Welcome everyone to week 4. My, how the term is flying along. We are nearly at our half way point for the term. Students will be beginning to develop skills this week and next week in how to construct their first piece of assessment for the term.

Thank you to all the parents who came in over the past 2 weeks for parent meetings. It was a great opportunity to discuss new agendas for your child and any concerns with their learning. With new agendas in place and a focus on improving behaviours required to successfully learn, we will see some great progress across our whole school with our new targets being set.

**GOAL AREA PROGRESS:**

**Spelling** – In the area of spelling, students are being re-introduced to the LEM again with a key focus on the rules. Alongside the 4 lessons a week based around the sounds and LEM that Mrs Chamberlin, Mrs Morse, Mrs White and myself do, Mrs Hunting as of next week will be taking our 4-7’s and doing an intensive explicit lesson on key rules that students require support on. This will help us make considerable gain on the students LEM knowledge development and improve their overall spelling.

**Reading** – Our students have now had 2 weeks of our explicit teaching of reading. This involves beginning with vocab, modelled lesson, shared lesson and then a guided comprehension lesson. Through working in this sequence students are supported in learning new knowledge bit by bit and applying it to scaffolded knowledge. This will support their long term retention.

**Numeracy** – Students data has fully been compiled now and we are able to look at where they are sitting against the benchmarks and standards. Through this diagnostic assessment we can see also specific areas within mathematics that individual students need support in and also areas that whole cohorts require further exposure to. Therefore across the week students will be immersed in 5 maths blocks and a separate block in which we will be targeting these areas. It is important that no matter how fast we move kids forward, that we don’t leave holes in their knowledge as we go. We must always go back to fix any holes.
A word from our Principal (cont.)

Behaviour Matrix and Steps

You will find this week an attachment to the newsletter consisting of our school wide matrix for expected behaviour and our behaviour steps. All students are aware of these steps and through a minor and major chart in the classroom understand what constitutes each step. Our behaviour focus last week was to learn the steps and be able to communicate them back as well as a focus on how we respect our property. We focused on simple things like the way our hats seem to always be laying around the hat racks but never on them. We modelled different ways that it would be effective for our hats to be organised, and the best way to keep them on the rack. Now having being modelled that standard, students’ goal this week is to maintain it.

Small School's Sports Day

Well done to all the students who competed in our small school’s sports day. It was a very big and busy day with our little athletes taking out several of our big awards and plenty of ribbons flying everywhere. A big thank you to Mrs Morse who seemed to just fly around all day in non-stop mode getting the students all organised and warmed up. Thank you also to Mrs Chamberlin who set our school aside from the others with a new war cry which sounded very similar to an Indian call…..wwwwhhhhhhhhh!!!!!! Last but not least, thank you to all the parents who came along and helped us on the day and supporting our students.

Apex Shield - Percentage Athletics: Givelda State School & McIlwraith State School
Senior Boy Champion: Jackson Ellis
Senior Boy Runner Up: Riley Hunting
Junior Girl Runner Up: Mikayla-Rose Hamilton
Junior Boy Champion: Jaxon Briggs
Minor Boy Runner Up: Mason Paroz
800m Winner: Riley Hunting
400m Winner: Jaxon Briggs
400m Runner Up: Mikayla-Rose Hamilton

Week 4 Audit

This week we are being audited. Stewart Jones will be here to give our school some feedback on areas we can celebrate and areas we can work on moving forward in. He will be evaluating our teaching standards, the curriculum we deliver and be speaking to P and C, staff and students to make sure it is a consistent approach throughout the entire school. We welcome this type of experience as these are the ones that make our school move to new heights.
A word from our Principal (cont.)

