Date: 22 July 2016

Date Claimers
Monday 25 July 2016
Religious Instruction
Basketball P-2 2.45 – 3.45pm
Tuesday 26 July 2016
Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.00am
Basketball 3-6 2.45 – 3.45 pm
Wednesday 27 July 2016
Soccer 2.45-4.00pm
Parent/Teacher Interviews 1-6
Thursday 28 July 2016
Youth Action Morning Tea 10am Library
AFL Auskick begins – 2.45 – 3.45
Uniform Shop Open 2.00-3.00pm
Friday 29 July 2016
Forms/Money DUE Tuckshop Pasta Day!
Banking
Friday 5 August
Tuckshop Pasta Day – 1st Break only
Monday 8 August 2016
Redlands Show Holiday
Friday 12 August 2016
Yr 5 & 6 Excursion to Southbank Science
Tuesday 16 August 2016
Prep & P/1 Excursion to Fleay’s Wildlife Park
Wednesday 17 August 2016
Yr 1/2 & 2 Excursion to Fleay’s Wildlife Park
BOOKWEEK 22 – 26 AUGUST 2016
Saturday 1 October 2016
100th Anniversary Celebrations

From the Principal's desk...

Parent/Teacher Interviews – a reminder that timeslots to meet with your child’s teacher next Wednesday afternoon (27th) are filling up fast, so if you wish to make an appointment please phone or call into the office ASAP. We have been very busy organising a great range of activities and events for our children to enjoy and to enhance their learning. Just to name a few:

* Premier’s Reading Challenge – students are given a goal to read up to 20 books before the Friday 26th August. Their achievements are recorded and they will receive a certificate for their efforts. Please encourage your child to read every day and work towards their goal. We have joined schools across the state to meet the challenge.

* Ned Show – This was a fantastic show! The children learnt about being positive, having goals and being healthy.

* Book Week – during this time we will be having a number of authors visiting our school to talk to the children about their books, reading and the art of writing. There will be a number of other activities including a book fair and display. Watch this space for more details.

* Guinness Book of World Records – largest science experiment. Year 5/6 students will be joining many other students from schools across the South East in an attempt to break this record. Thank you to the RSL for funding the transport costs to Brisbane Convention Centre.

* Prep to Year 2 will be having an excursion to Fleay’s Wildlife Park. They will be learning about our native animals and the environment and how we can learn to live harmoniously.

* Lego Mindstorm – a number of students from years 4/5 are involved in a 6 week program I have organised in partnership with the Redlands Council Library. They will learn robotics, coding and teamwork. The end goal will be to develop a ‘challenge’ that will be presented in competition with other schools later in the year. Exciting stuff!

* Art Group – some of our students will be once again joining the Russell Island Art group to learn and improve their artistic skills. Our students really benefit from learning from these very talented community members.

* Shuttle Time – Mrs Brunton’s Yr5 & Mrs Shepherds Yr4 class are involved in a program sponsored by Badminton Australia to learn how to play badminton but also to connect with a ‘sister’ school in Nepal. Our students will attend the World Badminton Championships on the Gold Coast in 2017 and possibly the Commonwealth Games in 2018 as spectators and will meet people from around the world. Watch this space to learn more about this amazing project!

RISS is a very special place and we are doing everything possible to ensure our students get 21st Century learning and exposure to as many opportunities as possible. Thank you to all those people who organise and support these activities. It adds to an already very heavy workload but is extremely worthwhile.

P&C UPDATE
Please note Pasta Day has been POSTPONED for a week due to a shortage of volunteer assistance and will now be held on Friday 5th August. Menu order forms will go out this Monday coming so please check your child’s bag for them and note that this is for First Break ONLY (so children will still require lunch packed for second break). Forms & money are due no later than next Friday 29th July and as this is essential for ordering purposes no late orders can be accepted – please support us with this so none of our children miss out! Extra forms will available in the office as is the Tuckshop roster, please put your name down ASAP so we will have enough helpers for the day.
Our children's safety is of major concern; please support this cause and go online to sign the petition for the flashing 40’s sign to be installed at the school crossing at http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petitions?PetNum=2606.

To keep up to date with the latest information and reminders please check out our P&C Facebook group https://www.facebook.com/groups/437827359724126/ And the schools 100th celebrations https://www.facebook.com/RISS100thanniversary/

School Opinion Survey - Have your say!
Notices have been handed out recently urging parents and caregivers of our school to participate in this year's confidential survey, so please take this opportunity to have some valuable input. This online Survey will close on 29 July. To access pick up an Opinion Survey form with individual access codes and instructions from the school office. More information is available: www.education.qld.gov.au/schoolopinionsurvey/faq.html or call 1800067971. If you don’t have access to the internet, arrange to utilise our school library facilities.

Hearing Services Available on Russell Island
Did you know that the Russell Island doctors surgery hosts and visiting hearing specialist each fortnight? Bulk billing is available if a referral is made. Next available dates are 5th and 19th August. Please contact Vida Percy 33987555 to arrange an appointment.

Youth Action Morning Tea
Thursday 28th July 10am @ library - Would you like to find out more about services/activities available on our island for primary school aged children? Are you interested in volunteering and assisting with some youth activities/being involved within our community & school? We invite parents/caregivers to a social Morning Tea with the aim of networking with like-minded & enthusiastic individuals.

Breakfast Club
We have received a generous $300 pledge from a local group, Giggle Craft at the Community Centre. Volunteers are still welcome to join and are especially needed for Monday mornings, please call 0466499641.

AWARDS

PREPS ON PARADE

DRUMBEAT PERFORMANCE

DRUMBEAT AWARD CERTIFICATES

GYMNASTICS/COMMONWEALTH BANK AWARDS

ATTENDANCE/MATHLETICS AWARDS