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from The Principal's Pen.....

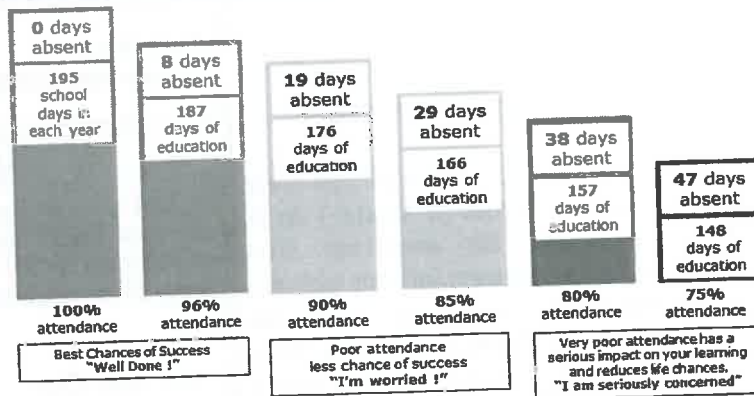
Absenteeism is the Big Enemy in Education

Many research studies have shown a clear link between attendance at school and achievement data of students. Quite simply, we cannot make a difference if students are not at school to be part of the teaching and learning process.

The curriculum is moving rapidly, and students who miss school can start to feel school reluctant and anxious.

365 days in a calendar year

170 non school days in a year, including 5 Public Holidays
All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments !



At Pialba we aim for at least 95% attendance by all students. This means that students will fall into less than good attendance if they have more than 10 days off from school each year. There are 365 days in a calendar year and it might impress you to know that 170 of those days are non-school days, so there are lots of opportunities for shopping, family holidays and appointments which will not impact on your child's learning.

It is expected that when your child is absent, you provide a reason for the non-attendance. Most absences are the result of student illness. Unexplained absences should be 'tidied up' as soon as possible as there are consequences for parents who do not send their child to school. This can include involvement by child safety authorities. **Every day, every minute counts.**

Absences are recorded and reported to the government on compulsory returns. Some absences are recorded as 'unauthorised' – this code is used when absences are not deemed as acceptable reasons for being absent. This might include family holidays, parent or student birthdays, moving house etc.

Your child's future study and employment pathways are strongly linked to what he/she does now. In the past we have watched as students who have been allowed to develop poor attendance at school, from an early age, fall behind and eventually become anxious and school reluctant. Do not fall into this trap. If you have concerns your child is becoming school reluctant please call to speak to an admin member or our guidance officer Mr Mike Bennion.

Pialba's current student attendance rate for the first two weeks of the year is **94.8%**, an outstanding result!

Regards

Judy Robinson Principal

COMING EVENTS....

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

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**Thursday
18th February**
School Photos

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

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

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**Friday
25th March**
Easter Friday

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MR BROSE'S BITS.....

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

This coming Monday is our first Parents & Citizens' meeting for the year. It usually last about an hour starting at 5:15pm at our Administration Block (office). We would love to see new faces there and believe that if you show interest in your child's school, your child improves their attitude to schooling ten-fold. It takes a village to raise a child and just needs you to get involved.

SCHOOL LEADERS RECEIVE BADGES

This Friday our School Captains, Student Councillors, Sports Captains and House Captains will be presented with their badges. The leadership group is a little larger than usual due to the high quality of the candidates. Our whole Year 6 cohort are the leaders of our school and those with badges have even further responsibilities which I know they will fulfil diligently. Parents of those students receiving badges are invited to the presentation at 9:00 this Friday and we hope you can remain to have a morning tea with their children and the principal. Congratulations to all those badge recipients.

