



Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parking

Parents are endangering children's lives by illegally parking in Narelle Crescent. I have contacted the Logan City Council and they have assured me there will be parking inspectors patrolling the streets surrounding the school. Please take the extra few minutes and park responsibly.

Hats

Just a reminder to parents to cut off the cords of student's hats. These strings can become entangled when children are climbing equipment and playing games.



Responsibility

This fortnight we are concentrating on the value Responsibility.

Collaboration is essential!

Responsible individuals work in collaboration, they do not fall into the traps of inferiority or superiority, but value the contributions of all. Our School Motto of "Sharing and Working Together" says it all.

Working Bee

Saturday March 14 is our school Working Bee 7.00am – 10.00am please consider donating a few hours of your time to help get our grounds in order. Sign on sheet below.

WORKING BEE

Yes, I can help at the Working Bee on Saturday March 14.

Name: Contact Number:



Lesley Vogan, Principal

READING CLUB

Reading Club will not be held either this week or next. It will recommence 9 March. Thank you.

SENIOR PARADE

Senior Parade is now held each **MONDAY** at **8:45am**.

P&C NEWS

FETE FEAST

The next Fete Feast will be held on Tuesday 3 March at 6:30pm in the Library, drinks and nibbles provided. Babysitting available. RSVP 2 March 2009.

BOTTLE STALL

Please bring in filled bottles or jars for our bottle stall. The class with the most bottles will win our mystery prize (announced in next week's newsletter). Ideas for **non-perishable** prizes inside your bottle include:

Coloured pencils, crayons, small activity pads, felt pens, beads with string or wire to make jewellery, balloons, marbles, pencil sharpeners, rubbers, pencils, McDonald's vouchers, toys, hair ribbons, scrunchies, clips, combs, brushes, bath bombs, bath crystals, soap, hand cream, make-up samples, lip gloss, nail file, nail polish, nail clippers, small candles, pot pourri, cotton buds, small scissors.



Keep saving your jars and bottles because we will be looking for more bottles with perishable items later in the year.

KIDSCONNECT

Thank you to those who have already returned the Kidsconnect forms, if you wish to participate in this please return your forms as soon as possible. If you haven't received a letter regarding this just call in to the office to collect one.

24 February 2009

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What's on...

3 March

- ☞ Bravehearts, P - 3
- ☞ Fete Feast

5 March

Anti-bullying Show

6 March

Interschool Sport commences

10 March

Junior Cross Country

11 March

- ☞ Senior Cross Country
- ☞ P & C Meeting

12 March

Year 7 Class Photo

14 March

Working Bee

18 March

Student Leaders Conference

30 March - 2 April

Parent Teacher Interviews

From the Deputy Principal

Responsibility

Responsibility is the value for this fortnight. We have two very important performances at our school next week as outlined below. These performances outline the importance of children being responsible for their own safety and the safety of others through reporting events that may put themselves or others at harm. Both shows also assist children with essential strategies.

Power of One

On Thursday 5th March the children will be involved in an Anti-Bullying show called "The Power Of One". The Power of One is a series of skits presented by actors who use boxes, colours, and masks to vividly portray what bullying is, what can be done about it, and how every child has the power of one, the power to report bullying when they see it. The Power of One: Explains the roles in bullying: Bully, Target, and Bystander; Shows vivid examples of different types of bullying: Physical, Verbal, Exclusion, and Cyber bullying; Alerts children that Targets need help and intervention. Encourages students not to be bystanders; Emphasizes the need for individual action to make the community a safer, better place and; Refers children to parents, adults, and teachers for further assistance and instruction. Notes regarding this show will be sent home today with the newsletter.

Bravehearts

In order to continue the focus during next week on the importance of personal safety, the Prep to Year 3 children will participate in the Bravehearts show on Tuesday, 3rd March. Notes regarding this show will be sent home today with the newsletter.

Banking

Yesterday we had a representative from the Commonwealth Bank speak with all children from Prep to Year 3. The children received a gift from the bank as well as information on school banking. Any Year 4 – 7 children interested in school banking can collect a pack from the office.



Respect Awards

The following children received the Principal's and Deputy Principal's Award for being the most respectful member of their class.



Armin 1B, Joe 1SR,
Daniel 2E, Mahlon 2/3H,
Joshua 3B, Melita 3P,
Isabella 3/4D

Amy 4A, Hayley 4M, Indigo
4/5S, Melissa 5B, Ryan 5E, Zai
5/6A, Bianca 6T, Louise 6S,
Callum 6N, Tayla 7D, Dear 7L,
Bradley 7M

2009 Funding for School Camps for Children being Raised by their Grandparents

Please be advised that the 'Time for Grandparents' Program operated by Seniors Enquiry Line and funded by the Department of Communities will continue to fund school camps during 2009 for Queensland children who are being raised by eligible grandparents.

Grandparents must register with Seniors Enquiry Line prior to camp attendance to ascertain their eligibility for funding.

Who is eligible for assistance?

Grandparents who are the primary carers and who are:

- ✓ Not receiving the fostering allowance
 - ✓ Not an approved Department of Child Safety kinship carer
- Seniors Enquiry Line currently operates the 'Time for Grandparents' Program. This program provides help to grandparents who are raising grandchildren by giving grandparents the opportunity for a well earned time out.