READING TIPS

Ways you can help your child to improve reading:

⇒ Read to your child
⇒ Have your child read to you as many times as you can fit in over the week
⇒ SIGHTWORDS are one of the keys to success!!!!!
⇒ Help your child to spell—if they can’t sound out then they spend their life guessing words

BEHAVIOUR/HOMEWORK TIPS

Having trouble with behaviour at home? A little tip that works for little minds. Stick one to the fridge.
GENERAL NEWS

SMALL SCHOOL’S SPORTS DAY

What a wonderful day!! Once again congratulations to our medal winners and all who attended this day. Your participation, sportsmanship, skills and behaviour are a credit to you and your parents for instilling these positive morals and therefore making for a most enjoyable day.

Thank you again to all parents who helped out with transport and cheering the students on their way to success.

Every student tried their very best in every event which enabled us to win the Apex Shield. Ball game and relay certificates are on display at the notice board near students’ fridge.

JACKSON ELLIS FUNDRAISERS

An ENORMOUS thank you must go to everyone who supported the 3 fundraisers we were holding to help send Jackson to Mackay to compete in the U12 School Boys State Touch Football Championships from 21—24 August. With your support our efforts raised a total of $416. Mrs White’s extremely kind donation of the crocket blanket raised $39 and was won by the Matt Family. The students’ Muffin and Milo Shop was very popular and raised $185.

I’m hearing reports that your children, our students, are excellent cooks with their biscuit driving raising $192.

We wish Jackson all the best as he heads off to Mackay very soon knowing that he has many supporters who are wishing him well and his school will be cheering him on.

Thank you again to all who contributed in any way.

Kindest regards,

Glenis Morse

Thank you from the Ellis Family

We would sincerely like to thank Glenis Morse for all her work and organisation towards the recent fundraisers to help send Jackson to Mackay. Also a huge thank you to Helen White for her kind donation of a lovely crocket blanket. Also thank you to everyone who supported these fundraisers. This money will go directly towards the compulsory levy and uniforms costs involved.
GENERAL NEWS

STUDENT AWARDS
Week 3—Term 3

STUDENT OF THE WEEK—Benjamin

Super Speller Awards—Alexander, Mason, Kodi, Shiloh, Ava, Kody and Jack

Star Student Awards—Benjamin and Mikayla-Rose

Homework Awards—Jorja, Rhiannon and Oliver

Merit Award—Shaylee—Jade

WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC

Don’t forget if you’d like FREE tickets to this year’s World Festival of Magic performance for your family, please let us know asap and we will arrange for your tickets. When they arrive we will send them home.

When—Wednesday 29th October, 2014

Where—Moncrieff Theatre at 6.00pm

If there are any families who would prefer to have their Newsletter emailed, please contact the school with your email address.
SMALL SCHOOL’S SPORTS DAY PICS
Main meal served at morning tea, and homebake and treat will be served at the afternoon tea break. **If you would like an extra homeback for your child, please write extras and **0.50c** for each additional homebake.

**Orders are due in by 9am the Wednesday of each tuckshop week.** Write orders clearly on an envelope or bag and have students place their orders in the green tin inside the office.

**Our tuckshop day for this term is: THURSDAY**

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**Homebake Roster - 24 pieces to be baked.**
(patty cakes, sliced cake, biscuits, slices, tarts etc)

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Tuckshop Roster - 1 parent per day

Due to a change in circumstances we are now seeking assistance from families to help with our fortnightly tuckshop day. There is a vacancy on Thursday 28th August.

Duties:

1. Homebake is provided by school families as per the Homebake Roster.
2. Lasagne, Salad and Crumbed Fish is normally a prepared dish bought from the supermarket. At times the school garden will have salad items.
3. Any costs of food ingredients will be reimbursed by the P & C provided a receipt is presented. The receipt should be a separate receipt from your personal shopping.
4. Collate the orders for tuckshop by 3pm Wednesday. Advise Jacinta of extra ingredients required. This can be done either by a note, text or call. Jacinta will deliver these to the school by 8.30am on Thursday.
5. Wash up and put items away.
6. Sweep the floor.
7. Remove rubbish to wheelie bins, and insert new liner into bin.
8. Advise Jacinta if there are any items which are running low (e.g. paper towel)
9. Ensure the fridge and freezer doors are properly closed.

Roster:

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