Date: 26 February 2016

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Date Claimers
Monday 29 February 2016
Prep–Yr 2 Basketball 2.45–3.45

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

Wednesday 2 March 2016
Cross Country Training 8am
Dance First Play
Triple P Parenting Program 9.15 am
Soccer 2.45–4.00pm

Thursday 3 March 2016
Swimming
Uniform Shop Open 2-3 pm

Friday 4 March 2016
Cross Country Training 8am
School Banking

Friday 11 March 2016
Cross Country

Tuesday 15 March 2016
Parent Workshop – How reading is taught
Library 1:45 – 2:45

Friday 18 March 2016
InterIsland Sports Day – Soccer/Netball

Wednesday 23 March 2016
School Crossing Opening 9.00am

From the Principal’s desk…
This week we opened up the classrooms for parents and carers to join in a class activity and to have a see at what is happening in the classroom. Thank you to those who were able to take the time to get involved and share that time. Some parents were challenged in a quiz, joining in a science lesson, trying their hands at IT and the challenge of Mathletics, sharing story time and hearing about classroom rules and procedures. It was great to have so many parents/carers involved. Well done!

Many parents/carers also took the opportunity to have a meeting with the teacher to discuss their child’s learning goals and learn how they can support them reaching those goals. For parents who work and were unable to join us, but would like to still discuss those goals, please contact the school office (Ph: 34009333) and leave a contact number that the teacher can call you.

Drinking water- the hot weather has continued and it is very important that all children get plenty of water to keep hydrated. Despite what the advertisements tell you, soft drink, fruit juices and energy drinks do not help young children to hydrate. The sugar and or salt that they contain is actually dehydrating not hydrating. Most children bring a nice cold bottle of water each day that they can refill throughout the day if needed.

Lunchtime activities—this year our students are being offered a great range of activities during their playtime. Miss Lilly continues to run the choir and dance group, Miss Kat has Art group each Monday, Mick runs soccer on Tuesday (and after school on Wednesday). Norm has a cultural group learning the Huka on Fridays, Chappy Keith has a ball skills group on Thursdays and each day the Heritage building is open for arts/craft activities and the Library for computer and board games and construction (lego etc.). There are also plenty of outside activities such as the junior play gym, skipping and basketball and the senior oval for soccer, gymnastics, basketball and we have just started ‘elastic’ (blast from the past!). These activities are to support children to learn the skills of co-operative play, new skills and to develop a positive attitude to healthy living.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAMS (PLT’S)
Every second Friday teachers meet in their year level teams to discuss strategies to help every student in their class develop their skills in reading. The last 2 weeks have seen a focus on developing reading goals with the students in their class. Every child from Prep to Year 6 has their own goal, over the next 2 weeks their teacher will be discussing the steps required to achieve them.
“It is when student are both engaged and successful that they learn the most” Anita Archer
Anne Carlaw (Master Teacher)

PARENTS READING WORKSHOP
There will be a parent workshop about how reading is taught at Russell Island State School on Tuesday 15 March from 1:45 to 2:45 in the Library. All welcome.

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 GOL DIE AWARD – PREP

AWARDS
Congratulations to all our award winners this week.

P&C NEWS
We’re two weeks out from our Fun Run event and we hope that students are working hard towards their fundraising goals! The due back date for the money is Wednesday 16th March, so please make sure you’ve collected all your funds by then.

Did you know that you can WIN a Samsung Galaxy Tablet just for setting up your student profile online? Just head over to schoolfunrun.com.au/students.. If you’re having any trouble setting up your student profile or online fundraising, feel free to get in touch with the adidas School Fun Run team on 1300 733 788 and they will gladly assist!

The P&C will also be holding a drink and snacks stall on the day along with the commencement of raffle ticket sales for our Easter Basket! We’d love some volunteers on the day. Please call into the office, where there will be a roster on the wall. Otherwise call or text me (see below).

Ms. Meg - P&C Fun Run coordinator
meggiesea70@gmail.com 0478 740057

P&C FUNDRAISING UPDATE
A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out for our first P&C BBQ this week on Tuesday afternoon. Another huge thanks to all the hungry students, parents/carers and staff that supported us in our efforts. Although they was only a small turnout to the open day/parent/teacher interviews, we still made a small profit and are partially restocked for future BBQ’s.

The posters for the Easter Raffle are up and the Easter basket is in situ in the office ready to receive any donations! Although it is an Easter raffle and already has some Easter themed toys, craft and chocolate, any donations of non perishable goods are welcomed. Tickets will go on sale from Friday 11th March during the fun run and will continue up till the draw at the last parade of the term on Wednesday 23rd March. Thanks for your continuing support.

Your 2016 P&C fundraising sub committee

UNIFORM SHOP
Hi parents, a small note from the Uniform shop. We have new stock of school bags, swimming bags and library bags. Come in quick before you all miss out.

TURTLE TICKET – FREE ICEBLOCK

MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT’S HAPPENING AT SCHOOL!

RUSSELL ISLAND STINGRAYS RUGBY LEAGUE
More players needed 5 – 11 years
Please see flyer attached or call 0474 762 518

Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease
There has been a reported case of this in our school. Parents/Carers please be on the lookout for the tell-tale blisters on your children. This requires medical treatment in the form of Antibiotics and exclusion from attending school until all blisters have dried. Please inform the office immediately of any known cases.