**Date Claimers**

**Monday 18 April 2016**  
Religious Instruction starts

**Tuesday 19 April 2016**  
Bus Conveyance Committee 9am Office  
Bike Ed P-3  
Uniform Shop Open 8.30 – 9.30am  
Choir – 1st Play  
No Uniform Shop – Open Monday

**Wednesday 20 April 2016**  
Bike Ed 4-6  
Dance – 1st play break  
Soccer 2.45–4.00pm

**Thursday 21 April 2016**  
Anzac Ceremony Yr 6 City  
Districts Cross Country

**Friday 22 April 2016**  
Anzac Day Ceremony 9am  
Banking

**Monday 25 April 2016**  
Public Holiday

**Monday 2 May 2016**  
Public Holiday

**Tuesday 10 – Friday 13 May 2016**  
NAPLAN Testing

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**From the Principal's desk…**

It is great to see that everyone has returned safely to school for term 2. Our school calendar is full and I encourage everyone to look at the school website so you can keep up to date with what’s on: https://russislass.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

Next week the PCYC Bike Safety officers will be running bike safety sessions for our children. The cost is $15 and children bring their own bike/scooter and helmet. The aim is to teach your child how to ride a bike safely and to know the road rules. Those children who do not own a bike will be able to use one on the day, supplied by PCYC. Permission forms were sent home this week and must be returned with payment by Monday (no late payments accepted). Contact the office if you need further information.

Russell Island School Improvement Plan – whilst we constantly aim to improve children’s learning in all areas, for 2016 there are 4 areas on which we are focusing:

- **Attendance** – increase to above 92% attendance.
- **Reading** – all children improving their reading and comprehension levels.
- **Upper 2 Bands** (this refers to children achieving at the top of the Naplan scale) - we are aiming to increase the number of student achieving at this level in literacy and numeracy.
- **Writing** – improvement in skills and creativity.

Targets have been set and teachers are working hard to assist students to achieve their best and reach those goals. This links to the goals that each child has set for themselves. Regular feedback will be given as the term progresses, as to their level of improvement.

**School Review** – Our school will be undergoing a review by a team of 3 people from Education Queensland from 27th-29th April. The purpose for the review is to inform us as to how we are meeting the expectations of Education Queensland, in delivering quality education for our students. The school will receive feedback and I will be sharing that with the staff and the school community.

**Anzac Day Ceremonies** – I’d like to welcome all parents/carers and community members to our school Anzac ceremony on Friday 22nd April at 9am. It will be held at the front of the school adjacent to the flagpole. Our Year 6 students have also been invited to attend the Commemorative Service being held in Brisbane on Thursday 21st. The Russell Island RSL also invites all students to their ceremony to be held on Monday 25th April where our school leaders will lay a wreath in remembrance. Lest we forget.

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**BANKING AWARDS**
AWARDS
Congratulations to all our award winners this week:

TURTLE TICKET – FREE ICEBLOCK

MATHLETICS AWARD

TURTLE AWARDS

P&C FUNDRAISING NEWS
On Wednesday this week, we had our first fundraising meeting for term two and as promised we have another round of great events planned.

We are kicking off with our annual Mothers Day Stall, well stocked with some fantastic gifts for our students to purchase. Items are priced from as low as 50c to a maximum of $5! This year we also have included some great gifts for nanas/grandmas. The stall will be open next week from Thursday 21st April to Friday 6th May, before and after school. There is a roster in the office for the manning of the stall so if you can spare half an hour while doing a drop off or pick up please add your name. We would ideally like two helpers per shift as this stall is very popular and can be quite busy at times. If you are hesitant or unsure of what is required please talk to any P&C member for guidance and support.

Wednesday 1st June is Game One of the NRL State of Origin and we will be asking the kids to wear their choice of Blue or Maroon free dress on the day and will be opening the tuckshop as a Red Day! Menu is still to be confirmed but we can tell you that there will be Blue and Maroon cupcakes. Watch out for further details, menus and order forms next month.

We will finish off the term with a Disco at the Sports and Resilience Centre, after school on Wednesday 15th June. Drinks, snacks and glow products will be available for purchase.

Thanks for your continuing support.

We are still looking for Breakfast Club volunteers, which recommenced 14 April 2016. Please contact the office if you are interested. Your 2016 P&C fundraising sub committee

CHAPPY CORNER
Welcome back to school for term 2! Here are some of the programs and support available this term:

Chappy Challenge Award
The challenge for the students over the first 2 weeks of term 2 is about Adjusting Positively to Change. It can be a challenge for anyone to adjust from being on holiday and doing what you like to suddenly being back at school and doing classwork & homework and following school rules! Like Superheroes, if we can learn to adjust positively to change we can be an asset to our school community!

Drumbeat
Drumbeat will commence this Friday morning in the first session. Our first session we will be decorating the water bottles and setting up our “Group Deal” or guidelines for respecting each other within the group. I am looking forward to pounding out some great rhythms again this year! If you would like more information on the Holyoake Drumbeat program check out this YouTube video link, https://youtu.be/8JJSZt2HMx4
Cheers, Chappy Keith.

ANZAC DAY 2016 - COMMEMORATIVE FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY
The Russell Island Sub Branch cordially invites the students to participate and attend this Special 100 year Event on 25th April 2016. Procession commences at 10 am from Cestrum Street for an 11 am Service at the Cenotaph, 9 Anzac Drive Russell Island. Refreshments will be available to the students on completion of the procession.

SCHOOL BANKING
Every child that banks 5 times in the period Wk2-10 this term will be eligible to go into the draw for a Dollarmite Prize Pack, which will be on display at Banking (Friday) each week.

SCHOOL BUS CONVEYANCE COMMITTEE
Queensland Transport stipulates that school bus runs such as the one on Russell Island must have a committee formed from parents of distance eligible students to liaise with the bus operator, the school and Queensland
Transport. The committee meets once to set up and then only if required and being a member is not an onerous task! Without the committee being formed, the school bus cannot operate. On Tuesday 19th April, a meeting will be held at the school near the office at 8.50am to set up the conveyance committee. If you are the parent of a distance eligible child who travels on the school bus (ie not safety net) please consider becoming a member of this committee. If you are a parent of a safety net child, you are most welcome to come to the meeting as well. The meeting will be short but informative. If you have any questions, please contact Geoff Jacob on 0419 712786. Thank you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL SPORTING GOODS

GIVEAWAY
Unused items from the school will be on grass outside the Admin building next Wednesday morning for collection by anyone interested.

TEXT BOOKS
Year 4 Signpost Maths books are now available from the school office and Redland Bay News – Cost $22.00.

PAST STUDENT SPORTING SUCCESS
Congratulations to Zayah Morgan who has won the State Title for Lawn Bowls last week.