A Letter to the Community

Dates to Remember in 2011

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Junior News

The Early Learning Centre is finally back to its usual routine after frantically preparing all their entries to the Beaudesert Show. The students are very excited to attend the show tomorrow. This afternoon our students went out to Coaster-Garton’s chicken farm to see the baby chickens. This gave them the opportunity to see the chickens when they first come into the shed and when they are ready to leave. They had a great time and asked lots of questions.

This week the students have been doing their regular maths activities and daily revision and practice. They have also been participating in their weekly literacy rotations. In art the students made a beautiful bird out of a paper plate. They accessorised with feathers and yellow paint. The finished products look fantastic!

We also held our group skipping competition this week. The students did a wonderful job. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported our students. They really appreciated it! Our winners for the continuous skipping competition were Rosie, Jesse-Lea and Mazie. Great job girls!

More from us next week!

Kasey, Karin and Cathy

TUCKSHOP

14TH SEPTEMBER

HELPERS

Kaylene Wright, Tracey Vayne

CAKES/Slice

Bilinda Binstead
Year 4/5 News

This past fortnight, our class had been frantically completing entries for the Beaudesert Show. All the students have now completed individual projects on early Australian explorers and there are also multiple entries in the art classes for the Show. The students have all written stories and there is even some photography entered in the Show.

In addition, to the Show, our students spent time last week making Fathers’ Day gifts. We hope that the fathers all enjoyed their gifts and that they had a great day on Sunday.

We will be spending the remaining time this term finishing off our work in SOSE, Maths and English. The Year 4/5’s are also completing their English QCAT’s on descriptive writing before the holidays.

More from our class next time.

Tina

Year 6/7 News

We hope all the Dads enjoyed Fathers’ Day last Sunday. And I’m sure you will make sure your delightful children keep to the promises they made in their gift certificates.

Late last week the class was busy putting the finishing touches to their Beaudesert Show entries. As we visit the pavilions, tomorrow (Friday), after the AG ED Program, everyone will be hoping to read their name on a prize card. We have been very proud of the standard of work the class has produced. And in our eyes they are already winners because of their great time management skills, completing the activities within the given time frame.

This week in class, students have been measuring angles greater than a straight line, looking at and producing tessellating shapes and completing problem solving activities during maths lessons. In English, the class has moved from analysing myths and legends to writing a myth, by firstly planning an outline. Over the coming weeks, they will complete a first and final draft of their myth for assessment. Initial consultations with individual students have revealed some interesting subjects for their writing. In S.O.S.E., small groups of students have been planning the research and presentation of their World Religions oral presentations.

Colleen Benstead & Maryann Watterson

Thought for the Week

When we no longer appreciate the beauty of the view. It’s then time to view yourself.

Anonymous

Beaudesert Show

On Friday, the whole school will be visiting the Beaudesert Show. We will leave school at 9am and travel by bus to the show. We have been booked into various Ag.Ed. programs at the show and will have the opportunity to view various exhibits, including the schools’ section. Our school has submitted many entries in the various classes for all age groups, so hopefully, our students will be rewarded with a few prizes!!

Tomorrow the students will need a small backpack in which to carry a water bottle,
and their lunch and snacks for the day. The students are expected to wear full school uniform and their school hats. There is no cost for this excursion. The students don’t need to bring any money to the show, but may take up to $10 for a treat or a show bag. As the sideshow area won’t operate until after 3pm on Friday, there won’t be any opportunity for students to visit this area.

We will leave the show at 2:15pm to arrive back at school for the usual school bus runs. If parents want to meet the children at the show, please let the staff know in advance and arrange to meet up with the children at the school bus entry to the show at 2:15pm.

Photography Workshops

For the first time this year, our students in Years 4-7 had weekly photography classes conducted by Kelly from Blue Bird Photography at Mount Tamborine. The students have learned much about taking successful photos using a range of techniques.

Some of the work the students have done can be seen in the school’s display cabinet near the office. Next time you visit the school be sure to have a look!!

Healthy Friday Lunches

Healthy Friday Lunches will resume in Term Four. This week on Friday everyone is off to the Beaudesert Show to take part in the AG ED Program and next week we will be having a fun day of activities (see other newsletter article for details), as it is the last day of Term 3.

Colleen Benstead

Last Day of Term Activities

With Bicycle Queensland cyclists in the district, we have been given an opportunity to take part in some interesting Bicycle activities on the last day of Term - Friday 16 Sept.

All students are invited to take part in Bling your Bike/Scooter. Students can bring their bike or scooter and decorate it at school. Some items will be provided by the school (tape and crepe paper), everything else can be brought from home to create a masterpiece of decoration. Students will be given a time limit to complete their decorating prior to judging. (Children who don’t have a bike/scooter will be able to assist other students.) Prizes will be awarded for Best Bike/Scooter - Prep to 3 and 4-7; Most practical; Most colourful; Craziest and Best Team Effort. Photos of our best entries will be sent to Cycling Queensland for an overall prize to be judged from participating schools.

