scheme payments for 2016 are payable now.
- Year 6 Sex Ed payment of \$15.00 due by 10:30am Friday 4 November.

Friday 4 November	Years 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Monday 7 Nov	Years 1-3	Swimming
Mon 7- Thu 10 Nov	Year 6	Sex Education
Mon 7- Thu 17 Nov	All	Book Fair
Thursday 10 Nov	Various	Prep Experience Day
Friday 11 Nov	Years 5 & 6	Interschool Sport
Monday 14 Nov	Years 1-3	Swimming
Friday 18 Nov	Years 5 & 6	Interschool Sport – Last Round
Friday 18 Nov	Various Yr 5 & 6	Noumea trip
Monday 21 Nov	Years 1-3	Swimming
Monday 21 Nov	4M	Bike Ed
Tuesday 22 Nov	4S	Bike Ed
Wednesday 23 Nov	4G	Bike Ed
Wednesday 23 Nov	Various	Band Xmas Concert 6pm in the Hall
Thursday 24 Nov	4R	Bike Ed
Friday 25 Nov	4B	Bike Ed
Monday 28 Nov	4P	Bike Ed
Monday 28 Nov	Years 1-3	Swimming
Tuesday 29 Nov	Various	Sports Awards 12pm in the hall
Tuesday 29 Nov	SEP Kids	Xmas Party
Tuesday 29 Nov	Prep	Santa Round the World
Thursday 1 Dec	Year 6	Miami & Merrimac High Orientation
Thursday 1 Dec	Years P - 3	P&C Disco 5:00 – 6:30pm
Thursday 1 Dec	Years 4 - 6	P&C Disco 6:45 – 8:15pm
Monday 5 Dec	Year 2 - 6	Chess Day of Excellence at MSHS

Tuesday 6 Dec	Year 6	Graduation 6:00pm in the hall
Wednesday 7 Dec	Year P - 3	Ditto Safety Awareness
Thursday 8 Dec	Year 1	Xmas Concert 9:30am
Thursday 8 Dec	Prep	Xmas Concert 12:00pm
Friday 9 Dec	All	Last Day of Term 4

Snack Shack Roster

Date	Names
Monday 7 October	Milly
Tuesday 8 November	Susana
Wednesday 9 November	Carolyn
Thursday 10 November	Carolyn, Chaille
Friday 11 November	Maureen, Michelle

Katrina and Michelle, Tuckshop Convenors

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School transport is not free. However, you may be eligible for transport assistance under the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS). APPLY NOW if you intend to use a Surfside Buslines bus to get to or from school.

Frequently asked questions

Can I get a bus pass?

There are a number of general criteria that apply to STAS. Where a student is eligible for STAS, there are two types of bus assistance available, distance based and Safety-Net travel. Visit www.translink.com.au/schooltransport for eligibility details and to print the relevant application form.

Where do I send the form to?

Applications for 2017 can be submitted now to Surfside Buslines
PO Box 3036
Robina QLD 4230
Or

Email: gcschools@tagroup.net.au

Who needs to apply?

If this is the first time you are applying for assistance to travel or you are moving schools, changed address, repeating a grade or are moving from primary school to secondary school you need to apply now.

Existing bus pass holders

If your details will not be changing from 2016 to 2017 you do not have to reapply.

Students who hold a 2016 bus pass will be able to travel with that pass until 24 February 2017. This allows some time for the 2017 passes to be made.

If you lose your 2016 bus pass you will have to apply to Surfside Buslines for a replacement.

How do I get my bus pass?

Surfside will process applications over the Christmas school holidays so your pass will be sent to your school for you to collect.

What if my pass hasn't arrived by 24 Feb 2017?

Without written confirmation from TMR stating your application has been approved you will need to pay the full cost of travel. These fares are not refundable.

What if I am not eligible for STAS?

The Queensland Government offers children and students a 50% concession fare by purchasing a [TransLink gocard](#). Passengers aged 5-14 years are eligible for a child concession fare.

Full time students 15 years or older are eligible for a Student Concession gocard. To receive a concession fare, students must always carry an approved Queensland student photo identification card or wear an official Queensland school uniform.

Timetables

Use the TransLink [journey planner](#) to plan your travel to and from school. There are helpful tips on how to plan and how to catch a bus. Alternatively telephone 13 12 30.

Check out the new [MyTransLink app](#). All bus, train, ferry and tram information is in the palm of your hand with customisable features so you will always get the updates that matter to you.

Further information

For more information on the School Transport Assistance Scheme, the Code of Conduct for School Children Travelling on Buses and Timetables visit: www.translink.com.au

Community Notices

Scratch For Beginners

For children aged 6 to 12 years who are new to Scratch Coding. Join us at the Burleigh Waters Library on Wednesday 16 November 4pm-5pm for an introduction to Scratch and learn the first steps in creating your own stories, animation and games. Phone 5581 1700 to secure your place.

Football boots for Fiji

Bond Pirates under 14's Rugby Union team is collecting boots to send to underprivileged children in Fiji. The boots will be taken to Fiji as part of their inaugural "FRIENDS IN RUGBY" Fiji Tour. All sizes from kids to adults are welcomed and would be greatly appreciated and very well received. The club is hoping to reach 200 pairs. If you have any questions associated with this request please contact Michelle Atkins at bootdrive@bondpirates.com.au Thank you for your support.

Visit Our Website

We encourage our parents, carers and family members to visit our website, to see ongoing class activities.

<http://www.caningerss.eq.edu.au>

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