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### *from The Principal's Pen.....*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

ON Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, schools across Australia are participating in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Schools, students, teachers and parents will send a clear and powerful message that bullying and violence are not okay in any situation.

Over 890,000 students from 1950 schools are participating across Australia to collectively support the important message and 'take a stand' against bullying and violence in their school community.

At Pialba, we began our stand last week, when we invited our Adopt-a-Cop, Constable Ashleigh to address our junior parade and give us a few tips on what to say if we are being annoyed or bullied by students. Students put their hands up in front of them and said in a very strong, forceful voice, "Stop, I don't like it!"

Classrooms will be revising what bullying is and isn't and will be including many materials that have been produced by 'Bullying, NO Way!' As a sign of whole school unity, our students are each producing a hand pasted onto a paddle pop stick, which they will place in the sand near our play equipment and will form a united group around these hands. Photos will be placed on Facebook, and we encourage all community members to 'like' our photo and join our stance, to stand against bullying and violence.

#### **Leadership Camp**

Last weekend, the school held their annual leadership camp for our 2016 School Leaders. At our camp, fun was the key skill that needed to be witnessed.... And it was in spades! However, there was a more serious focus to the camp and that was the unpacking of leadership. Students explored how to work as a team, to listen to others views and to work together to solve problems. I know from talking with the teachers, teacher aides and students all had a great weekend and enjoyed the activities that focused on the responsibilities and qualities that come with being a leader. These students will be instrumental in modelling behaviour in our school and where necessary, showing younger students better ways of dealing with differences than hitting.

#### **Working and Sharing Together**

ON **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**, we will see our students in Yr. 3-6 compete in the annual Pialba State School Cross Country. From watching our students in the playground I believe this will be hotly contested and the sportsmanship of each young person will be on display. I wish all competitors all the best in their event and encourage all to HAVE A GO!



Next **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, our Prep-Year 2 students will be modelling their Easter Hats/Bonnets/ Masks or Ears at our end of term 1 Easter Parade. This celebration is the culmination of a term of learning and I am eagerly awaiting this event.

So that all students get to see the wonderful creations, our P-2 students will weave their path to the hall, through various areas of the school, where our older students will line the path to cheer our youngsters on. What a wonderful way to finish our term with a whole school event that showcases our unity as a community. I look forward to seeing our parent body at our Easter Parade, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2:00- 3:00 in the Hall.

Regards

*Judy Robinson  
Principal*

**Great state. Great opportunity.**

#### **COMING EVENTS....**



**Thursday  
17th March  
Pialba State  
School  
Cross Country**



**Friday  
18th March  
National Day of  
Action Against  
Bullying and  
Violence**



**Monday  
21st March  
P & C  
Annual General  
Meeting  
5:15pm  
Staffroom**



**Thursday  
24th March  
Prep-Year 2  
Easter Parade**



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



**Monday  
11th April  
1st Day of  
Term 2**



# MR BROSE'S BITS.....

## THANKS TO OUR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

What a fabulous term has been had by many as we head into our Easter Break. A sincere 'Thank You' goes out to our parents and guardians who have helped to make these weeks so productive. This thanks is for:

- Those who ensure their children have all their books and resources for learning
- Those who make sure each child has a reasonable breakfast before coming to school
- Those who provide a fruit or vegetable snack for 10:00am Brain Snack
- Those who have their children in clean and correct uniform
- Those who ensure a hat is available even when they lose one every month
- Those who provide a lunch filled with good food for energy to keep working
- Those who set aside a time and place for doing homework
- Those who read to their children even when you are tired or the kids are older
- Those who make sure their children are at school on time and present every day possible
- Those who offer to help their child's class whenever & where-ever they can
- Those who are active in our P&C Association

Well done and keep up the great effort and for those who feel they have room for improvement, set a couple of goals and then act to improve even one aspect next term.

