Principal's Message

Dear Families,

ATTENDANCE

Recently, we have collated the data on student attendance and I was surprised to find that currently we have 12.5% of our students are attending less than 85% of the time. This number is very concerning for me. It may seem like a day here or there doesn’t make a difference, but if it is a regular pattern of absenteeism, then the days do add up. Absenteeism is linked to student learning outcomes, so every minute does count.

If your child is absent, please remember that you need to make contact with the school explaining the absence. If no contact is made, then it is recorded as Unexplained. Our teachers will make contact with parents/caregivers of those students who have three consecutive unexplained absences or a pattern of absences.

This term, we have introduced an award where the class with the best attendance rates for the week earns an ice block each.

Our attendance awards so far:

Week 1 – Year 6/7
Week 2 – Year 3/4
Week 3 – Year 1/2

SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

I have been made aware that there was an incident recently where a car did not stop when our crossing supervisor was in the middle of the pedestrian crossing. I urge you to drive carefully around this area and follow all road rules, to ensure the safety of all students, staff and parents.

State Schools are Great Schools!

Note: This newsletter is sent home to all families each fortnight and can also be downloaded from the school’s website: www.acaciaridgess.eq.edu.au
BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Next week, we are celebrating Book Week with this year’s theme being “Connect to Reading”. Our students will be involved in many activities throughout the week and on **Friday 15 August at 8:45am**, we will be holding a Book Week Parade. We are encouraging all of our students to come dressed up as their favourite book character. Parents, carers and relatives are welcome to attend. Please find attached a flyer which includes some great ideas on what your child can come dressed as. Will you be Harry Potter? Maybe Wally from ‘Where’s Wally?’ Start getting creative and get your costumes organised!!

Who will you come dressed as?

BEHAVIOUR OF THE WEEK

Over the next few weeks we are going to focus on social skills on how to be successful during playtime.

Week 4:

- We agree on the rules
- We follow the rules
- We have fun playing together

Week 5:

- Be a good winner
- Be a good loser

ENROL NOW FOR PREP IN 2015

Now is the time to enrol your child for Prep in 2015. If your child is born **1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010**, they are eligible to enrol in Prep for 2015 and you can put their name down at the office to start the enrolment process. All children starting Prep must present a birth certificate to the office. If you don’t have one, it would be beneficial to start this process now before the end of the year.

*Kind regards,*

*Penny Grant*
Congratulations to our award winners

Student of the Week – Week 3
Prep  Vinnie Taai
P/1  Alisina Mohammadi
1/2  Erik Ramirez
2/3  Hannah Sweetten
3  Hami Akhlaqi
3/4  Khalid Abdela
4/5  Riley O'Rourke
5/6  Tradd Ney
6/7  Nic Chard

Student of the Week – Week 4
Prep  Natalie Tyce
P/1  Seith Brack
1/2  Abderihim Olad Mohammed
2/3  Levi Bailey
3  Keelin Hope
3/4  Abdulahi Mohamed Ali
4/5  Joshua Mortera
5/6  Cassidy Roach
6/7  Joeseph McKeon

Behaviour of the Week – Week 3
Prep  Jazmine Hola
P/1  Lufia Heather
1/2  Zahra Kazimi
2/3  Trista Yates
3  Peter Hola
3/4  Chantelle Jennings
4/5  Mitchell Sorensen
5/6  Jennifer Tran
6/7  Allisa Salkic

Behaviour of the Week – Week 4
Prep  Yousef Fayyazi
P/1  Cienna Field-Hartley
1/2  Egra Hassan
2/3  Daphne Hola
3  Blake Etter
3/4  Arezoo Kazimi
4/5  Georgia Sweetten
5/6  David Taai
6/7  Mathew Smyth
**50 Star Stamps**

**PREP** - Jazmine Hola
**P/1** - Cienna Field-Hartley,
**1/2** - Lavinia Fonoti, Eqra Egal-Hassan, Valentina Tomsevec
**2/3** - Tajiamae Williams, Daphne Hola,
**4/5** - Emmanuel Fonoti
**5/6** - Alamanie Fevaleaki, Reini Telfer, Huda Akhlaki, Monica Vu

**100 Star Stamps**

**2/3** - Halima Hussein

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**DATE CLAIMER**

**2014**

**TERM 3**

**WEEK 4**

Friday 08 August
- Interschool Sport

**WEEK 5**

All week – Book Week Celebration
Monday 11 August
- Instrumental Music Students at Moorooka State School
Tuesday 12 August
- EALD Ekka Excursion
Wednesday 13 August
- EKKA SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY – No school
Thursday 14 August
- After School Sport – Little Athletics, Years P-3
Friday 15 August
- Book Week Parade and Activities
- EKKA Instrumental Music Excursion

**WEEK 6**

All Week – NAIDOC Celebration
Wednesday 20 August
- After School Sport – Little Athletics, Years 4-7
Thursday 21 August
- Christine Anu Presentation (Yrs 5-7)
- Choir Excursion - Sing Fest
- After School Sport – Little Athletics, Years P-3
Friday 22 August
- NAIDOC Parade
- Interschool Sport

**WEEK 7**

Wednesday 27 August
- After School Sport – Little Athletics, Years 4-7
Thursday 28 August
- After School Sport – Little Athletics, Years P-3

**WEEK 8**

Wednesday 03 September
- After School Sport – Little Athletics, Years 4-7
Thursday 04 September
- After School Sport – Little Athletics, Years P-3
Friday 05 September
- Interschool Sport

**WEEK 9**

Tuesday 09 September
- Under 8’s Day
Friday 12 September
- School Photos (Classes and ECDP)

**WEEK 10**

Monday 15 September
- School Photos (Group Photos & ECDP)
Wednesday 17 September
- Prep Information Evening
Friday 19 September
- Last Day of Term 3
TERM 4

WEEK 1
Monday 06 October
- Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 07 October
- School commences for Term 4

WEEK 3
Monday 20 October
- PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff Professional Development Day (NO students at school on this day)

WEEK 6
Tuesday 11 November – Monday 17 November
- Book Fair

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Don’t forget to make a booking for Family Portraits. There is a $20 booking fee which must be paid to get a booking time.

