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From the Principal

5 May 2017

Hello Everyone,

Cross Country



Last week Annie-Rose and Loretta competed in the Greater Rockhampton District Cross Country. Both girls competed extremely well coming in the first 20 places with about 130 girls running in the race. Annie came in 6th place and will compete in the Capricornia team at the next level. Congratulations to both girls on an amazing effort and good luck Annie-Rose.

NAPLAN

Naplan is next week. Ms Kathleen and Ms Julie will be doing breakfast for all students with the support from our P&C. Our year three and five students will participate in NAPLAN next week. The timetable is below:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Language Conventions	Reading	Numeracy
Writing		

School Arrival Time for Students

The school day commences at 9am. The best time for students to arrive at school is between 8:30 and 8:45am. No students should be at school before 8am. There is no official person on playground duty before school. Teachers arrive at school early to prepare for the day of teaching. There will be rare occasions when parents may have a commitment and need to do an early drop off. Please phone the principal's mobile to arrange this with the principal. We are more than happy to work with parents and supervise children to assist with family commitments when required.

Cleaning Vacancy – Keppel Sands State School

The position is a permanent part time position of 11 hours per week, 2.15 hours per day. The successful applicant will be subject to a probationary period. An Application Package is available from the School Office. Applicants are required to address the Key Selection Criteria within two pages as outlined in the Application Package and provide a one page Resume outlining recent work history including the names, contact numbers and email addresses of two referees.

Applicants must have or be able to obtain a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People before confirming the position as permanent part time. Keppel Sands School is a non-smoking environment.

Written applications are to be sent to the attention of the Principal,

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The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday May 26th 2017. For any further information, please contact the Principal on 0477392268

Student Council News

This term we are selling icy cups for the children. They are sold every Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock after school and are different varieties of colours. The student council Annie, Loretta, and Christopher will be selling them in the classroom for 50cents each.

Nude Food Lunches

As part of reef studies we are encouraging all children to bring nude food lunches to school. Nude food lunches are foods that are not wrapped in plastic or alfoil and do not contain any plastic bags. For students who wish to participate, each day the lunch box does not contain wrappings the student will receive a lucky ticket. Each week, on assembly, a ticket will be drawn and that student will win a 'nude food' container. The link below has more information about nude foods.

<http://www.nudefoodmovers.com.au/product/rubbish-free-lunch-box/>

Friday Morning Breakfast

Breakfast will be held on Friday until the end of term. Please note that there will be no cooking after clean up commences at 8.45am.

P&C News



Mother's Day Raffle

1st Prize – Mother's Day Hamper

2nd Prize – Seafood Voucher & Chocolates

Tickets due back Friday 12th May (1 week) and will be drawn on this day before school ends.

At the meeting on Wednesday it was decided that we would hold another Pie & Lamington Drive at the end of this term. Order forms will go home next newsletter. Delivery will be 1st week back next term.

Thank you those helping out with Wednesday Night Raffles. Karen Rout regularly does our raffles and is has been great to have extra helpers on some nights to share the load. If you would like to purchase tickets prior to Wednesday night, please see Kathleen at school before 9am. If you can assist, please see Karen or Moira.

DATE CLAIMERS

Tuesday	9 May	NAPLAN
Wednesday	10 May	NAPLAN
Thursday	11 May	NAPLAN
Friday	26 May	Romp in the Park – Under 8's – 9am to 1pm
Friday	16 June	Rockhampton Show Holiday
Tuesday	20 June	CWA & Parkhurst Visit – more info to come
Thursday	22 June	Athletics Carnival

Have a great weekend,

Moira Mackenzie

Principal

P - 2 Classroom News

English

This term we have been exploring simple and compound sentences to help strengthen our writing. We are working towards writing a persuasive text that changes the readers' opinion about a character in a story. Over the next few weeks we will be working on our assessment piece.

Science

This term our science unit is on materials. We are learning about what materials are and the properties of them. We are working towards our assessment piece where everyone will be asked to make a wind chime out of recycled materials. In order to do this, the children are exploring a variety of materials that would best suit our wind chimes.

Maths

This week preps have been busy exploring numbers. Last week the preps built towers and counted the blocks before it fell over and counted blocks they needed to make things. They are having a ton of fun exploring numbers with Miss Julie.



Years 1 and 2 have been exploring maps and using location language to explain to someone how to find an area or a place. Today they were asked to create a map, showing it in a birds-eye view, of our classroom. They were asked to rearrange our room in a way that they would like to see it. There were some great ideas and I may even use some.

See you all next week

Mrs Brady, Ms Julie and Ms Kathleen



This term in English we have been studying persuasive texts and writing. Years three and four have been looking at persuasive language devices used on cereal boxes and years five and six have been looking at persuasive advertisements and campaigns. Ask your students if they know any persuasive language techniques to test their memories.

In Mathematics we have a learning wall with a focus on Number and Place Value. Students will be getting bookmarks with Mathematics goals and success criteria so they know what they are learning and what they need to do to achieve that goal.

We are also looking at persuasive writing in demand writing time. Students are using the word, DAFOREST to remember some persuasive techniques to include in their writing.

NAPLAN is next week and all students from year three to six have an Improvement Plan based on their NAPLAN resits. These plans are in the virtual classroom and contain links to several online activities that students can engage with to improve their understanding of concepts in English and Mathematics.

Mr R and Ms Mackenzie

