What's on NEXT week?

Tuckshop – Monday 15th June

Helpers
Lois Blanch
Leeann Douglas
Sharon Davey
Eddie McGregor
Maxine Whitbread (9:30)

Bakers - (10 servings)
Joanne Town
Tina Murt

Good to Great Professional Development

Mr Johnston has been in Toowoomba at the “Good to Great” PD this week with 120 teachers from around the Darling Downs region. The focus of the PD with US education specialist Anita Archer is about the elements and effective strategies in teaching. (Content / Lesson design / Lesson delivery / Practice)

There are many aspects of teaching that the staff will be working on to further develop their teaching over the coming terms. In fact, all schools in our Kingaroy Cluster will be doing the same and working together where possible. In many cases, teachers will fine-tune the many excellent skills they already have. Being such a complex business, there are also strategies that we might need revisiting and use more. Teaching certainly varies to match the needs of students.

Our learning will continue for quite some time. Anita Archer will be returning to Australia for more work with teachers in March 2016.

Some interesting topics to be aware of for all of us...

1. **Praise** – how often do we tell children “Oh you are so talented at maths. You always get everything right.” This is “fixed praise”, as it is linking the child’s performance with a natural ability.

   The problem with this type of praise is that when a student’s work starts to become more complex and they find that they are struggling to always get everything right – they can become very anxious and struggle. This should not happen.

   Praise is better to be “growth focused”, meaning focused on effort, achievement, growth, learning or specific tasks – eg. Great effort Sam, you have read that book with good expression and you knew what it was all about. Your reading out aloud is so much better now.

   A child is much more able to develop **resilience** on many levels if their praise is growth focussed.

2. **Factual information.** Many people believe that students no longer need to retain facts. These people believe that if you need to know something, “just google it”. WRONG.

   Often, without prior knowledge, a student cannot unpack or understand new learning.

   Kids just love facts. Let them be like this.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home next Friday. Ask your child/ren for them when they get home.

Student-led Conferencing – 22nd – 24th June.

A Booking Form is attached to today’s newsletter.

Student-led Conferences will be held Monday 22 – Wednesday 24 June. Conferences will be held before or after school. They are of 20 minutes duration.

**Bookings MUST be made to fit all student-led conferences in. Please return your completed booking form by Tuesday 16th June, so a timetable can be developed and circulated.**

Farewell Afternoon Tea for Mrs Birchley

A reminder to everyone that a farewell afternoon is planned for next Friday, straight after school.

Those coming are asked to bring a plate of “goodies” to share. The P&C will provide tea, coffee and cordial for students.

Staff Maths PD

Next Monday Mr Newton & Mrs Ritchie will be attending a maths PD at Taabinga SS. It will be a very practical PD that addresses the teaching of maths from Prep – 6.

Sth Burnett Readers’ Cup

On Tuesday Jessie Bond, Emma Kleinhanss, Luca Turton, Hannah Woodward-White and Timothy Blanch competed in the SB Readers Cup Challenge at the Kingaroy SS Library against teams from all over the district. The teams consisted of 4 people, with the reserves being placed into teams. Teams had to answer a variety of questions about 5 books. ‘It was an awesome experience,’ said Jessie. ‘It was a challenge we won’t forget,’ Emma commented. ‘The atmosphere was great and just competing made everyone smile,’ said the children. Our team came 6th and the eventual winners were Blackbutt State School who proceed to State finals. We also thank Mrs Morris for supporting the team and Mr Turton for helping with transport.

The Whole-School Weekly Spelling Rule for next week is...

When the letters 'w' or 'wh' are followed by an 'a' they usually make the 'a' say the short 'o' sound. Eg 'wash' 'want' ***exception to the rule - 'water'***

**DATE CLAIMERS**

**June**
22-24 Student Led Conferencing
26 Last Day – Term 2

**July**
16 Cow/Horse Equestrian Challenge - Nanango] B Brunner &
30 Interschool Equestrian Challenge - Kingaroy] E McDonald

**Kingaroy’s Blue Light Disco** is on next **Friday, 19 June**, 6pm start at the Kingaroy Town Hall. **Reminder** that parents must collect their children from **inside** the hall. Thank you to Kingaroy RSL for sponsoring the event.

‘Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money, power and influence.’ HENRY CHESTER
We all like to think we’re unique until someone tells us we’re different. – PK SHAW