From the Principals Desk

Welcome to Week 5, Term 2 2015!

P&C DAY MAY 29TH – THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!!

TERM 3 SPORTS – EXCITING NEWS!!

Avondale School has been successful in being accepted into the federally-funded Sporting Schools Program. We have received funding to increase students’ opportunities and participation in sports, with the purpose of encouraging them to continue with a sport into the future. This term, during the school week, all of our students will be participating in tennis lessons, with an accredited coach coming to the school. We will also be travelling into Bundaberg four times for the students to receive coaching and to participate in lawn bowls. These activities do not involve any costs for parents. Further information will be forthcoming, including permission forms for travel. We will also be able to purchase some sporting equipment for the students.

BUNDAPEG NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

This Wednesday we will be receiving a visit from some Bundaberg North High School students, similar to that which we had in Term 1. They will be working with our Years 5 and 6 students on some science activities. These and other students are visiting and working with all of the primary schools in our cluster of schools to develop good working relationships for our students, most of whom end up attending Bundaberg North High.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY 22 MAY

This Friday students are encouraged to take part in Walk Safely to School Day. Walking or taking public transport to school promotes a healthy lifestyle and responsible behavior around our streets, while also reducing traffic around our school. It would be great to see parents joining in as well.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Currently, we have a very high attendance rate at Avondale. This is a characteristic to be proud of. It is obvious that parents value education and school attendance. If your child is absent for any reason, please notify the school as soon as possible, either through email, written note (KIT book) or phone call. Teachers are required to mark the attendance roll with allocated codes. These are considered legal documents and so this is an important part of our daily routine.

PLAYGROUP

If anyone knows of parents who have younger children who would enjoy and benefit from attending playgroup and interacting with other parents and children, please let them know that playgroup is on every Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 onwards. We would love to see some more families coming to take advantage of this FREE service! All are welcome…

Corban offers cucumber from our garden
Our Years 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN last week. I am sure that they all tried their best on the day. There has been a lot of attention on and speculation about NAPLAN in the media over the past few weeks. I would like to remind all parents that this is a “point-in-time” test – a “one-off” event. The results do not include all aspects of a child’s learning and are not included in school reporting. In schools with very small cohorts such as ours, the most interesting aspect of any results obtained are the relative gain – the distance travelled by individual students from Year 3 to Year 5 to Year 7 to Year 9. Obviously, we only see the first part of a student’s journey through the first two results.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

This program is continuing with the support of some parents. We need to continue to support this program so that it can provide an essential service for parents who work or have other commitments that they need assistance with.

TUCKSHOP

This Wednesday, the P&C are providing tuckshop for the students to choose and purchase from. A menu was sent home yesterday.

P&C

The P&C had an extremely successful fundraising venture the other weekend, with the boxing and Mother’s Day events at the Avondale Tavern. I would like to acknowledge the planning and huge efforts some parents put in to making sure these were beneficial to the students! Also, thanks to Avondale Tavern for working together for the benefit of our students!

P&C FUNDRAISING MEETING

The meeting is on Friday 29th May at the tavern starting at 5.00pm. All are welcome!

CONTACT DETAILS

If you ever have any questions or issues, please contact the school to make an appointment. Alternatively, my email address is kdeig1@eq.edu.au.

Yours in Education,

Kerry Deighton
Principal

Public Notices

Oakwood State School
125 Oakwood School Road
Oakwood Q 4670

Positions Vacant

Vacancies exist for two permanent part-time positions:

- Teacher Aide General 8 hours per week
- Teacher Aide General 8 hours per week

Days of work: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Commencing 19th July 2015

Application packages are available from Oakwood State School between 9am & 3pm weekdays.

Applications Close: 22nd May 2015 at 3pm.

BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

Overfilling bins makes collection difficult

Ever wondered how much is too much to stuff into your kerbside collection bin? Unfortunately, overfilling your kerbside collection bins can sometimes mean Bundaberg Regional Council isn’t able to service them. Our collection trucks can’t lift bins that weigh more than 75kg. If material is protruding from the bin or waste is tightly jammed in to the bin, this may also mean the bin cannot be serviced as under Council’s guidelines, the bin lid must be closed and the contents must be able to be removed without manual intervention. For more information on Council’s Waste and Recycling Services head to www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au.
**Convict Ships**

In 1787, six convict ships, three supply ships and two army ships were sent to Botany Bay in Australia. On the voyage, the convicts lived in a cell that measured six feet high, six feet long and four feet wide and housed six people. The convicts each got one piece of bread. If one convict died, the other convicts would drag the body and hide it away from the soldiers. The convicts called the soldiers red coats because they wore red coats. When the red coats came and gave the convicts their bread they all shared the bread meant for the dead convicts. When the red coats found out that they were being tricked, the convicts were flogged with the cat o' nine tails.

Archie  
Year 3

**LIFE OF A CONVICT**

In Australia in 1788, the convicts had to work all day and only had a two hour break that was in the middle of the day. They worked all morning, then had a two hour break. They worked all afternoon until dark then got sent back to their cells. The punishment for having done something wrong was a whip called the cat of nine tails. If you had committed a theft you would be classed as a thief and they would brand you either on your forehead or on your hands with a T shaped brand.

Jack

**THE FIRST FLEET**

In England convicts were in cells. The first fleet of eleven ships left England in 1787. In Australia all convicts had to work. If they deserved a flogging, they got it in the morning. The cells were six feet high and four feet wide.

Marcus

**ENGLAND**

Before convicts were sent to Australia, the English Government thought about sending them to Africa and Canada but their climates weren't good enough. The actors we saw pretended to be convicts. James Murphy was from Ireland. He was an Irish political offender on the 2nd fleet. The lady convict was Ann Foulis who was on the first fleet. She had stolen some things when she had lived in London.

ZAC

**The Convicts**

In 1788 the first six convict ships set sail with two army ships and three supply ships. The convicts on the ship got diarrhoea and seasick. They were given two buckets - one for water and one for the toilet. They sometimes got mixed. The cells were 4ft by 6ft and 6ft high. The ceiling was made out of tar so if it was hot the tar would drip on to their heads. The convicts lied about the other convicts dying so they got more bread. When the soldiers found out the convicts got flogged. For exercise on the ships they danced for eight minutes.

Logan  
Year 6
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Mother’s Day flowers made by students
Students display their own creations