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from The Principal's Pen.....

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations on another fine Term! I say that with no 'tongue in cheek', but rather a strong acknowledgement that fundamental to the success of students, is the three-way relationship between students, parents and the school.

As I commence long service leave on Friday for 3 terms, people have asked am I excited? To be very truthful, I have mixed emotions. I am looking forward to spending time with my family and seeing my final child graduate from high school. However, on the flip side, I love coming to work each day and interacting with students, staff and parents, so I am going to miss this part of my life. Coming to school has been my life for the last 36 years, so I can see some adjustments needing to be made in my personal life, so that I do enjoy my long service leave.

Exciting and interesting times are ahead for the Robinson Family.

DEADLY ARTHUR

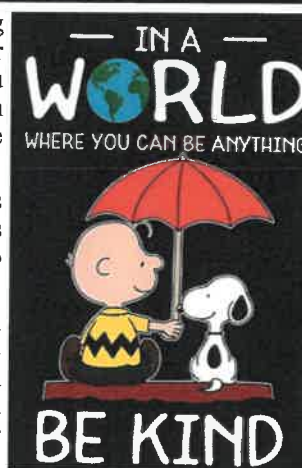
What an exciting week we have had at our school this week. Deadly Arthur has certainly engaged our students and heightened our sense of pride with his fantastic art work. What started as a dirty grey piece of cement, has been transformed into a bright, engaging hand ball court. A port rack that was moldy, cracking from the weather and with many pieces of graffiti, has been revamped into an image that has student generated art showcasing our school culture and pride, in being a member of the Pialba State School community. Thank you Arthur, for sharing with us your amazing gift, your encouragement, and your belief that together we can achieve great things. WE DID IT!

R U OK? EVERY DAY!

R U OK? Day, was recognized on the 13th September. However, we need to be asking R U OK? everyday. Everyone we greet and meet have issues and things happening for them that we know nothing about. A smile, a hello and asking the question, "Are you okay?" is showing compassion, a unique and wonderful human quality. Checking-in with our families, children, friends, neighbours and acquaintances, results in positive care, concern and connection.

History of R U OK? - In 1996, Much-loved Barry Larkin was far from okay. His suicide left family and friends in deep grief and with endless questions. In 2009, his son, Gavin Larkin, chose to champion just one question to honour his Father and try to protect other families from the pain he had endured.

While collaborating with Janina Nearn on a documentary to raise awareness, the team quickly realized the documentary alone wouldn't be enough. To genuinely change behaviour Australia-wide, a national campaign was needed. From this realization, and with Gavin and Janina's expertise and passion, R U OK? was born. Gavin remained a passionate champion of the fact a conversation could change a life, even as cancer ended his life in 2011.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I wish all families a happy and safe holiday and remind you that we begin Term 4 on Monday 8th October, with Mr Jason White in the Principal's chair.

Until we meet again - *Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be an Active Learner.*

J A Robinson

Judy Robinson
Principal

Happy Holidays!

COMING EVENTS...



**Monday
8th October
FIRST DAY
of
TERM 4**



**Monday
22nd October
Student Free Day
NO SCHOOL**



**Tuesday
23rd October
P&C Meeting
5:00pm
Staffroom
ALL WELCOME!**



**Monday
12th November
'One Stop Rock
Shop'
School
Performance
Prep - Year 6**



Always Our Best

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be an Active Learner



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NEWS.....

Welcome to the Week10 Newsletter! Where has the time gone? Can you believe it? This time next week we'll be enjoying the September/October holidays. It certainly feels like Spring has 'sprung'!

NAPLAN REVIEW – STUDENT FEEDBACK REQUESTED

Included below is correspondence from Central Office extending an invitation for students, through their parents to provide feedback on NAPLAN. Please see below.

The Queensland Government is undertaking a review of NAPLAN in the Queensland context, to better understand the impacts NAPLAN is having on learning and teaching within the state.

The first stage of the Review, conducted in June 2018, focused on consultation with parents.

The second stage is now underway, with consultation extending to students, teachers, principals and other key education stakeholders across Queensland.

Queensland students in years 3 to 10 are now invited to provide feedback on their experiences with NAPLAN, via an online survey. Students wishing to participate will require the consent of a parent or carer, who can assist with completing the survey at home.

The survey link is available at:

<https://survey.isia.com.au/s3/2018NapRevStudent>

This project has received ethical clearance from both the Australian Catholic University and the Department of Education. Further information on the student survey and the Review are provided within the survey link.

