TERM CALENDAR

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday 24th November
Friday 2nd December
Monday 5th December
Wednesday 7th December
Friday 9th December

2nd Prep Orientation 9-11am
Year 6 Graduation lunch
End of Year Concert
Year 6 Big Day Out
Last day of school

What a great school this is! Although I have only been here a few days, you can sense the commitment of the staff, the willingness of students to learn and the positive behaviour and respect shown. Friday night was a great example of this where the students responded to the efforts put in by many members of staff to stage "An Evening of the Arts". The talent and enthusiasm shown by the students was fantastic and it was a wonderful evening. Thanks to all who participated and thank you, parents and friends, for supporting it. A big thank you to all the staff for the work in the lead up to the night and for giving up their Friday Night to give your children a chance to show off their talents.

I am a passionate believer in all forms of the Arts. Research shows that students who participate in The Arts, on average, achieve better results in literacy and numeracy. The incidental skills they learn help them in the day to day school work they do. A similar theme applies to sport. I would encourage you to give your kids these opportunities.

Mark Cross will be back next week. Until then, I am looking forward to spending the rest of this week here and working with the students and staff.

Des Deighton
A/Principal

Choir News

The Senior Choir and Orchestra will be travelling to EC Childcare Centre this Friday to entertain the children. We will sing a variety of children’s songs and some of our favourites from this year. The bus will leave at approximately 9:15am and return at 11:00am. Students are asked to wear either their school uniform or orchestra uniform.

Fraser Island Academic Excellence Excursion

Candyce & Holly were invited to spend 2 days on Fraser Island where they researched marine biology, enjoyed bush walking, snorkelling and swimming. The researched different species of crabs and were able to taste different plants. They enjoyed trivia and presentations on the native marine life. The girls really enjoyed eating desert after every meal. That night they had a campfire and were able to discuss what they learnt during the day and also got to eat marshmallows.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

The Concert starts at 6:30pm with gold coin entry. Students may arrive from 6pm to the back door of the Theatre. The door will not be opened until that time.

All students will be seated in the Federation Room for the entire performance with a live video feed. The designated time to collect younger students if you wish to leave will be at the interval. You may collect your child from the Federation Room and we ask that you do not return to the theatre with your child.

We are unable to give exact times as the performance durations can vary.

Also please be aware that we are planning on recording this year’s concert, if you have any issue with your child being recorded let the office staff know as soon as possible. DVD’s will be on sale from the office early next year.

School Banking

This is the last week for ordering prizes from the School Banking. This is a list of prizes still available:

- Eraser Pen
- Fly Fan
- Writer Set
- Bag Tag
- Skipping Rope
- Slinky

Student Absence Line: 4120 2260
St Helens News

St Helens Chess Tournament
Over the last five weeks 54 students from years 1 to 6 have battled it out in St Helens lunchtime chess tournament.

Last week Zeak Johnstone (Yr 2) beat Tiah Bailey (Yr 6) for the title. The encouragement award went to Blake Ransome (Yr 3).

I would also like to congratulate and thank St Helens first ever chess captain this year Mitchell Whitaker for the job he has done helping out.

We all look forward to another successful year of chess in 2017!
Mr Fraser

Prep Possums & Wombats – Wow! All of our preps have done a great job with their Maths tests this term! We have learned so much this year.

Year 1A & 1B – This week 1A & 1B will be using their science skills from this term to create a shadow puppet show. They will be using light and sound to turn the story “The Three Bill Goats Gruff” into a small production.

Year 2B - We have started to receive Christmas letters from other schools around Queensland that are participating in our Christmas Exchange group. Every student in the class will have an opportunity to open a letter from another school. Ask your child all about this Exchange.

Year 2C – Just a reminder to send in a white 100% cotton T-shirt for me to dye and paint for our end of year concert item. If you don’t have an old one at home, Big W and Best and Less have them for under $4. I am planning to decorate them this weekend, so please bring them in before Friday. Thank you.

Year 2/3R – Thank you to everyone who has so far brought in a white shirt for end of year concert, please ensure your child has their name on it and can bring one in by the end of the week. Also in class, we have moved on from the famous Mary Gilmore and are now looking at other monumental times in world history. Ask your child what they have been looking at and what they know.

Year 3F – Have you got your costume ready yet for the end of year concerts? Plain coloured bright shirt, no large pictures or words. Jeans or dark leggings and your dancing shoes.

Year 3N – Parents, keep an eye out in your child’s bag this week for a note regarding costumes for our school concert performance. Your child will be dressed as either a ghost or a ghostbuster!

Year 4M – The class have worked extremely hard this week on wrapping up some English and Science assessment pieces. They are to be congratulated for their commitment.

Year 4S – Rehearsals for our school concert performance are well under way. Students will require a plain black shirt with colourful shorts. Shoes need to be closed in. Over the next couple of weeks several extra items will be coming home but we are still assessing in class at the moment.

Year 5H – In Maths we are examining everything to with Geometric Reasoning. Ask your child about the different types of angles they have been investigating and to give you an example of each angle they found on the playgroup yesterday. Also, for our End of Year Concert item we be doing a glow in the dark performance. If any families would like to contribute any glow sticks/items it would be greatly appreciated.

Year 6P – This week year 6 are leaning new vocabulary. Ask your child what ‘gewgaw’?

The 2017 Book List is available from the office.
WANTED TO BUY
Dolls Prams and Strollers, Dolls, including Baby Born and Cabbage Patch dolls, dolls clothes etc in good condition.
Please call Helen after 4pm on 4123 4171
### Star of the Week

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<td>For excellent behaviour on our Prep excursion. Great work!</td>
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<td>Malachi Thomas</td>
<td>For good behaviour on our excursion.</td>
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<td>Year 1A</td>
<td>Sarah Whitaker</td>
<td>For consistently displaying the school values of respect, commitment and integrity!</td>
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<td>Blake Ashman</td>
<td>For being a respectful student and working hard to reach your goals.</td>
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<td>Aidan Hansen</td>
<td>For your insightful predicting in reading groups this week. Outstanding work Aidan.</td>
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<td>Riley Hutchinson</td>
<td>For putting you best effort into your learning this week and improving your focus. Great job Riley!</td>
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<td>Shelby Thompson</td>
<td>For your enthusiastic nature towards all classroom activities. Thanks for being you!</td>
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<td>For always trying hard in class. Great commitment, Mitchell!</td>
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<td>Katelyn Thiele</td>
<td>For the outstanding commitment you have shown in completing all of your assessment tasks.</td>
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<td>Jesse Scott</td>
<td>For your personal and academic growth throughout 2016. You should be proud of your efforts.</td>
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<td>For his outstanding effort in all writing tasks. Well done.</td>
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<td>For your impeccable manners to both your friends and adults. Well done.</td>
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<td>Maddison Doblo</td>
<td>Demonstrating a huge improvement in her creative writing. Great work Maddie.</td>
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