FABULOUS RESPONSE TO SURVEY OF NEW FAMILIES

I was delighted to receive the returned surveys that were handed out to families of new students in Years 1 to 6. Nearly every survey indicated an excellent first impression was gained from all aspects of our school. The responses also showed they are happy with the enrolment process and overall welcome. We still have areas to become better at however, we are making every effort to improve. If you have any suggestions which will improve the process further, please feel free to inform us through the appropriate manner.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS DUE

At Pinalba State School we try to keep costs to a minimum, hence our cost effective uniforms. There are however times where an extra contribution may be required. Clearly we can do so much more for your student with added finance. Currently our voluntary contributions are:

1. P&C Family Contribution \$50 (per family) – make cheques out to Pinalba State School P&C
2. Religious Education \$6 – this partially covers the RE publications used by the students this year.

I would ask all families to support the school by making these payments as soon as possible.

Mark Brose - Deputy Principal

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!

Mrs Drury's Diary

Support timetables have now been established and all students are working well with a good mix of SEP programming and accessing classes with their mainstream peers.

Year 5 and 6 students have each selected a sport to participate in for the Hervey Bay District Gala Day which will be held on Friday March 11th. Students will be developing skills in their chosen sport on Wednesday lunch breaks and Friday afternoons. This is a great opportunity to develop skills involved in a team sport and have a lot of fun participating.

Parent/Teacher meetings continue to be held this week. Meetings so far have been very positive as teachers communicate their goals and expectations to parents, and parents have the opportunities to discuss specific details relevant to their child. I wish to thank parents for their commitment to these meetings.

Student of the Week (08/02/16): Curtis Mulder - For showing independence and participating well in class activities

Did You Know? McDonald's daily customer traffic is 62 million – that's almost 3 times the population of Australia.

Anne Drury

Deputy Principal Special Needs

NEWS FROM 6B

As part of our classroom numeracy program, 6B are learning different Maths Games to practice our skills. Our first game of the term is '101 and out'. This helps practice our addition facts, place value and number sense.

101 and Out

Big Idea: Number and Place Value

Suits: Years 3-7

Materials:

A regular 8-sided dice



Instructions:

- Students draw up an empty table for recording, as shown
- Explain that the two columns are for showing TENS and ONES

Whole class game:

- The teacher rolls the dice, eg. 3
- Students write the digit into one of the cells of the top row of the grid
- The dice is rolled a second time and students add this digit into one of the cells of the second row.
- Continues until six rolls have been made and students have one digit in each row.
- Players now add a zero place holder in each of the empty ONES cells.
- Players add the 2-digit numbers

The player whose total score is nearest to 100 without going over 100 wins the game. (Scores of 101 and more are OUT)



101 and out

3	
	5
	6
2	
1	
	4

101 and out

3	0
	5
	6
2	0
1	0
	4
total 75	

Shane Brogden - Class Teacher

ATTENDANCE

Once again attendance is one of our School's main agenda items this year. Our target is **95%**. A special mention to **Prep** for the highest percentage of attendance this week, keep it up! Which year level will be the champion next week?

Everydaycounts #Everystudentlearningeveryday

As a parent you want the best for your children. Having a good education is one of the most important factors in providing opportunities in adult life.

Did you know that; a child who is absent from school a day per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life. This can affect them in adverse ways such as:

- ◆ they miss the opportunity to learn fundamental elements
- ◆ they fall behind in work
- ◆ their motivation
- ◆ their enjoyment of learning
- ◆ leading to poor behaviour
- ◆ their desire to attend school regularly
- ◆ their confidence in school
- ◆ mean they miss out on the social life of school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences
- ◆ their ability to have or keep friendships

TERM 1, WEEK 3	
Prep	
96.97%	👍
Year 1	
96.38%	👍
Year 2	
93.51%	👎
Year 3	
93.83%	👎
Year 4	
96.58%	👍
Year 5	
95.2%	👍
Year 6	
95.33%	👍

CHAPLAIN CHAT

WHAT IS CHAPLAINCY?

