Dear Parents,

In our next newsletter I am attaching information regarding appropriate and inappropriate use of Social Media and Cyberbullying. Last week, Mr Lee who is an expert in Cyberbullying, conducted an extremely informative session with our Year 6 students. I will also send home notes on his session. If there is sufficient interest, we will look at him conducting a session for parents.

SHOW HOLIDAY:
Our school show holiday is on Monday, 10 August. Herc Rd will be closed on this day.

PRINCIPAL SELECTION:
I will be retiring at the end of this term and I have been informed that a selection process will be conducted in mid-August to select my replacement. I anticipate being advised of whom the new Principal will be by the end of August, with the new person taking up the position officially on Tuesday, 06 October. I will keep you informed.

P&C MEETING:
This will be held on Tuesday 18 August in the Library from 2.45pm. All are most welcome.

SCHOOL LEADERS PROJECT:
In first term our 12 School Leaders initiated and ran a ‘Comic Character Dress-Up Day’. This term they have decided to run a Paper Plane competition that any student can enter. Details will come out shortly.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL ON TIME
Just a reminder to all our families that school instruction starts at 8:25am. We encourage all children to be settled in the classroom by this time.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
EVERY DAY COUNTS ..... because children achieve better when they attend school all day
EVERY DAY COUNTS ..... because going to school means a better chance at life
EVERY DAY COUNTS ..... because school helps children build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.
EVERY DAY COUNTS ..... because going to school is a legal requirement.

What the law says
Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on ALL school days unless you have a reasonable excuse. You must not keep your child away from school for minor reasons. Under the law, schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers about any unexplained absences.

What you can expect from the school
• Monitoring of student attendance;
• Following up any unexplained absences as soon as practicable, but within three days of any unexplained absence;
• Following up on patterns of repeated absenteeism;
• Effective teaching strategies to engage your child in learning;
• Strategies to help you to encourage your child to go to school.

ABSENCE LINE
38974360
Please phone and leave a message if your child is going to be absent from school.
Congratulations to Amali Davidson, Jayda Davidson, Riley Vafiopoulos and Oliver Crewe who successfully auditioned for the Advanced String Workshop, and to Rhianna Patrick for the Advanced Band Workshop, to be held on 19 - 21 August at the Watson Park Centre. Selection for these workshops is comparable to selection for a Regional sport team. Well done to these students!

G Ashton
Instrumental Music Teacher

MUSICAL:
Mrs. Matthews will be ordering costumes for the musical on Friday. Please let her know by Thursday if there are any issues/questions regarding costumes.

All dancers are required to have a copy of the CD which is available from the office for $2.50.

If you have lost your copy of the script you can purchase another one from the office for $2.50.

Copies of the rehearsal timetable are available at the office at any time.

DISTRICT SPORT:
The District Sports Carnival will be held on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th August at Zammit Oval, Deception Bay. Please return permission slips as soon as possible.

DISCO WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST:
Prep to Year 3 – 5.30 – 6.15pm, Year 4 – 7 – 7:30 to 7.15. Hot Food Order Forms are being sent home with this newsletter. Please complete same and return with money to the tuckshop no later than Monday 3rd August. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase on the night. Students are to be picked up.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN:
We are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program so please collect the stickers when you shop at Woolies and drop them into the office.

HERC AWARD WINNERS 24TH JULY

Honesty  Filifili (2F)  
Effort  Rhianna (6J)  
Respect  Wikitoria (1B)  
Cooperation  Lilly (Prep S)  
Safety  Magnolia (1B)  

WHAT DOES ONE MILLION BREAD TAGS LOOK LIKE?
Please keep bringing them in so we can all see.

GET STARTED VOUCHER PROGRAM OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing’s Get Started Vouchers program is accepting applications for a voucher of up to $150 to help pay an eligible child’s sport or recreation club membership and/or participation fees.

Parents or carers who hold a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply straight away.

Children who aren’t eligible under this criterion can apply if they are nominated by two referral agents. The list of referral agents still includes principals, school guidance officers and police officers among other occupations but teachers are unable to nominate a child in this round.

Vouchers are issued on a ‘first-come first-served’ basis and applications will close when all the funds are allocated or on 30 September. So submit your application as soon as possible.
HERCULES ROAD STATE SCHOOL

HOURS
OFFICE CASH COLLECTION:   8:00 TO 9:00AM
TUCKSHOP: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
8:00AM TO 2:15PM
UNIFORM SHOP: Monday (Term 1 and 4 only) 8:00AM TO 9:00AM
and Friday 2:00PM TO 2:45PM

P & C EXECUTIVES
President: Laraine Law
Vice President: Kellie Judd
Secretary: Sandra Sparrow
Treasurer: assist treasurer

P & C News
The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th August in the library at 2.45pm.

Tuckshop News

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Commonwealth Banking
Banking every Wednesday. Please hand bankbooks in at the office before school.

JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Moreton Bay Regional Council is on a quest to find a winning junior environmental photographer!

Council is hosting the Living Smart Junior Photography Competition. The winning submission will be awarded a Family pass to Australia Zoo.

Juniors under the age of 17, within the Moreton Bay Region, can upload their environmental photo (one entry per person) to the Living Smart Website.

Suggestions for photos
- Plants and Animals of the Moreton Bay Region
- Creepy crawlies - insects and spiders of the Moreton Bay Region
- Natural landscapes, including waterways of the Moreton Bay Region
- People enjoying the great outdoors/natural environment

Competition Prizes
- 1st prize - Family Pass (4 people) to Australia Zoo
- 2nd prize - Native (stingless) bee hive or nest box
- 3rd prize - ‘The David Attenborough Exclusive Collection’ (5 disc DVD collection)

Competition commences on Wednesday 1 July and closes on Saturday 15 August 2015.
From Sunday 30 August 2015 the winning entries will be announced at our Lowlands Festival.

To enter, head to the Living Smart website www.livingsmartqld.com.au/living-smart-competition and submit a photo of the great outdoors, along with details in 25 words or less.

REDCLIFFE SOFTBALL
SIGN ON
10:00AM – 2:00PM
Sunday 16th AUGUST
All ages – Male and Female
80 Boardman Road, Kippa Ring

Where people make the Difference