Pathways to the future
Tuesday 18th August 2015

Hi Everyone
Hopefully the yucky weather has passed and we are on the improve with the sun visiting us more frequently.
We are busy planning for next year and it would help if we knew our exact enrolments. If you, or if you know someone intending to send their child here next year, could you please contact the school and request an enrolment pack as this would greatly help with our planning.
Have a great week!
Wendy

Book Week – Books Light Up Our World
This year Book Week is 22nd to 28th August and the theme is “Books Light Up Our World.” We are planning some exciting activities during the week. On Thursday 27th August we invite you to come up to the school for afternoon tea, some activities and the parade. Get your thinking caps on for the dress up parade with the theme “Books Light Up Our World.”

Woodworking
The woodworking trailer is still at school for the next couple of weeks. Some students still need to finish their kits and this will be done in the next couple of weeks.

Curriculum Day
Our next curriculum day is on 7th September. We will be working on our school self-assessment ready for our review in October. Students are not required at school this day.

School Arrival Time
Just a quick reminder that Teachers are on duty at 8.45am and students are not required at school before then. (bus students excepted)

Hall Catering Friday 28th August
Please save this date as it is our next catering opportunity. These catering opportunities are vital in the context of the school’s fundraising – we are able to keep our school fees very low. More details to follow.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF)
There are a number of families who were receiving EMA last year who may qualify for CSEF and, as yet, have not filled in an application form. If you are one of these families, or if your situation has changed and you now have a health care card, please contact the school for an application form. The CSEF payment amount is $125 per year for each primary school student and $225 for each secondary school student.

School Council
Please note. Our next school council meeting is tomorrow afternoon, 19th August at 5.30pm. Attached to this newsletter are the minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda.

Reading Eggs
Last week you would have received a letter explaining the new reading support materials we have purchased. This is an on-line resource which enables us to have 24/7 access. In the information you received in the letter is the user name and
password for your child. Please encourage your child to make use of this resource after school and on the weekends.

Kid’s Council News
Welcome to our new council members. They are Katelyn (President), Talen (Vice-President), Caitlin (Treasurer), Chevi, Roman, Lachlan, Jack H, Declan and Kenzie.

Hot Dogs
Attached to this newsletter is the order from for hotdogs for this Thursday. Please complete and return to school tomorrow.

Footy Colours Day
Footy Colours Day is planned for the last week of term. More details will be in the next newsletter.

Japanese
Hi folks, just thought you would like to know that your children are doing very well in Japanese this year. It really makes a significant difference when we can have it each week. The senior room are learning their hiragana at a great rate of knots and are also able to hold structured conversations. The junior room have focused on winter words and songs and also their kanji numbers to 10. Last week we even added in Japanese. Well done kids... love your enthusiasm to learn another language.

While on the subject of other cultures, don’t forget our Indigenous Lunch Day on the 8th of September. Children will only need to bring their snacks on the day as lunch will be provided by the school.

Playgroup
Playgroup is conducted every second Monday at school in our multi-purpose room. We welcome all new members as we see this as a valuable community program. The next meeting is next Monday 24th August. Hopefully the weather is not too cold and we get a good attendance.

Junior Classroom News
Foundation students will begin focusing on three-letter words this week as well as revising letter sounds. Some letters (such as ‘g’ and ‘u’) are tricky as children tend to confuse g and j and u with y when they are trying to spell words. Please continue to assist your child with their sight words’ at the back of their reader covers as they are making really good progress! Our writing focus is Descriptive writing and learning to use a range of adjectives. ‘Perimeter’ is the focus in maths this week. One activity will be to design a ‘robot’ on grid paper and then work out the perimeter by counting the outside of each square. Year 2 will also use ‘Tables’ in Word to create shapes and work out the perimeters of these shapes. A challenge yesterday was to ask students to create a ‘tile mat’ using square tiles with a perimeter of 30 cm. It really made them think!!!

In History, Year 2 children are researching information on things that have changed over periods of time, eg. money, toys, etc. So far only four children have brought photos of themselves as babies. I photocopy the photos and send home the originals straight away, so just a reminder for those who haven’t brought one yet, please could you send them along?

Senior Classroom News
We are linking our learning of decimals to our measurement unit and we are developing our understandings of how to convert units of measurement i.e: mm to cm to m...

Our dreamtime stories are nearly complete and the kids have done a fantastic job in both writing and illustrating their very own dreamtime story. This week we will be watching a video of indigenous students who live in Arnhem Land and how they created their very own dreamtime story using Claymation. We will then begin making our Claymations which will involve writing scripts, creating characters using modelling clay, designing backgrounds, and using technology to capture the animation.

It is great to have lots of students back at school this week after a week or two with camps and illnesses! The focus and
engagement of the students in the senior room is commendable, well done kids!

Leadership Camp
On Monday 3rd August, Emily and I were lucky enough to go on a leadership camp. Unfortunately, Emily got sick and had to go home. The leadership camp was so much fun. On the first day we played games to get to know everyone in our group then we talked about leadership and what makes a good leader. Our group leader was Kim, she taught us about Fifteen Mile Creek and we did a tour of the campus. For the next four days Kim would choose a leader for one activity and if it was your turn you would have to take charge and lead the group. The activities were rock climbing, archery, making damper, bushwalking, bike riding, orienteering (using maps and compass), cooking and night activities. We had so much fun and learnt a lot.
Charli

School Photos
School photos are planned for the first Tuesday in term 4. Please put this date in your diaries. Thankyou to Robyn Bird who has kindly offered to take them again this year.

Book Club
Attached to this week's newsletter is book club. It is due back on 2nd September.

Inferring – Senior Grade
I infer that this picture is in Dan’s memory and he is thinking of his grandpa in Hospital laying on the Hospital bed. I think the people in the picture are the nurses.

By Jack K

I infer that Dan came home and was sad mum made dinner and Dan didn’t have it because he was too sad.

Dan walks outside and his mum comes to comfort him he tells her about the good times Dan and grandpa had together.

Mum and Dan go walking Dan shows mum where he went with his grandpa where grandpa told him stories.

Dan remembers this place he thinks back to all the fun he had with his grandpa.

By Jack K
In the olden days they had to wash their clothes on a washing board. They also brought the wood in for the wood stove.
By Jack and Tilly

In the olden days kids might make the bread, put the wood in the stove and clean the clothes. They did the knitting.
By Ollie

In the olden days kids would knit and cook. They would bring the wood in, and do all sorts of jobs.
By Charlie

In the olden days people milked the cows and put wood on the wooden stove. In the olden days kids did the knitting. In the olden days people did washing by hand.
By Eli

In the Olden Days – Junior Grade

TOYS
By Jamieson