First of all, welcome to those who are new to Pialba State School. My Name is Matthew Went and I am the Chaplain here at Pialba. I have been working here since Term 2, 2009. I am married to an amazing woman named Jess who is a teacher at Riverside Christian College. We have been happily married for 4 years.

My job here as chaplain is sometimes misunderstood, or at other times completely unknown. I would like to outline it for you. My job is to support the school community (students, parents, staff, etc) in emotional, social and spiritual aspects of their life.

These three aspects are spread throughout the school day with programs like breakfast club, mini kids club, one-on-one support, excursions, camps, sporting activities, and playing games with students during break times. I also need to fundraise as not all my pay comes from the government.

The government allocates up to \$20,000 a year per school for a chaplaincy position. It works like this: approximately \$16,000 to my wages, the rest goes toward administration fees and Professional development. Total cost for my position here at Pialba is over \$28,000 a year. The extra \$8,000 a year has to be fundraised or I end up losing days and the school reduces the service I provide.

I love working as a Chaplain and I love this school community. Thank you for being part of it and for all the support I get from the various families and staff here!

God Bless
Chappy Matt



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thursday 18th February 2016

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



Order forms are accompanying today's newsletter. Forms and photo money are to be brought to school **ON THE DAY (Thursday 18th)**. Please do not send it in earlier, as we do not accept photo money at the office.

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

Children Learn What They Live

- If children live with **CRITICISM**, they learn to **CONDEMN**.
- If children live with **HOSTILITY**, they learn to **FIGHT**.
- If children live with **FEAR**, they learn to be **APPREHENSIVE**.
- If children live with **PITY**, they learn to feel **SORRY** for themselves.
- If children live with **RIDICULE**, they learn to feel **SHY**.
- If children live with **JEALOUSY**, they learn to feel **ENVY**.
- If children live with **SHAME**, they learn to feel **GUILTY**.
- If children live with **ENCOURAGEMENT**, they learn **CONFIDENCE**.
- If children live with **TOLERANCE**, they learn **PATIENCE**.
- If children live with **PRAISE**, they learn **APPRECIATION**.
- If children live with **ACCEPTANCE**, they learn to **LOVE**.
- If children live with **APPROVAL**, they learn to **LIKE** themselves.
- If children live with **RECOGNITION**, they learn it is good to have a **GOAL**.
- If children live with **SHARING**, they learn **GENEROSITY**.
- If children live with **HONESTY**, they learn **TRUTHFULNESS**.
- If children live with **FAIRNESS**, they learn **JUSTICE**.
- If children live with **KINDNESS** and consideration, they learn **RESPECT**.
- If children live with **SECURITY**, they learn to **HAVE FAITH** in themselves and in those about them.
- If children live with **FRIENDLINESS**, they learn the world is a **NICE** place in which to live.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★

PH	Blake Henry Charlie Hutchinson	3B	William Amphlett Jacey Vogler
PK	Tayla-Rose Warren Tegan Eldridge	3K	Beau Wilson Jarrah Johnston
PM	Nikita Dereviankin Maddison Dickens	3M	Angus Tantanini Layla Campbell-Cook
1D	Claire Turner Mahlie Price	4C	Tyler Nurthen Caleb Robe
1S	Tomas Miller Michael Glynn	4R	Phoenix Richardson Amarli Murray
1/2SV	Connor Jones Nathan Gabriel	4SB	Dylan Seath
2B	Sophie Pozza Bailey Jones	5M	Irene Dowdy
2T	Orion Richardson Lily Davis	5N	Reuben Leslie
		6/6E	Lachlan Hanse
		6B	Taleisha Winterton
		6J	Alexander Pacifique Mitchell Sullivan

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

Where: 9 O'Rourke St, Pialba
Cost: \$8 - includes Hat Dog & Drink
When: Saturday 13 Feb 2016 @ 6:30-8:30pm

Prizes to be won for best dressed, best air guitar, best gangam style and much more...

P.C.Y.C. BLUE LIGHT DISCO

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