For further information contact Seniors Enquiry Line: 1300 135 500

Website: www.grandparentsqld.com.au

Email: grandparentsinfo@lcqg.org.au

NEWSLETTER AWARD

My child in class

gave me the Newsletter to read.

Signed:



Class Visits

Every Tuesday during middle session I am working in classrooms. Last week I visited P/1C and 1SR. P/1C was working on 'a' sound and was busy matching 'a' picture pathways and painting apples with ants on them. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to children as they explained their plans to me that they had drawn in preparation for their block play.



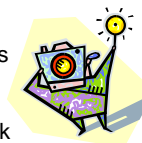
1SR was busily involved in literacy rotations when I arrived. The group I worked with was concentrating very hard on writing a sentence and remembering to put a full stop at the end. It is fantastic to see the excitement the children gain from being able to put their thoughts onto paper.

Student Council

Our Student Council attended their first meeting last Thursday. Congratulations to our executive who were voted in. President: Jack, Secretary: Taylah and Cael as our assistant executive. The Student Council also voted on the two charities our school community will support this year: The Cancer Council and Bravehearts.

Class Photos

Our Photography Company – Image Tec has offered to return to our school on 12th March to take the Year 7 photographs. This is to allow our Year 7 shirts to arrive in plenty of time. We thank Image Tec for their kind offer. All Year 7 class group and individual shots will be taken on this day.



Interschool Sport

Interschool sport deposits have started coming in. Please be aware that the full payment of **\$50 is due by Friday 27th February**. Places will be offered to other children if payment is not received by this Friday. All money **must** be paid in full by the first game on Friday, 6th March.

Alisha Le Brese

PARADE AWARDS

P - 3 (18 February)	Year 4 - 7 (20 February)
Grace Dusan Rebecca Samantha Elexi Connor Hope Joshua Catelin Tyler Noah Matthew	Caitlin Fynn Se Hyun Beau Kristie-Lee Tighe Peru Bianca Aleisha Jack Courtney



SPORT NEWS

PE

To help teach discus skills I am collecting milo or coffee tin lids from the metal cans. The 750g or 1kg size will help the children learn how to spin the discus. Please send any you might have to the office via the cash box system .

Cross Country

All of our students are in training for our school Cross Country Carnivals. These will be held on Tuesday 10 March for Prep - Year 3 and Wednesday 11 March for Year 4 - 7. Each event concludes by Morning Tea time and the following program is followed.

PREP - YEAR 3

8:45 - 9:00am **March Past**
9:00am **Prep race**
9:20am **Year 3**
9:35am **Year 2**
9:55am **Year 1**
10:15am **War Cries & Presentation for Age Champion placegetters**

YEAR 4-7

8:30 - 8:40am **March Past**
8:45am **Welcome**
9:00am **Year 7**
9:20am **Year 6**
9:40am **Year 5**
10:00am **Year 4**
10:20 **War Cries & Presentation for Age champion placegetters**

Christine Grattan
PE Teacher



4A has been learning about Dreamtime stories

Features of a Dreamtime story include
The same beginning, long, long ago...
They are about how they began
They are usually about animals, the land and nature.



How the Platypus Got its Beak

Long, long ago there lived a platypus without a beak. This platypus lived by a river in the east. One day he was swimming along and got hungry so he went to a nearby flower. There was a duck too. The platypus said he was there first so the duck will have to go but the duck said "NO" loudly. Then the platypus and the duck got into a fight. The platypus bit the duck across the beak. The beak fell off and went flying into a flower. The platypus went to wash the beak in sticky dew. The platypus sniffed and like magic the beak was stuck, and ever since then the platypus has had its beak.

By **Tuihana**

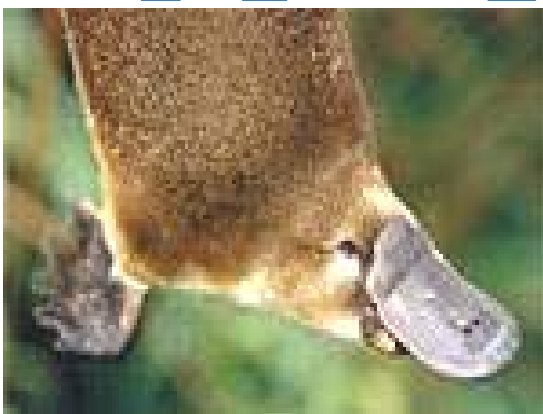
How the Platypus Got its Beak

Long, long ago there live a platypus named Mundue. He lived in the north west river. One day he was going to find some food. He dived in the water and found something, it was orange. He thought it was a fish so he tried to pull it off but it wouldn't come off. It got stuck. Ever since that time platypus have had a beak.

By **Sharnee**



4A



How the Platypus Got its Beak

Long, long ago there lived a platypus who live in a lagoon at Red Cliff. He was a shy little creature who had no friends. One day a duck came rushing in. "Look out!" shouted the platypus! But by that time it was too late. The duck hit the branch and a small orange beak fell down into the sticky bush near the stream. The duck kept on going so the platypus went to get it. Suddenly it bumped his nose. It was stuck. He tried to get it off but it was stuck for good.

By **Maysa**



How the Platypus Got its Beak

Long, long ago there lived a platypus. He jumped into the river, at the bottom he saw a long brown thing with two holes on the top. He went down to it and sniffed it. Then he put his nose on it. There was a problem he could not get it off. So he left it on and that is how the platypus got its beak.

By **Mitchell**

