Hello,
Last week Annette and I had a meeting with representatives from Bendigo Bank to establish student banking back at school. Please find information below:-

Bendigo Bank sign on day 26/5 1:00pm TBC. Parents are required to attend. Will require Parent photo ID e.g. drivers license, child birth certificate, medicare card.
School receives commission 10% on new business and 5% old business.
Banking day will be on a Thursday.

Congratulations to Athan and Jack who made Burdekin Zone Representation. Athan was away last week for Soccer and Jack is away next week. Well done to both and good luck.

Sport Results.
What a great day Wednesday was, with the small schools coming together for a cross country competition before next week’s District event.

Small schools cross country results
Ryan, Tim, Tayla, Jack, Jorja, Imogen all received ribbons for participating in the race.
WELL DONE! Tayla came 1st, Jorja and Tim came 2nd, Jack, Ryan and Imogen came 4th.
Montana, Athan, Bree and Lily scored firsts, Savannah, Nicole, Jollea, Brody and Max came second. EXCELLENT EFFORT. Please look at the photos later in newsletter

ASHS—Principal Craig will visit on the 5th May at 1:30pm to talk to our 6 and 5 children.

Jump Rope Thursday 9th June sponsorship form was sent home this week. Thank you to Mrs Salter for organising this charitable event with the student council.

Forms—lots of forms for district cross country, tuckshop, camp and Eye care Plus brochure went home this week. This was a free brochure full of handy information about understanding children’s vision. It was not an endorsement of any particular optometrist.

PLAYGROUP—We would like to start playgroup here again at school and to begin with are planning once a month on a Friday between 9.30am-11.00am. This will be an opportunity for littlies in the district to have some social interaction and early learning opportunities being provided by Mrs Gemma. The children (& parents) are invited to then have their morning tea with the BIG kids at first break. A note will be sent out to gauge interest and to provide more information. Tentatively our first get together will be 3 June.

Excursions to Osborne State School—This year our small school principals would like to provide more opportunities for our students to interact and we have 2 activities to be held at Osborne SS later this term. Wednesday 8th June will be an Author Visit with a focus on English and on Thursday 23rd June for a Science Day. Further information will go out later.

As our newsletter is monthly please check important dates on back page and mark your calendar at home. Have a great month, Erin
Curriculum Update:
We are now well and truly in the depth of our third unit of work in the year 4-6 classroom. In English we are entering our planning stage of our narrative text and the kids are enjoying using language to create imagery. You can see example of the highly descriptive style of writing being developed on the left, here students are also being challenged to not only write to create a full description but focus on building particular aspects of grammar in their writing. In Maths the year 4/5 parents should have received copies of resent assessment items for this unit, I am very pleased with the effort from the children and am confident that the year group has ‘clicked’ with the expectations and pace of the classroom and making excellent gains in their learning.

Teaching Focus:
On Thursday Erin and I attended an unpacking and moderation day. It is great way to touch base with other schools and see how others are teaching the units, breakdown what needs to be taught in a unit and how that relates to the curriculum. As a part of moderation, we are able to take examples of student work and check to see that we are marking and teaching consistently with the rest of the schools.

Behaviour Update:
Homework behaviour has key links to developing success in the future. Believe it or not the primary goal is not for children to get their homework right but (at this age) to develop the skills needed for independent study. Next year our year 6’s will be able to put into place all those skills they have acquired over the years; provided they made the effort in primary school. Congratulations to Lily Harris, Athan Vener and Nicole Cervoni for contributing to their yr 4-6 homework tasks each and every week. Many other children are making excellent contributions and I commend them for that.
ENGLISH

Year 2 completed their assessment task of writing blurbs for a new episode of Animalia. Well done girls!

Year 1 completed an innovation of an episode and then turned it into a multi modal text (powerpoint). Prep talked about the characters and the events of their favourite show.

Year 3 have been studying the author’s use of noun groups and verb groups to build the reader’s picture or understanding of a character.

Our new units will have P-2 being assessed on their reading skills and comprehension skills, along with creating a retell of a story. Year 1 and 2 will turn their retell into a multi-modal version of their retell. This unit is very similar to the previous unit to allow the younger children to build and cement their learnings.

Year 3 will be exploring a literary text that deals with an ethical situation. They will make inferences about characters’ feelings and use comprehension strategies to answer questions about the text. They will write a persuasive letter that links to the literary text.

Year 3 is building the children’s ability to use higher order thinking strategies and the boys are being asked to go beyond the written word in the text but make connections and think about what are the messages or meanings behind the words.

MATHS

We started the term looking at CHANCE and the likelihood of something happening. Preps used language like—Will it, Won’t it, Might and the year 1-3s extended their mathematical language by using terminology such as possible, impossible, certain, unlikely and likely. They all enjoyed conducting experiments and predicting the outcomes.

We also looked at collecting data and the children gathered information and presented their findings in graph form. Some used picture graphs and others created column graphs. We are moving into several weeks of number study and looking at efficient ways to add or subtract, skip count, compare numbers identify and classify numbers.

SCIENCE

The children have planted sunflower and sweet corn seeds and are very excited to watch them grow. The biology unit - the study of life and living, is always an exciting time in the P-3 classroom. Can’t wait for the incubation and hatching of ducklings or chickens!
Small Schools Cross Country @ Maidavale SS

CONGRATULATIONS to our WINNERS!
Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at [school name]? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success this academic year, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:
For PC and Mac, visit portal.office.com, login using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.
Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for instructions on how to download and install Office 2016 to your personal home computers. If you have any trouble, contact Annette Cavallin—MIS Administrator 47849139 or aca.val18@eq.edu.au.
**Mowing Roster**

- **April 30/May 1** - Graham
- **May 7/8** - Sexton
- **May 21/22** - Cervoni
- **June 4/5** - Ferguson

Please remember that mowing around the school is the essential mowing that is required every week. If you are unable to mow on weekends, you are more than welcome to mow after 3:30pm during the school week. Each family is responsible for the mowing to be done on their weekend. If you are unavailable to do it on your weekend, IT IS UP TO YOU to find a family to replace you or swap with.

Thank you to the families who turned up for our P&C meeting on Parent Interview night. Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for 18 April (second week of next term).

Next Thursday 5th May our thoughtful P&C members will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall at first break.
There will be a selection of gifts for Mothers and Grandmothers for your child / children to purchase.
**Important Dates in 2016**

- **2 May**  
  Labour Day Public Holiday

- **5 May**  
  ASHS visiting Millaroo Year 6 at 1:30pm

- **5 May**  
  P&C Mother’s Day Stall

- **6 May**  
  Burdekin X Country

- **10,11,12 May**  
  NAPLAN

- **16-20 May**  
  Year 3-6 Science Camp

- **26 May**  
  Bendigo Bank—sign on day 1:00pm TBC

- **8 June**  
  Author visit excursion to Osborne SS

- **9 June**  
  Jump Rope

- **23 June**  
  Cluster Science Day excursion to Osborne SS

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**YOU CAN DO IT**

5 Keys to Success

- Getting along
- Organisation
- Confidence
- Persistence
- Resilience

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**4 School Rules**

- Maintain Pride
- Match Respect
- Manage My Safety

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**GREEN CARD WINNERS ARE GRINNERS**

**Montana, Jack K, Tim**

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**HALL OF FAME**

- Jorja, Tayla, Imogen, Cameron. Jack K—Magic Miaow words
- Grip leadership—Jack, Lily, Maximus, Brody, Savannah, Athan, Abi, Bree
- Great acting—Nicole, Maximus, Savannah
- Great behaviour—Jack T, Savannah