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from The Principal's Pen.....

Thank you Parents

Thank you parents, for a tremendous job with uniforms. Our students are looking beautiful for the start of the year and teachers have reported a great response to booklist requests. If you still have booklist items you are waiting on, which shouldn't be the case because we do not use a lot of textbooks at Pialba, please chase these up this week. Every day without school requisites is a day when your child is potentially being disadvantaged. Our teachers work hard to make sure they make arrangements to work around students not having items but this cannot continue in the longer term.

Student Records

Parents may have heard teachers or students refer to 'One School' and be wondering what this is. The Department of Education and Training must collect, store and use information about students and parents/guardians. The department collects personal information so it can both meet its duty of care to all students and staff members and administer and plan for providing appropriate education and support services. In order to collect this information and store it in one system, the department used an internal development team to build OneSchool in 2007. The application was designed and built in stages, with each release adding more functionality.

Teachers need to have professional and comprehensive information about their students at their fingertips to help enhance student learning. OneSchool ensures the data recorded is accurate and timely, and enables teachers to meet the individual needs of their students by having access to their individual school record.

OneSchool enables users to view and/or record student information including: personnel and contact details, records of contact with parents, academic achievement to produce academic report cards, behaviour - positive and negative, extra-curricular participation in programs such as instrumental music and sport, attendance information, individual student plan goals for students with specific education requirements, as well as curriculum, scheduling assessment tasks, and recording assessment data.

There are multiple levels of access which restricts what a user can access in OneSchool. For example, what a principal can see about your child is different to what a teacher can see. This protects data and ensures that only those who should have access to it can use it. OneSchool has been and continues to be thoroughly tested by national companies that specialise in security. To access OneSchool, teachers must first login and be authenticated by the department's network before they can start the process to access the system. As part of the access and authentication processes, various security measures and encryption protocols are employed and each user's access level is encrypted within their login.

To ensure our records are up to date, your child's record will be sent home with your child on Monday in a sealed envelope. Parents are asked to ensure the information on the record is correct or make the necessary changes in biro and return it to the school with your child. Further information will be attached to the form so parents and students understand the expectations.

We take data security seriously and are committed to retaining accurate and complete records so that we can assist you and your child to achieve position outcomes throughout the schooling journey.

May you find some respite from the heat!

Regards

Judy Robinson

COMING EVENTS....



**Monday
15th February
P & C
Meeting
Staffroom
5:15pm**



**Thursday
18th February
School Photos**



**11th - 13th
March
Year 6
Leadership
Camp**



**Thursday
24th March
Last Day of
Term 1**



**Friday
25th March
Easter Friday**



MR BROSE'S BITS.....

SCHOOL LEADERS

Today our School Sports Captains and House Captains were elected. Also our new students in Year 6 had a chance to nominate for the two Student Council positions still available. Badges will be presented on Senior Assembly at 9:00am Friday 12th February. The Leadership Camp for successful students has been postponed to 11-13th March due to the uncertain weather patterns at the moment.

A CARPENTER NEEDS TOOLS

Just as a carpenter needs the right tools to do the job properly, so too do our students. Please ensure that your children have all the book list requirements as soon as possible. Books last longer and are kept tidier when covered. Possessions are usually returned when labelled. Please take the time to do this and get your child involved in the process.

WE ALL HAVE BASIC NEEDS

Everyone has basic needs which should be fulfilled to survive: food, water, shelter, belonging and love. Over the thirty-odd years I have been an educator there are three things that stand out as basic requirements for children: SLEEP, NUTRITION & HUGS.

1. SLEEP – When children get adequate sleep with a regular bed-time they are more equipped to cope with the challenges of the day. If I do not sleep well I am not as focussed and can be a bear with a sore head. Primary school children must have between 8 – 12 hours of sleep depending on their age.

The younger they are the more they need to absorb the learning of the day and grow/repair their bodies.

2. NUTRITION – Children are continually growing and require good food to allow that to happen without strain on their bodies. Breakfast is vital for every child yet, when asked, over 50% of our students say they had nothing for breakfast or had one piece of toast. It should be a given that a child has fibre (cereal, bread/toast), plus fruit, plus milk or juice for breakfast. Many students arrive with packet noodles for lunch. They are filling but have nil nutritional value. The child may as well eat cardboard. Yes, noodles are easy but are also useless for growing children. Thanks goes out to all the parents who provide a balanced morning tea and lunch as well as a fruit or vegetable pieces for 10:00am. Well-fed children concentrate better and get less frustrated and are more controlled. You do not need to be a scientist to know this.

3. HUGS – Unattached love allows children to take risks and make mistakes without feeling they will lose your affection. Every day each child should get at least three hugs whether they have been good or bad. Research shows that children who are regularly hugged are actually better behaved because they feel as if they belong and know they are loved as a person. Only their behaviours are sometimes not liked – we still love them but do not like what they did. This discussion should, of course, be closely followed by a hug.