CURRICULUM PLANNING LAST WEEK

Last week, our teachers were off line for half a day to plan the next unit of work. Teachers work collaboratively with their year level cohort and strategic leaders to plan the next unit of work. Planning together is crucial for each year level, as we want to ensure there is a common understanding on key approaches and strategies used in the classroom to enhance learning.

THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

The general capabilities play a significant role in the Australian Curriculum in equipping young Australians to live and work, successfully in the Twenty-First Century. Students develop capability when they apply knowledge and skills confidently, effectively, and appropriately, in complex and changing circumstances, in their learning at school, and in their lives outside school. Teachers are expected to teach and assess seven general capabilities in English, Maths, Science, HASS, Health and PE, Technology and Design, and The Arts.

I wish all our students a fantastic holiday. See you all back for an amazing Term 4.

Mr Peter Genrich - Deputy Principal



P & C NEWS - FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

The 2018 Voluntary Contribution Levy has been set by the P & C, at \$30 per family, payable by cash at the Tuckshop.

P&C funds are used to support our children's education at Pialba State School. One of the key long-term goals of our P&C is to contribute to the installation of air-conditioning throughout our school. To achieve this, or any other project, we need your support. All contributions are gratefully accepted.

If you have fundraising ideas, skills or time, we would love to hear from you. Our first P&C meeting for Term 4 will be held Tuesday 23rd October, from 5:00pm in the staff room, upstairs in B block.

All Welcome to attend!

Mrs Drury's Diary

SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT NEWS

Students have enjoyed a variety of activities over the last two weeks at school, along with the inevitable assessment that also comes at this time of the year.

They have been involved in painting the murals and handball courts with Deadly Arthur, and it has been great to see the photos on the Facebook page.

The Year 3/4 students were complimented for their behaviour and sportsmanship at Gala Day last Friday, and thoroughly enjoyed participating.

Rewards Day was held today, with all students involved in an activity according to their number of Onya's. We hope the Year 5/6 students have a great time at their Gala Day tomorrow. It's nice to conclude the term with some fun activities along with the great learning that has occurred.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you back for Term 4.

As promised in the last Pialba Post, here are some photos of prize-winning costumes at the Book Week parade.



Amelia-Rose Ewan, the 4N winner as the Fly Guy



Sammy Witter, 5C winner as the Cowardly Lion

Anne Drury - Head of Special Education Services

Making a Prediction When Reading



A fantastic and fun way to engage your child in reading a new book is to get them to have a look at the front and back cover and

"MAKE A PREDICTION" about what the story is going to be about!

A prediction can help your child build pre-understanding around the book they are looking at before they even read it.

For example you may ask them...

- Looking at the front cover picture what do you think this story is about? Who might be the characters in this book? What may happen?

You can also ask your child to make a prediction during reading

- What is going to happen next to the character?
- How do you think the problem will be solved?
- How do you think the story will end?

Comprehension strategies we use at Pialba S. S.

PREP ORIENTATION DAYS - NEXT TERM

Enrol Your Child for Prep

If your child is turning 5 years old by 30th June 2019, they are eligible to start Prep next year.

Enrolment & Orientation Days will be held in Term 4, where Parents/Carers and 2019 Prep children are invited to come along and talk to our Teachers, familiarise yourself with our great school, and the curriculum we offer.

Please check out our Facebook page and/or our newsletter for upcoming dates and times.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!



TUCKSHOP NEWS

The Tuckshop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please write your child's order on a brown paper lunch bag, enclose the correct money if possible, and please specify 1st or 2nd break. Menus are available from the Tuckshop or you can pick up a spare copy from the school office.

If you would like to volunteer in the tuckshop, please call in and see me or leave your name and contact details with the office. Any time donated will be greatly appreciated.

Stacey Doo - Tuckshop Manager
4197 7742



STAR HOME READING



Congratulations to the following students for achieving 25, 50,75 and 100 nights of home reading. At Pialba State School we aim for five nights of reading per week. Keep reaching for the reading stars!

Year 1	Sienna Piggott – 1SM Aiden Witteman – 1SM Lakin Witteman – 1SM
Year 2	Miah Damon – 2/3 T
Year 4	Blaise Dodd- 4E Aiden Sawyer – 4E

Kylie Foord - Master Teacher

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CCS registered

18 Neils St, Pialba
Bayside Christian Church
41243327

Ms K's Tombola fundraiser for Camp Quality

Where: Pensioner's Hall,
Alice Street, Maryborough

When, 29th September 2018

Time: Doors open at 11.30- starts at 1pm

Free Light refreshments served at half time
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Kids

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