Dear Parents & Community

Welcome to the final year of the term. We’re off to a flying start at school. All students have been encouraged to aim for their best as this is the final term for the year and their final time in their current class. We want everyone to celebrate their report card at the end of term.

For our Year 6 students, not only will it be the end of Year 6, it is the end of their primary school education. Another major milestone in their lives! We wish Jude, Eden, William, Lachlan, Jessie, Talia and Dellie all the best for this term. Enjoy every moment guys!

Welcome to our Pre-Preps who are attending Induction classes so they can get use to school routines and being in a class. Parents of 2017 Preps are able to enrol their child in e-Kindy as part of helping your child have the best preparation for school. E-Kindy is operated by School of Distance Education centres and activities are delivered via Internet and mail. We are looking at how we can deliver this from our school for next year.

Exciting news! It was announced by the minister that we shall be having flashing School Zone installed at our school in the very near future. Member for Keppel, Brittany Lauga rang to inform me this week. Hopefully this will be an alert to drivers who persistently drive faster than the 40kph and will flash when it is school zone time. They will of course not operate during school holidays.

Our Learning Support teacher returns to work in focus groups in the senior class. This term our focus improvement will delivered in larger groups and longer sessions in spelling, comprehension and problem solving. This term, Year 2 will be joining Year 3s for these focus sessions as part of their transition to the senior class. Miss Svenson rejoins us again for the term. Miss Svenson will also be working in the Junior class on Tuesdays to release me for principal administration duties.

Our end of year play has been written. Students will be placed in groups. The only costume requirement is bright colourful clothes. Props will be made by the staff. Parents will be notified if there is anything they need to supply.

Our school oval has been top dressed to cover all the ruts from the trucks during the cyclone. Please keep young children off the dirt!

Yours in education
Jo-Anne Shephard Principal
From the Junior Classroom

Welcome back for the final term for 2016.

All the students are really applying themselves in class and so the term has started off really. We are doing more peer work where Y1/2 student works with a Prep student so they can apply their knowledge and skills. We especially do this in English and Maths drills. The older students are enjoying being ‘the teacher’.

Our Year 2s will be having some opportunities this term to work in the senior class. They are very ready for this transition.

Remember Year 1 and 2 students as part of their spelling homework are to write one sentence which has 7 or more words.

Homework Reading— readers are reissued for the next week, if a child has not read their books!

Happy learning

Mrs Shephard (teacher)

Junior students aim high!!!!

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From the Senior Classroom……..

We have begun our very busy last term of the year and it already feels like we need a break!

This week I have been speaking with students about their effort in the classroom. For some students the quality of work that has been completed is not at a satisfactory standard and they are more interested in disrupting others than working. Hopefully I will see a change in their work ethic.

We have adjusted our Monday timetables for our focus teaching. Ms Danielle Svenson will be working with students in Years 3 & 5 and I will be working with students in Years 4 & 6. English will have a big focus on spelling rules and comprehension while Maths will be focusing on a particular area such as time, money and problem solving in the form of rich tasks.

Homework this term is slightly different for Year 6s. They will be having assignments rather than weekly sheets. They will continue to have a spelling test each week however. The current assignment which is due Week 5 and will be presented in front of the class, is a speech based on a topic they are passionate about. We will discuss in class.

As I said…. Busy busy!! Please go to bed at a appropriate time in order to be focussed on learning.

Ms Issy

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Student of the Week!

Jessie—for always being willing to assist others and her excellent work ethic!
Poppy—for working hard to finish her work in a more timely manner.
Dellie—for always striving to achieve her best.
Tylah—for his fantastic writing.
Hayden - for his leadership on the Junior class
Michael—for his excellent work attitude and always completing his set tasks in a timely manner

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Reading Rocketeers

Ajay— for his very high level of attendance

There is a VERY low attendance of students for Reading Rocketeers

Parents: Please make sure your child arrives early for their day!
IMPORTANT NOTICES

Student Resource Scheme
In 2016 we shall again be offering the very cost effective Student Resource Scheme for our parents. We know this scheme takes all the worry, time and stress away for parents.

Details will go out soon for parents to indicate their participation in this scheme. Parents are quite welcome to opt out of this service and purchase requirements themselves. Opting out parents MUST supply all books for the year at the start school please.

The school will purchase the text book, as not outside educational shops supply this text book.

We usually keep costs around per year level around $60—$70 for the year. Reminder—parents are always welcome to pay off their account over a period of time. All accounts to be paid by the end of Term 1.

Just a reminder that this year we had a number of donated stationery items for the students to use which helped to reduce costs for this year only.

Shop Lunch
Reminder to parents to PLEASE order your child’s shop lunch prior to lunchtime. There have many times that staff have had to chase parents lately. If parents are uncontactable we have a supply of emergency food from staffroom.

There is NO SHOP LUNCH ON FRIDAYS this term. We only have 15 minutes for lunch!

If you have to absolutely HAVE to use the shop to supply your child’s lunch this term on a Friday, then parents are to bring it over themselves.

Swimming begins Friday Week 3. Please ensure students are picked up from the rotunda promptly at 1:15.

We will determine the transport list after all forms are returned. Parents taking other children MUST complete a ‘Use of Private Vehicle’ form.

To swim you must have: appropriate swimmers, a swim shirt (no loose t-shirts), goggles (optional—some coaches do not allow goggles), towel and swim bag and thongs (students must wear footwear out of the pool).

Please ensure all items are labelled with child’s name as we will not be responsible for any lost property. Parents must come into the pool to sign their child out.

On Tuesday we had the Surf Lifesaving Association visit our school to teach the students about being safe on our beaches and what being a lifesaver is all about. The students learned some very interesting facts and enjoyed the session immensely.

Welcome to our 2016 Prep students!!!

The children were very excited to be in school uniform and being part of our school.
Transition to school 2016

Starting school is an important milestone in a child’s life.

Supporting children to successfully transition to school helps foster their enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

**Better together** - By working together, early childhood education and care services, schools, families and relevant community organisations can help children enjoy a positive start to school.

The transition to school experience starts well before, and extends far beyond, a child's first day.


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**Tips for Parents with children beginning school in 2016:**

*Can your child:*

- Manage their lunch box.
- Screw and unscrew drink bottle top.
- Cope with glad wrap.
- Open food packets/containers. (Avoid sending yoghurts, tinned fruits they can’t open.)
- Zip and unzip school bag - a larger bag is generally easier for your child to get things in and out of.
- Undo their pencil case.
- Wear a hat. (School hat is compulsory)
- Put on shoes and socks. (Use pull-ons or those with velcro fastening.)
- Put on and take off jumper and coat.
- Recognise see their name
- Know how to hold a pencil.
- Can scribble colour in

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**Community News**

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**DON'T LET YOUR LITTER BUG OUR REEF**

**GREAT BARRIER REEF CLEAN-UP**

**Barwell’s Creek, Yeppoon**

**Registration at Farnborough Beach Access 14, end of Kean Street**

**SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER**

Registration at 8am, clean-up 6.30 – 11am

Free lunch provided for volunteers

For more information and to register visit: [www.gbrmpa.gov.au](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au)

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