Date: 12 February 2016

No: 3

Date Claimers
Saturday 13 February 2016
Stingrays Sign on Day IGA 10 to 12

Monday 15 February 2016
P – 2 Basketball 2.45 – 3.45
Badge Ceremony 2pm

Tuesday 16 February 2016
Choir – 1st Play
Yr 3-6 Basketball 2.45 – 3.45pm
Uniform Shop Open 8.30 – 9.30am

Wednesday 17 February 2016
Cross Country Training 8am
Dance First Play
Uniform Shop Open 2-3 pm

Thursday 18 February 2016
Swimming
Uniform Shop Open 8-9 am

Friday 19 February 2016
Cross Country Training 8am
School Banking

Friday 11 March 2016
Cross Country

From the Principal's desk…
22 people attended the P&C AGM yesterday. A fantastic new Executive team have been elected and very generous Support team (Uniform Shop, Fundraising, Breakfast Club) have volunteered to do the behind the scenes and often thankless work that it takes to support our children and their school. It is going to be a busy but productive year!

I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the resigning Executive team and their support team. They have worked tirelessly to help me make this school the best school in Australia and it has been a pleasure to share that time with them. ‘It takes a village to raise a child’ – the P&C is just one aspect of the ways in which families can support the children of our school and have a voice. Even if you can’t attend meetings, you are able to pass on your queries or concerns via any of those who attend or directly to me. Those concerns/issues will be raised and discussed and, if needed, an action undertaken. You can also volunteer to help with breakfast club, to read to children in the classroom, cover books in the library, take a lunchtime club, tidy and beautify our gardens etc.

Research confirms, that parental involvement in a child’s school has the greatest positive impact on learning and their love of school. If you are unable to help at school, get involved by reading, playing games, doing art and craft, singing songs etc with your child. It is just as important.

Lastly, always speak positively to your child about learning and our school. They learn from you about what is important.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE 2016
Start of the day – classrooms open at 8.30 am
All students to wait in undercover area with their bags till classes open at 8.30.
Preps can go straight to Mrs Mohr’s class
Playground area out of bounds for everybody

End of the day – classes finish at 2.45
All parents and carers to wait in undercover area to meet their child/ren
Mrs Mohr’s Prep parents/carers can wait on Prep verandah
Playground area out of bounds for everybody

CHAPPY CORNER
It’s looking to be another exciting year at Russell Island State School as we have some great things planned for the Chaplaincy. I will be introducing a new format which will involve the same positive virtues as last year but will also encourage students to “Pay it Forward” or pass on the positive behaviour into the local community. Can’t wait to see some great results transpire in our School and Community when this takes off!

ATTENDANCE GOLDIE AWARD – PREP 97.1%
AWARDS
Congratulations to all our award winners this week.

P&C AGM AND GENERAL MEETING
On Thursday 11 February, our Annual General Meeting and first General Meeting of the year was held with a fabulous turn out. Welcome to all new and returning Members and the newly elected Executive Committee members, who are as follows:
Bill Sim – President
Carla Ponsonby - Treasurer
Jenny Broad – Vice President
Debra Morgan – Secretary
Our next meeting date was set and is to be held on Thursday 10 March at 3.00pm in the Library. All positive ideas and offers of help to benefit our children are welcome. Also a big thank you to Sally Elliott who was elected Uniform Shop Convenor and will be taking over the reigns from Carla, in providing this valuable service. Thanks to Kayla McPherson who will be our Fundraising Co-ordinator for our Fundraising Sub Committee and Nicole Henderson, Breakfast Club Co-ordinator. Watch this space for upcoming events with our main financial goal being the provision of Air Conditioning in the classrooms. Unfortunately no-one came forward for the position of Tuckshop Convenor so we are still calling for expressions of interest so it can be re-opened. The P&C’s primary focus is to contribute to a positive and nurturing learning environment for all the children of our school, we work hard by volunteering our time in many areas including Fundraising , Tuckshop Red Days and Stalls and the provision of other services - Student Banking, Uniform Shop & Breakfast Club.

P&C NEWS
Breakfast Club Volunteers urgently needed to re-commence this service – please if you can help leave your details at the office or with Nicole on 0466499641. We are calling for donations of Hamper items/prizes for our next Easter Raffle and Vouchers from local businesses would also be a great addition as prizes.

Mathletics Champion for the week

PLAY ON PARADE THIS WEEK

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES
A quick reminder that dance and choir are on every week. Choir is on every Tuesday first play time and Dance is on every Wednesday first play time in the Heritage Building. Also, starting from this Friday, Mr Norm will be taking a group on Fridays at first play time in the Heritage Building to help some of our New Zealand students teach the Haka to other students. This is in preparation for ANZAC DAY at the start of next term. There is no need to sign up for any of these activities, We hope as many of you as possible are able to come along.

SUNSAFE PLAY
We are strictly enforcing the no hat no play rule. Children without a hat stay in the undercover area. Please ensure you send your children to school with a hat for play and PE.

STINGRAYS SIGN ON RUSSELL ISLAND
Attention... All Island Boys & Girls, would you like to be involved in a fun team Sport with all your friends…. Come & Join the STINGRAYS Junior Rugby League Club in 2016.
NO NEED TO GO TO THE MAINLAND - WE HAVE IT ALL HERE ON OUR ISLANDS
Fun Team Sport of Rugby League and Introducing our New Cheer Squad
Home and Away Games – Training on Russell Island – NRL
Coaches South East Qld Competition – Fitness AND fun!!
SIGN ON DAY
IGA SUPERMARKET RUSSELL ISLAND
THIS SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY 10am to 12 pm
TEAM NOMINATIONS ARE DUE NOW – SIGN ON TODAY

AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL NEW TIMES
Please note the following changes:
Where: Tennis Courts or Undercover Area on the oval
When:
Prep-Yr2
Each Monday commencing 15 Feb 2.45–3.45pm
Yr3-6
Each Tuesday commencing 16 Feb 2.45–3.45pm
How much: FREE! Permission forms available at the office.

AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER – Change of time
Children interested in Soccer in Grades 3 – 6 are to pickup permission note from school office. Soccer will be held on Wednesday afternoons from next week.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING
There will be Cross Country Training each week on Wednesday and Friday morning at 8am with Miss Donna in preparation for Cross Country on Friday 11 March 2016.

MOBILE PLAYSHEME
Save the
Children Australia FREE PLAYGROUP
Tuesday Morning: BargePark 9.30–11.30