Also on the day there will be an obstacle course for students to ride through with their bike/scooter. (For safety reasons, this will be run like a time trial to avoid too many bikes/scooters on the course at one time.) There will also be a talk about bike safety from relavent government personnel in time for holiday fun.

(Parents, we can store your child's bike or scooter safely at school, if you would prefer to bring it in prior to Friday's Bling Your Bike/Scooter Competition.)

Colleen Benstead
Walkathon

The walkathon money and forms have now been sent away. The students’ prizes should arrive at school late next week or early in term 4.

Because less than 10 sponsorship forms came back from this event this year and it was the major fundraiser for the Student Council’s designated charity, the Queensland Cancer Council, it may be necessary to plan another fund-raising event before the end of the year.

The Student Council are committed to raising $600 per year to donate to the Council.

Thank You

The school thanks all the parents and friends of the students who came to see them perform their skipping routines and their song at school yesterday. Because of timetabling issues, it isn’t often that the school has an opportunity to showcase the work of our very talented specialist teachers and we were very happy to be able do so yesterday.

The Year 7’s also deserve our thanks for the great leadership they have shown in organising their assigned student groups and creating terrific skipping routines which suited the mixed ages and abilities of the students in their groups. In addition to the daily PE times, the skipping has taken up a lot of the Year 7 students’ free time to both plan and practise with the students in their groups. A great job, guys!! Well done!!

After a special morning tea for the parents and staff hosted by the Year 7’s, Mrs O., our school’s very dedicated and talented Learning Support Teacher, spoke to the parents about how to make the most out of reading with their children.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a special day!
P&C News

Water Coolers
This week 2 chilled water bubblers were installed at the school. (One under the main building and one at the pool) This project was fully funded by a Queensland Government Gambling Community Benefit Fund Grant totalling almost $9000), which the P&C were successful in obtaining. The grant also includes funding for an outdoor water fountain below the main playground. This should be installed very soon.

With the onset of hot weather, the chilled water bubblers are proving very popular with children already queuing up! We are now looking into making a permanent step, to enable the younger children to reach the bubbler. There are many health benefits gained by drinking adequate amounts of water, so hopefully the bubblers will encourage children to drink more H2O and remain hydrated, healthy and happy at Rathdowney School!

Bicycle Qld Fundraising Event
Please remember to return the yellow form that was sent out in last week’s newsletter for our next fundraiser on the 16th September. If you did not receive a form please ask at the office for one.

Double Helix Holiday Science
A fun, 3 hour hands-on science experience for children aged 7 to 12, 27 September at Canterbury College, Old Logan Village Road, Waterford.

These holidays come exploring the Earth with Rocks, Minerals and Mining, and discover the most amazing things about our bodies with DNA Discovery.

Cost: $30 Double Helix Member/ $35 non-member (pre-payment is required to secure your booking).

Times: 2 sessions daily: 8.30am – 12.00pm OR 1.00pm – 4.30pm.

The sessions include a 30 minute break for a snack. Please note: nuts and products containing nuts are banned.

Sessions are limited to 25 children so bookings are essential!

Bookings open on August 22
Please note: children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult
For more information and bookings: www.csiro.au/events/SQLD-Holidays

Triple P program
Availability of new Triple P program for families concerned about bullying. When children are bullied by their peers, parents desperately want to be able to help but are often unsure of what to do. Resilience Triple P is designed to help families support their children when they are experiencing problems with peers. The program teaches children how to handle difficult situations with peers and gives parents strategies to improve child resilience and to communicate effectively with the child’s school to resolve problems. This new program is being trialled by the Parenting and Family Support Centre (University of Queensland). Families interested in participating in the program are, for a lim-
Early Years Kindergarten
Beaudesert Early Years Kindergarten will be opening on Monday 3 October, 2011 (start of term 4), with spaces still available. There are fee reductions for health care card holders. If you would like more information or are interested in enrolling your child please contact the centre on 5540 1500.

Sewing
Alterations, Repairs
Curtains & Clothes
Call Kymberly Griffiths
5544 1230

Volunteers Wanted
Host an International Exchange Student
Gain a new family member
Make a life long link to a family in an other country
Learn about another language and culture
Share the beauty and culture of Australia
Contribute to international goodwill
By offering to act as a host family in a volunteer capacity, you will provide an international student with the opportunity to study and experience life here in Australia.
With new students arriving in January 2012 from over 20 countries, why not give the students in your local area the opportunity to learn about other cultures and make international friends!
If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today. Note: opportunities exist for families to host on a long term basis (5 or 10 months) as well as a temporary and short term basis (2 or 3 months).
To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia call 1300 135 331 or visit our website: www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

Give Away Dog
Kelpie X Male black in colour, Micro-chipped
12mths old
Please ring: 0419678046