Mark Brose
Deputy Principal

JO McCRACKEN

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jo McCracken, and my role at Pialba SS will be a supernumerary Deputy Principal. I am looking forward to working closely with the Executive Team, staff, students and families to focus on providing quality learning outcomes for all students.

I have thoroughly enjoyed walking around the school and getting to know the students. Thank you to everyone for welcoming me into your school.

Kind regards,
Jo McCracken

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome to Term 1! A new Tuckshop menu is accompanying today's newsletter. There have been a few changes and you will find a variety of healthy, tasty choices to choose from.

Please send your child's order with the correct money in a paper lunch bag. Lunch bags are also available for purchase for 10cents each. Please use selections from our menu and ensure your child's class and 1st or 2nd Break is also written on the order bag.

The Tuckshop operates on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Reversible bucket hats are available for purchase through the Tuckshop. Unfortunately we have sold out of Turtle hats at the moment.

Volunteers are always welcome and needed. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer, please call in and see me at the Tuckshop.

Stacey Doo
Tuckshop Manager

Phone: 4197 7742

SCHOOL PHOTOS Thursday 18th February 2016



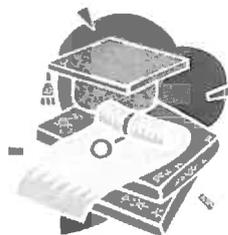
Individual and Sibling Portraits will be on offer as well as class photos.

Order forms will be sent home next week. Order forms and photo money are to be brought to school **ON THE DAY (Thursday 18th)**. Please do not send it in earlier, as we will not be accepting photo money at the office.

Please ensure that children are in the correct school uniform on the day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★

PH	Logan Robe-Dobson Graham Fisher-Saunders	3B	Declin Britt Rzyyll Antazo
PK	Mia Wilson Mackenzie Thornton	3K	Mily Jalass Emma Carmichael
PM	Cameron Shaw Ebony Gehrke	3M	Corban Plater Sienna Walters
1D	Jai McDermott Summer Warren		
1S	Tai Randall-Gregory Sharljia Tildora		
1/2SV	Ryden Bevilacqua Will Henry		
2B	Jessie Bradley-Connor Zahra Nurthen		
2T	Oliver Mayne Jaxson Hobson		



Mrs Drury's Diary

It has been wonderful to see how well all of our students have settled in to school this year. SEP support groups are now under way and students have been participating in goal setting and devising rules for their group. The shared responsibility for establishing rules leads to a higher degree of ownership of the rules.

Each SEP group is participating in streamed Literacy Groups with mainstream classes. Students may not necessarily be in a group that corresponds to their own year level, but they will be grouped with other students who are reading at a similar level, in order to best meet their learning needs.

Teachers will be holding Parent/Teacher meetings over the next couple of weeks. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get to know your child's teacher and their expectation for the coming year. This is also a time when you can let your child's teacher know of any specific needs they may have. A good partnership with open communication leads to success for your child.

Did You Know? So far, man has survived on earth for 2 million years. The dinosaurs lasted for 150 million years.

Anne Drury
Deputy Principal Special Needs

P&C MEETING

PLEASE NOTE: The next P & C meeting will take place on **Monday, 15th February 2016, 5:15pm** in the staffroom. Please consider attending and being part of our P & C. All welcome!



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Program Times	Friday 19/2	Friday 26/2	Friday 4/3	Friday 11/3	Friday 18/3
Prep to Year 6	3.30pm-4.45pm	3.30pm-4.45pm	3.30pm-4.45pm	3.30pm-4.45pm	3.30pm-4.45pm

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact us Pialba Helping Hands on 0488 330 261 or email pialba@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

How can I help my child **SUCCEED in school?**

- Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.
- Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.
- Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.
- Help your child with his/her homework every night.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Read with your child every night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

CHAPLAIN CHAT

The Chaplaincy Program is establishing a second hand uniform service here at Pialba State School.

If you have any good quality, second hand uniforms you would like to donate for sale, please bring them into the school office. Money raised from the sale of the uniforms will go directly to our school's Chaplaincy Program.

Sales will commence next week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, before school in the Tuckshop area, during Breakfast Club time - 8:00am-8:30am.

ASTHMA INFORMATION

A parent can now advise the school that their child has the capacity to confidently, competently and safely administer the right dose of their own asthma medication; at the right times, and can store their medication securely.

If you think this applies to your child, please contact the school office to advise us of any changes to the administration of asthma medication for them.

It is extremely important that you provide your child with their asthma medication while they are attending school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



NETBALL SIGN-ON 2016

- Come and play netball for a great club - Comets Netball Club
- Sign on will take place on February 13, 2016
- We are looking for girls of all ages from 8 years to 17 years old to play in our junior competition and ladies from 18 years and above for our senior competition
- If anyone is interested in joining our friendly and growing club please contact our Secretary Aileen McKay on cometsnetballclub.secretary@outlook.com

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