## YEAR 5&6 HAVE GREAT GALA DAY

Every Year 5 & 6 child who participated in last Friday's Team Sports Gala Day came away with nothing but good things to say. They had a ball and improved their skills in the process. What is even better every organiser was delighted with student behaviour and attitude. Well done to each and every person involved. It was a hot day that was superbly organised plus a huge amount of FUN.

## BIG CAR SHOW COMING – MANY MOUTHS TO FEED

Wide Bay Rodders are organising a huge Show & Shine for custom cars from all over the state and interstate. Pialba State School is the venue for this Car Show on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Our P&C has the opportunity to set up food stalls to raise money for our school. If you have ideas for ways we could provide enough food and create efficient ways to set up & sell, I would love to hear from you. Please phone our office on 41977 777. These are great events and your involvement will make it even better. Please consider volunteering for an hour or two. Please fill in the slip below to show your support for this great fundraising event.

Mark Brose - Deputy Principal

## WIDE BAY RODDERS' SHOW & SHINE Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 9am-1pm

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am willing to assist this P&C fundraising event by (circle how you can help) **working / donating / providing equipment.**

I can donate my time between \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

My phone contact details are \_\_\_\_\_. I will set aside this date to support our school.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(signature)

## Mrs Drury's Diary

Year 5 and 6 students had a great time at the Interschool Gala Day last Friday. All put in a fabulous effort in their selected sport, the culmination of the training and skill development sessions that have been held at school over recent weeks. Staff attending had every reason to feel proud of the Pialba students for their effort, attitude and behaviour. The students loved the opportunity to meet and play against students from other schools in a real carnival atmosphere.

Tomorrow will be the school Cross Country events. Any student who is eligible for selection as a Para/Deaf athlete in representative sport will be individually timed as they run their age event with their peers.

Next Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Pialba State School will be hosting the annual Hervey Bay Para/Deaf Gala Day. This will involve students from the SEP Athletics Club as well as visiting students from other schools in the Bay. Activities will have a focus on fun and participation, while also giving us the opportunity to identify students with the potential for future athletic representation at a Hervey Bay District level. The event will run from 10:00am -1:00pm on our school oval.

### Students of the Week (14/03/16):

- ◆ Memphis Norrie - For being an enthusiastic participant in Literacy and Numeracy activities
- ◆ Jayden Bezzina - For working well in Language for Learning activities

**Did You Know?** A traffic jam in Beijing once lasted nine days.

Anne Drury

Deputy Principal Special Needs

## ATTENDANCE

### Attendance Targets

Our attendance is up from last week, which is great. We are all still under the 95%. What can you do to get to school every day?

Well done to Year 1 who has increased their attendance this week by over 1%. Great job! Year 6 you still have the highest attendance percentage which is wonderful, let see if you can get to 95%.

#everystudentlearningeveryday

TERM 1, WEEK 8	
Prep	
92.00%	↗0.05%
Year 1	
91.90%	↗1.06%
Year 2	
90.13%	↘0.03%
Year 3	
91.07%	↗0.15%
Year 4	
92.63%	↗0.43%
Year 5	
92.95 %	↘0.05%
Year 6	
93.26 %	↘0.62%

# CHAPLAIN CHAT

## Characteristics of Strong Families

### SPENDING TIME TOGETHER

As I mentioned in my last article, I would like to expand on the benefits of the various activities that families can do together.

**Family discussions:** helps each member to feel heard and valued; deals with issues that may just end up "swept under the carpet"; keeps all members in the loop of what's happening; helps members to understand each other better.

**Fun and games:** brings enjoyment to the company of family members, and keeps the family atmosphere fresh and exciting. It's fun - why not!

**Outings and holidays:** this allows the family to get to know how other members may react in different situations, and creates great memories that strengthens the commitment to the family.

**Life lessons:** much of what children learn comes from their parents, and without specific input from parents on certain topics, children will have to find things out for themselves. Important life lessons that can be taught include the difference between right and wrong, respect, being punctual, honesty, and appropriate sex education.