The date is:

SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Anyone wishing to order uniforms for the start of 2015 must submit order and pay by the end of October.

P&C NEWS

Next P & C Meeting will be held on Thursday 14 August at 2:45pm in the Rocket room (G Block – Lower). All welcome.

Family Transitions Triple P

Free Parenting Workshop
(for divorced or separated parents)

Presented by: Professor Matt Sanders
Professor of Clinical Psychology and the Director of the Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland.

Is this you?
You are a parent who has been separated from your partner less than two years. You have at least one child aged between two and twelve years.

What is the Family Transitions Triple P workshop?
The Family Transitions Triple P workshop is a family intervention designed for parents who are experiencing personal distress from separation or divorce, which is impacting on, or complicating the task of parenting.

What happens at the Family Transitions Triple P workshop?
The Family Transitions workshop is a half-day (4 hour) presentation. It targets parents, such as how improve your personal coping skills, reduce conflict between parents, improve family relationships, and best support your child during this time. At the seminar you'll be given a tool to help you at home to remind you of the great ideas you've heard. You'll be able to start positively parenting straight away, to get back on track with your child – or be ready for what's ahead.

This Triple P program is being funded by grants from the Queensland government and other philanthropic organizations around the world. As a parent, you may be eligible to receive free or low-cost support through a local provider.

To access current details on a parent phone search:
https://oasp.qca.qld.edu.au/family-transitions

UCI SWIM4KIDS 2014
1000K’S IN A DAY

UCI SWIM4KIDS 2014 will be held as always in October. This year our goal is to swim 1000km in a day. Each team or individual swimmer will then their nominated distance and record on the pool log, while raising funds for the most admirable amongst us.

This is an open tournament event is willing to help kids. You'll have to be an active athlete. If you want to challenge a friend then let them be taught.

Join us in Brisbane as we team and start fundraising ticket. This year the money raised is going to support many of the children's causes within the Ocean Community Limited (OPCA) CQ/SH and Brisbane Foundation Limited (BGFL CHI2).

We hope you will be able to join us for this incredible swimming tournament.

TO REGISTER YOUR PREFERRED SWIM TIME OR TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE GO TO THE REGISTRATION PAGE
WWW.COUEELIFE.COM/EVENT/UCI-SWIM4KIDS-2014

A Player Nomination Form & Further Information can be found on our website.

www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au
westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com

JOIN THE FALCONS NEST AND SOAR ABOVE THE REST!!

CLUB NOTES:
All players MUST be registered with Brisbane Basketball before playing their first game. The BBI Registration Fee is different to the West Brisbane fees you pay.
2014 WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB DTP SEASON

TERM 4, 2014- Development, Training, Play

If you are interested in playing with West Brisbane Falcons in the last season (Term 4) for 2014, please visit our website and download & complete the Player Nomination Form.

West Brisbane Falcons will run our own in-house competitions in all junior age groups. This will mean we will conduct 90 minute age group sessions on a selected night that will involve a 45 minute training sessions followed by organised matches on the two courts available at Centenary High School. Each Gender Age Group will be capped at 32 players so that every player gets the most out of their Falcons experience so make sure you get in early.

HOLLAND PARK STATE HIGH

⭐ See our highly effective smaller school culture
⭐ Hear about our outstanding OP achievement (2 OP1, 93% OP1-15) and vocational opportunities
⭐ Visit classrooms to see Triple E (Excellence, Enrichment, Extension) in action

Parents are invited to attend:
- Open Morning Tour 9.15am Friday 15 August 2014

Enrol now for Years 7 & 8 in 2015. Please phone for an enrolment interview. Out of catchment enrolments welcome.

www.holpharks.h.q.edu.au
Telephone: 3347 0111

SEQ FUTSAL COMPETITIONS
FIND A CLUB NEAR YOU!

Sunshine Coast
BUDELM – 0487 000 230 & BLI BLI – 0406 515 460

Pine Rivers & North Brisbane
MORAYFIELD – 0487 000 232 & NORTH LAKES – 0487 000 230
BRENDALE & ENOGGERA & WAVEIL HEIGHTS – 0408 872 973

West Brisbane
KENMORE & MOGGILL – 0459 559 594

Brisbane Central
CHURCHIE & WEST END – 0418 756 253 & SPRING HILL – 0410 648 686

Brisbane East
CHANDLER & VICTORIA PT & WYNNUM – 0408 012 921

Brisbane South
ACACIA RIDGE – 0487 000 232 & MT GRAVATT – 0403 546 871

Logan City
CORNUBIA – 0448 176 191

Greenbank
CALAMVALE & JIMBOOMBA – 0408 012 921

West Moreton
OXLEY & REDBANK & BOOYAL & WEST IPSWICH – 0402 627 750

South West
DALBY – 0400 703 384 & TOOLOOMBA – 0407 963 109 &
KINGAROY – 0427 624 857

Gold Coast
CURRRUMBIN & TWEED HEADS & UPPE COOMERA – 0448 176 191
2014 school calendar

There are 194 school days in 2014. Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
Staff professional development days (Student free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when their three flexible staff professional development days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE
November 21 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 28 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.
Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 5.
All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 12.
In 2015, all state schools will re-open for students on January 27.
The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2013) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar visit www.education.qld.gov.au

Great state. Great opportunity.