Date: 12 August 2016

Date Claimers

Monday 15 August 2016
P&C Meeting 3pm Library
Basketball P-2 – 2.45 – 3.45pm

Tuesday 16 August 2016
Prep & P/1 Excursion to Fleay’s Wildlife Park
Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.00am
Basketball 3-6 2.45 – 3.45 pm

Wednesday 17 August 2016
Yr 1/2 & 2 Excursion to Fleay’s Wildlife Park
Soccer 2.45-4.00pm

Thursday 18 August 2016
Uniform Shop Open 2.00-3.00pm
Friday 19 August 2016
Banking

BOOKWEEK 22 – 26 AUGUST 2016
Thursday 15 September 2016
Soccer

Saturday 1 October 2016
100th Anniversary Celebrations

From the Principal’s desk…

Uniforms – congratulations to the many students who are now wearing full school uniform. Thank you to parents/carers for ensuring that your child has the appropriate items of the uniform for them to wear. There are a number of options for families who need support with providing some items of clothing. The uniform shop has good quality second-hand items for as little as $2. Alternatively, the school has items that can be on loan to students for the day. Should this be necessary, a note will be sent home advising parent/carer of this. For further information regarding school dress codes please go to http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Student-Dress-Code.aspx

Reading at Russell Island SS – the main focus for our schools improvement agenda is Reading. We have been evaluating and improving how we teach reading and continually looking at how we can raise students reading and comprehension skills. I cannot emphasize strongly enough how important the support and contribution of parents/carers is to their child. These are some suggestions:

* Taking the time (only about 15 minutes per day) to read to your child and/or have them read to you.

* Set aside time to just read quietly (no TV or electronic devices)
* Bedtime reading is GREAT to help children ‘wind down’.
* Have them sit with you while you read a newspaper, brochure, magazine etc. This is a good opportunity to read and have a chat about what is being read – helps children to make sense of reading and why we do it.
* Read road signs, advertising billboards, menus etc – challenge your child to read what they see. Ask them if they understand what is meant.
* Buy your child a book as a reward.

Book Week - starts on Monday 22nd August. We will be having a number of events including:

* Book Fair – books will be on display and can be purchased from the library.
* Authors visiting on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday to talk to the students.
* Book Parade on Wednesday 24th at 9am.

2017 Enrolments – I have started planning for 2017 and determining what classes we will have and what staff we will need. Please, if you know that your child will NOT be attending our school in 2017 can you please advise the office as soon as possible. Also, if you know of any students who will be enrolling next year, including students for our 2017 Prep class, we ask you complete the enrolment forms now. These can be obtained from the administration office or the school website.

OUR FANTASTIC PREPS BUSY LEARNING!
AUSKICK CANCELLED
Due to lack of numbers the Auskick Program has been cancelled. All parents wanting refunds are to email damien.richards@afl.com.au

TREE DAY
A big thankyou to parent Georgina Claridge who brought and nurtured nine young plants before donating them for National Tree Day. Each of our nine classes took turns planting and learning about the environment. With our school celebrating it’s Centenary this year, staff thought the tree planting would be a long lasting and sustainable tribute. Big thanks also to Miss Meg who volunteered her time to help co-ordinate.

TURTLE FREE ICEBLOCK

YEAR 4K ON PARADE

MATHLETICS

Positions Vacant …
Volunteer workers needed! We have many activities and events within our school which would greatly benefit from volunteer support. ALL of these are planned and offered for the positive benefit of our students and school. It does not matter if you are a parent, carer or community member, if you have any time and skills to contribute please contact the school with your details.

Breakfast Club
We would like to send out a massive “Thankyou!” to some very important groups, businesses and individuals including The Kiosk, Russell Island Singers and the Giggle & Craft group, who have all made financial donations. Also Russell Island Community Christian Church who donate all supplies and volunteers each Wednesday & Safe Harbour Family Church for Pancake Day every Tuesday. A special shout out to Miss Kat who has been helping out every Thursday with our coffee club. This service has raised $100 profit so far this term which will be donated to Breakfast Club. Not forgetting the group of parent and community volunteers who help every week and continue to support us in providing this service. We are always happy to welcome new volunteers, if you would like to help please phone 0466499641.