If you have any question please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Uniform sales take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, before school in the Tuckshop area, during Breakfast Club time - 8:00am-8:30am. If you would like to donate good quality used uniforms, please bring them in to the school office.

Thank you to those who have already donated items. Your support is greatly appreciated.

God Bless  
Chappy Matt



## LEGENDARY LEADERS!!

Leadership Camp was held over last weekend where our year 6 leaders got the opportunity to work as a team and define their leadership skills. Lots of laughter, sore muscles and sleepy heads were developed by Sunday. A huge thank you to Mr Hutchinson, Ms Suzy, Mr Brogden, Mrs Eastwood, Mr Brett and Mrs Cribb for your hard effort in organising the camp.

Lynelle Nissen - Teacher



## TUCKSHOP NEWS

- ◆ **A BIG THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped out on Gala Day. A great day was had by all.
- ◆ **SAUSAGE ROLLS** are available for \$3 each until Easter.
- ◆ **NEW ICE-BLOCKS AVAILABLE!**
  - ◆ Icpoles - \$1.00 each
  - ◆ Lifesaver Ice-blocks - \$1.50 each
  - ◆ Fandangles - \$1.50
- ◆ **MOTHER'S DAY STALL!** A Mother's Day stall will be held on 3rd May. More information will follow closer to the date.

Stacey Doo - Tuckshop Manager  
Phone: 41977742

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ☆

PH	Rowan Waia	3B	Liam Heitbaum
	Tyron Bonner-Woods		Logan Jennings
PK	Brayden Hall-Wilson	3K	Chloe Jamieson
	Casper Keeley		Matthew Mooney
PM	Tegan Howe	3M	Lane Wykes
	Jesse Semple		Flynn Porter
1D	Jaidyn Mooney-Hickey	4C	Lily Togo
	Chloe MacDonald	4R	Daniel McGregor
1S	Miah Damon	4SB	Joshua Ryan
	Ayevah Lister	5M	Kevin Sims
1/2SV	Ex-Lee Peters	5N	Madison Wills
	Ryan Wood	5/6E	Kade Fuller
2B	Isabella Cullen	6B	Star Austin
	Jasmine Willett	6J	Sebastian Stibbe
2T	Jasmine Bin-Garape		
	Paul Prentice		

## Easter Eggstravaganza!!

**Tuesday 22nd March 2016**  
Hot Cross Bun + Flavoured Mild +  
Chocolate Egg  
**\$5.00**



Forms have been sent home with students

**ALL ORDERS DUE TO THE TUCKSHOP by  
Friday 18th March 2016**

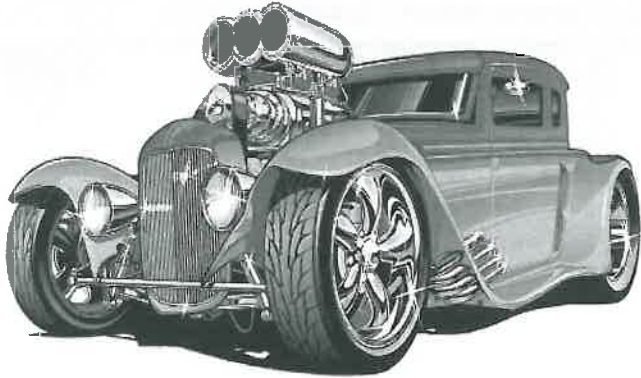
## P & C ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. will take place on **Monday 21st March 2016**, at 5:15pm in the staffroom. All positions will be declared vacant. Please consider nominating if you are interested in a position on our P & C.

Thank you to all who attended our last meeting. It was very encouraging to see a large number of people present. We hope to see you all again at our next meeting.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WIDE BAY RODDERS' SHOW & SHINE**  
**PIALBA STATE SCHOOL OVAL**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**



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**MARCH 29<sup>th</sup> - APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>**  
 (discounts for multiple weeks)

**Phone: Penny - 4128 4888**

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