Hello and happy Holidays!

We have had a very busy term of learning and everyone is looking forward to a well earned break to rejuvenate and refresh their brains. The holidays will also give the children a chance to spend time with family and relatives and away from the familiar faces and routines of school.

**Author Day at Osborne** — Our recent visit to Osborne SS for a day of English and a focus on writing with a guest author Aleesha Darlinsion was a fabulous learning experience. Our children did a great job mixing with the other small school students and applied themselves to learning English. Thanks to Mrs Cavallin for driving the bus and for Mrs Harris travelling on the bus with the children.

**Science Day at Osborne SS** — The small schools will be combining at the end of each term to conduct a fun day in different subject areas. This term we visited Osborne for a day of Science. Term 3 will be at Clare SS for The Arts and term 4 is scheduled for Technology at Airville SS. These days also gives our senior students a chance to get to know other students who they may be in class with next year at high school.

Science Fun Day had the children experimenting with solar beads, studying astronomy, making slime, creating fossils and marvelling through magnifying glasses at miniature marvels. Thanks to Mrs Tudehope for driving the bus and for Mrs Salter for travelling on the bus with the children.

**Report Cards**

Report Cards will be issued next term as we have been busy assessing right up until the end of this week and writing the reports will be a fun holiday job for Mrs Gemma, Mrs Salter and myself.

**School Watch on the Holidays** — Please keep an eye out on our school and keep it safe whilst on holidays. The first week Mrs Graham will be cleaning and our carpets will be professionally cleaned and pest control will be undertaken.

**Safe for Every Child** — We are now a nut free school and have implemented a nut free policy this includes peanuts, tree nuts and coconut. We want our school to be a safe environment for EVERY student.

**Good bye and good luck** — We wish Ryan, Abbi, Billy and their families all the best at their new school. We will miss your smiling faces.

**THANK YOU** - to Annette, Gemma, Sue, Gillian and Katherine for all your hard work and dedication this semester. Enjoy the rest! You have EARNED it. Have a very relaxing, refreshing and recharging holidays and we will see our students next term ready to show us their independence, tolerance, respect, maturity and honesty and be super excited and ready for the learning that’s about to occur.

Erin
Hi All!

Please find work samples and photos of some of the many things happening during the last month of school and assessment time. There has been some great work with learning and two weeks off is their reward.

From Vietnam to Australia

My name is Lex and I am 12, I live in Vietnam.

I am an orphan and I have no family, they had to abandon me because of war. Vietnam is a horrible place at the moment.

People were hiding in the orphanage because there were soldiers around. Kids were hiding in the spare rooms and it made me feel like I was in some place on fire.

A big plane lands to take us to Australia, it was called operation baby lift, it looks dark inside and I can see babies in shoe boxes around me. Then we go....

By Max

What James thought about the way the author portrayed the character Edmund in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe...

I have chosen the novel The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, at the witches house in chapter 9. C.S. Lewis is the author. Before Edmund went to the Ice Queens house he was at the Beaver’s. They talked about Narnia at the Beaver’s house.

Edmund is a selfish little brat, the book says he was thinking that the others were not nice to him and thinking all the time about Turkish delight. Edmund then goes outside into the snow and cautiously closes the door.

The author uses language features to make the audience feel angry at Edmund for going to the Ice Queens house. When Edmund goes to the Ice Queens house and he starts to change it is a significant event. The author is trying to show us Edmund is turning evil because he is on the side of the Ice Queen because he told the Ice Queen that Lucy, Susan and Peter were in the Beaver’s house.

James

A focus has been and will continue to be in the 4-6 room, on following school rules, independent learning and self-reflection upon our own journeys in regards to those areas. As year 6 are only one semester away from high school, the importance of responsibility for learning, honesty, integrity, tolerance, persistence, resilience, ownership of actions and facing the consequences with maturity becomes heightened. I look forward to watching the growth and development of all students after the holidays and thank you for your support during our first semester. Happy Holidays! Gemma
MAT H S A S S E S S M E N T Y E A R 6—it is important to explain your thinking! See below-

I worked out that I had to divide 180° by 3, but it got the degrees of angle A. That equaled 60°. Then I saw that angle B was half of vertically opposite to b, so I halved 60° which was 30°, so my answer is 30°.
p-3 Class Happenings with Sue and Erin

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Mowing Roster

July 2/3 - Volunteer needed this was Bax weekend & have left

July 16/17 - Keyes

July 30/31 - Vener

August 13/14 - Storey

Please remember that mowing around the school is the essential mowing that is required every fortnight during the winter months. 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.
Important Dates in 2016

- 23 June  Cluster Science Day excursion to Osborne SS
- 24 June  Last Day Term 2
- 30 June  Burdekin Show
- 11 July  First day Term 3
- 14 July  Erin, Sue and Gemma @ PD in Townsville
- 15 July  Burdekin Readers & Writers Festival

YOU CAN DO IT
5 Keys to Success
- Getting along
- Organisation
- Confidence
- Persistence
- Resilience

4 School Rules
- Maintain Pride
- Match Respect
- Manage My Safety

GREEN CARD WINNERS ARE GRINNERS
Abbi B, Maximus, Jack K, Tim

HALL OF FAME
Abi— for helping Clare SS at school soccer.
Tim— improvement in listening to instructions
Jolleea— for helping Clare SS at school soccer
Billy— for remembering grammar— nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs
Cameron P— for settling into his new school
Max— for being brave and presenting his ideas at Author Day
James— for working hard in English
SIGHT WORD ACHIEVERS— Tayla, Jorja, Cameron F, Jack