The Russell Island State School Newsletter

Date: 10 February 2017

Date Claimers:

Monday 12 February
Basketball P-2 2.45-3.45pm

Tuesday 13 February
Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30am & 2.00-3.00pm
Basketball Yr3-6 2.45-3.45pm

Wednesday 14 February
Cross Country training Yr4-6 7.30-8.15am
Student Leader Badge Ceremony @ Parade 2.00pm

Thursday 15 February
Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30am & 2.00-3.00pm
Soccer 2.45-4.00pm

Friday 16 February
Student Banking before school

Monday 20 February
Tuckshop Re-Opens

Wednesday 22 March
Cross Country / Fun Run

From the Principal’s desk...

RISS Priorities for 2017

This year we are continuing to focus on improving Reading and Attendance. These are both areas in which both school staff and parents can work together. Staff are focusing on the behaviour children need to develop to improve their ability to read and understand what they are reading. Our sharp and narrow focus will be on reading behaviours. We will be teaching, observing and measuring these behaviours and challenging students to strive for their best. Parents can support every child by ensuring they read at least 15 minutes every day, but also by taking every opportunity to read to them, with them and show them by reading yourselves (role modelling). Children then realise the importance of reading and how it is part of every day life.

This week has been busy whilst we ensure we have all the children who need to be, are enrolled at the school and have tracked other students who have not returned to ensure they are enrolled at another school. We have also had our first excursion! Mrs Brunton organised for Year 6 to learn about island environment in conjunction with the Jacobs Well Environmental Education centre. They were collected by the Centre’s boat and headed out around Russell, across the bay to South Stradbroke Island, on an investigation adventure designed by the EEC. It was a fantastic day full of fun, adventure and learning!

Chappy Keith announced two news programs that will start next week. Handball Heroes will be on Wednesdays at first break in the senior undercover area, to teach the skills of handball to students from Year 3-6. A handball tournament will be held during that time over the last 3 weeks of term. A Pokemon Club will also be held on Wednesdays during 2nd break. Students can bring their cards to show or swap under the watchful eye of Chappy Keith. Please remind your child/ren that this is the ONLY day these cards can be brought to school.

Attendance: Our goal is 90% attendance every day, every student! I am very proud to announce that RISS had 5 consecutive days of over 90% attendance for every class in the school! That is a record. Well done, parents and carers for ensuring that EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Cross Country:
Training for Yr4-6 students interested in participating in this year’s Cross Country event is held each Wednesday morning, beginning next Wednesday 8 February 7.30-8.15am. Activities will include stretches and warm-up exercises including walking and running. Please make sure your child/ren bring water, hat, deodorant (if necessary) and their school uniform to change into.

NDIS Get Ready – FREE info sessions
The NDIS Get Ready project gets people with disability, their parents and carers ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Free information sessions are coming up in the Redlands area including: Victoria Point Library, Monday 13 February, 10.00am-12.30pm.
To register or find out more information visit www.getready.yfs.org.au or call 1800 772 383 or email getready@yfs.org.au.

Redland City Council Disaster Preparedness Talks
To make sure you and your family are prepared for storm and bushfire seasons, come along to one of our sessions and get your free disaster management plan.
Russell Island Supa IGA, Sat 11 February 8am-12pm
Macleay Island SPAR, Sat 25 February 8am-12pm
Lamb Island Store, Sat 11 March 9am-12pm
Karragarra Island Jetty, Sat 25 March 9am-12pm

P&C News:
A big thankyou to the Kiosk for their generous donation of fridges for our Prep/1 & 1/2 classrooms!!
The 2017 AGM was held on Monday 6th Feb with 12 new members joining. The new executive are as follows:
President: Bill Sim Secretary: Meg Cornthwaite Vice President: Jenny Broad Treasurer: Carmelia Siuda
The Uniform Shop convenor is Wendy Clark, Tuckshop Convenor is Carla Ponsonby and Fundraising/Event coordinator is Jenny Broad. Grant writing/sponsorship coordination is Nicole Henderson and Melanie Kelly. Breakfast club coordinator is Nicole Henderson.

Our Major exciting news is that the Tuckshop will be opening from Monday 20 Feb, and will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, both breaks. Volunteers to assist Carla are to contact her on 0424 376111 or leave your name and number at the office. A roster will be created from a pool of helpers so if you can help any day, once a week, or just once a month please let us know. Menus are under construction and will be available from the Tuckshop, on the website and included in next week’s newsletter.

Watch out next week for information and sponsorship booklets for our first fundraising event of the year! After the inaugural launch of the Adidas Fun Run last year raising over $2800 we are again running this event but with a different company with greater profit %. This will be held on Wednesday 22 March in conjunction with the school’s annual Cross Country event, watch this space for further details.

Our next meeting, to be held Monday 13 March, will focus on our Goals, budget and fundraising event planning for the year. Any parents/carers/relatives/community members are welcome to attend and membership forms are available at each meeting. What we do offer is membership that provides voting privileges at all meetings and emailed copies of meeting minutes that will keep you informed of the school and P&C’s discussions, decisions, proposals and successes. Also check out https://www.facebook.com/groups/437827359724126/

LOTE News:
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Hello Everyone!!
How are you? I’m well.
Prep’s to Year 2 students are working on a Japanese unit called “All about Japan.” Students will be learning about “Greeting words,” and intercultural understandings of the geography of Japan. Year 3 and 4 students are working on a Japanese unit called “Let’s go to Japan!” Students will be learning about geography, landmarks of Japan. Also, they will be developing their intercultural understandings of transportation used within Japan. Year 5 and 6 students are working on a Japanese unit called “Jikoshokai.”
Students will be learning about, “How to introduce themselves?” They will engage in conversations about their hobbies and interests, also they will develop their intercultural understandings of traditional Japanese sports.

This year will be full of びっくり-surprises: Paper plane and speech contests and Japanese food-tasting.
もっと日本語を学ぶのを楽しみにしています！
Looking forward to learning a lot more Japanese!
ありがとうございました！Thankyou!
先生バンズ。Sensei Barnes

Soccer News:
After School Soccer is back in full swing on Thursdays. We are trying to build Club Soccer on Saturday mornings from 9.30am at the new Sports Complex Oval and Under 5’s Soccer is Thursday mornings from 9.30am, so spread the word so we can grow! For more details phone Mick on 0401483079 or like us on Facebook bayislandsunitedfc.
This Week’s Parade Photos