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Keeping In Touch...

Greetings or Welcome Back

It has been good to visit all classrooms and see so many new and old faces. I note too, that students are settling very quickly and getting on with the job. No doubt you have noticed there are lots of new staff faces around too. Please make our new students and staff feel welcome.



Classes for 2016

At this stage we have 36 classes constructed. We are still enrolling so we may make 37 classes. This will mean that we will need to look at the pressure points across the school and create a class where the growth is biggest.

What are the Qualities of Great Teachers?

- Enthusiasm, students catch this in their classrooms.
- Charisma, teachers are Pied Pipers for their subject and students.
- The capacity to clarify and make sense, this quality illuminates any subject.
- Humour, it lightens the hard work students need to do.
- Kindness, a teacher's power is enhanced when there's a human connection.
- Genuine interest in students' progress, this involves constantly checking for understanding and responding accordingly.

Good teachers have these qualities in varying proportions, and the net effect is that students begin to teach themselves. And that, paradoxical as it may seem, is the best outcome of good teaching. Independence of endeavour, and soon therefore of mind, should be one of the fundamental aims of education.

Some novice teachers worry that if they show humour, kindness, and interest, they'll come across as weak. But there's no inconsistency in being both kind and firm, humorous although not prepared to tolerate messing about, and interested without being partial. It is a matter of operational tact and good timing.

Good teachers:

- Remember being a student.
- Hear themselves as their students hear them.
- Know which aspects of their subject might present a difficulty, and which require to be grasped before which.
- Identify what their best students will be keen to know, and why.

Students' questions and doubts compel one to think and rethink, often prompting one to see things that had not been noticed before. For this reason teaching it is never boring.

Acknowledgement: "What Makes a Good Teacher?" by A C Grayling (New College of Humanities, London)

Simon Boss-Walker
Principal

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DOUBLE PARKING

We encourage parents to obey road rules when picking up/dropping off children. It is the safety of all children that is important.

PARKING

Parents are reminded that the area in front of the ECDP (Early Childhood Developmental Program) closest to Frangipani Street is a No Parking area. The area is for the exclusive use of parents picking up/dropping off students who attend this unit. Remember, many of these students have severely restricted mobility.

No student drop-off/pick-up is permitted on the school grounds, including staff car park and circular driveway near the admin block. In special circumstances, permits may be granted by application through the school office. Families who have previously held a permit will also need to reapply for a 2016 permit.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please take a moment to reflect on what contact information you believe the school has about your child. It is vital that the school be advised of any changes of detail for both students and parents. Please ensure that address, phone, emergency contact & medication details are current.

BEFORE SCHOOL

Any students arriving at school before 8:15am are to be waiting outside the tuckshop area. At 8:15am a short bell will ring, this indicates that students are able to move to their classroom and begin getting ready for their day. If parents are required to drop off their children earlier than 8:15am, before and after school care is also available (please contact 0429836879 to enrol).

Please note that there is no supervised play before school as teachers are preparing for the day at this time.

CLASSROOM PROTOCOLS

Should you have any concerns about your child's progress or welfare, please ensure that the first point of contact is your child's teacher.

It is not uncommon to find classroom doors closed before school. This is a sign that the teacher is engaged in activities preparing for the day. Once the door has been opened, teachers are then in a position to accept students and

parents into the room. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Parents are also asked to keep young children off the playground equipment before and after school in the interest of health and safety (particularly around the junior school area).

ABSENTEEISM

It is compulsory for all children between the ages of 6 and 16 to attend school in Queensland. Parents are responsible for informing the school, either by note (preferred) or by phone (call or SMS), the reason for any student absence.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thurs: 8:00am to 4:00pm
Friday: 8:00am to 3:30 pm

Newsletters will be sent home on Thursday of each week.

INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS UNDERTAKING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

ENEWSLETTER

Our school runs an eNewsletter each week for families who have signed up to it. Our aim is to reduce paper and make the newsletter as accessible as possible for families. Families who accessed the eNewsletter will once again receive it this year. New families to the school, or returning families who would like to sign-up, can leave their email details with the ladies at the front office. Families receiving the eNewsletter will cease to receive a paper copy from week 2.

BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT

Please ensure that your child has all necessary equipment for the school year. Please label this equipment with your child's name. Book packs for Years 1-3 students who have not yet got one are available from the office for \$15, Year 4 book packs are \$10.

RESOURCE SCHEME

A reminder to parents who supported the resource scheme that tissues, ream of paper, coloured paper, art block and sunscreen have been delivered to classrooms for the start of the year.

Please note that book packs for students in Years 1-3 included the school Literacy Pack.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Borrowing

The library is open for student borrowing before school from 8:30am, at lunchtime and after school until 3:20pm. Please remind your children that they need to use a library bag when borrowing.

SWIMMING

Year 2-6 students will have a Swimming Permission Letter in their school bag by the end of this week. Please complete the forms, sign and return payment by the due date in your swimming note.

Individual class times and days are identified in the note being sent home.

Year 1 swimming will occur in Term 4.

The cost includes all bus travel and professional qualified swimming instructors at the Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre.

LEADERS BADGE CEREMONY

Student leaders' badges have been ordered and a badge ceremony will be organised over the next few weeks. Please keep an eye on the newsletter over coming weeks to find out when this ceremony will be to celebrate our new student leaders.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HERVEY BAY OZTAG

Sign on for the 2016 Autumn Season for OZTAG is coming up quickly for both Juniors and Seniors. Sign on will take place at Seagulls Rugby League Club on the 1st Feb 2016, so start getting your teams together now! So for all of the info, go to www.herveybayoztag.com.

GET INTO SOCCER

Sign on dates for the 2016 soccer season are below. Sign on is at the Hervey Bay Sports Club (cnr Tavistock Street & Boundary Road).

Saturday 30th January 9am - 2pm
Thursday 4th February 530pm - 730pm
Saturday 6th February 9am - 2pm
Thursday 11th February 530pm - 730pm
For financial assistance. Click on 'Get Started Program' below.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/>