What’s on next week?

Wednesday ......................... Orders taken for ‘Snow Cones’
Thursday .............................. Swimming – Lesson # 5
Friday ................................. ‘Snow Cone’ Day
...................................... ALL Library Books DUE

P&C FUNDRAISER - - Hot Cross Bun
★ Don’t forget … … P&C Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser!!!
★ Orders accepted until 1st April

Sell / buy vouchers for $7 (which can be redeemed at Brumby’s Bakery Kingaroy Store, anytime between now and Easter).
The voucher entitles the holder to a pack of six Hot Cross Buns.
★ Flavours: Traditional, Fruitless, Chocolate and Salted Caramel

Families are asked to collect orders and money for the vouchers and return the form and money to school.
Vouchers will be sent home as soon as possible after receiving the order form and money.
Thank you for your support.

Fleecy Jumpers and Screen Printing
★ Order form - Have YOU returned your order???
Parents wishing to purchase ready-made Fleecy Jumpers or have their own embroidered must have them to Fiona by 1st April 2015.
All supplied jumpers must be clearly named.
If anyone is having any problems with supplying their fleecy jumpers, could you please let me know about it. ☎ 4163 3311

Whole School Spelling Rule
Next week’s whole school spelling rule is about closed syllables.

‘A closed syllable occurs when one vowel is followed by only one consonant. This vowel always says its first or short sound – eg. bad, big, platter, admire.’

In their groups, students will identify this in words, word sorts and also include it in their breakdown of spelling list words.

CARS & STARS Whole School Comprehension
In term 2 each year, the school identifies student comprehension needs via a CARS & STARS assessment task. Once the Year 1 – 6 students are assessed, ability groups (as in spelling) are formed and specific comprehension strategies are chosen for each group to focus on.

We will have a CARS & STARS lesson each Mon, Tuesday & Thursday at 11.30. There will be 4 lessons per comprehension strategy. These lessons will run for the whole term, when we will post-test students and measure their improvement. Last year, we measured an 11% growth across the whole school.

The school finds this style of targeted learning a most efficient way to improve student learning.

Curriculum Moderation
Kingaroy cluster teachers will meet in week 2 next term to moderate English assessment pieces from the term 1 unit. ‘C’ samples are tabled and their rating discussed and moderated. This is a great way to ensure consistency of marking and standards across the cluster. This practice will occur each term and the focus will be on English.

End of Term Reward Activity
Each term, the school rewards the positive behaviour of students by providing a “treat” activity during the last week. Students are not eligible if they find themselves in the Thinking Place more than twice during the term. Families of these students will be notified of their non-attendance. It is important that these students attend school. The activity usually lasts for a maximum of 1 hour. Our aim is have every student involved.

The school collates and calculates all Caught Being Good tickets to find the average number per student. Students are informed of this figure and challenged to beat it next term.

Welfare Team – Snow ones
On 27th March the Welfare Team will be holding a SNOW CONE DAY to raise money for Starlight Foundation for sick kids.
Cost: $2.00 each
Flavours: Grape, Mango, Blue Lemonade

School Photos
School photo proofs and the order forms should be available during the last week of this term.
► Orders will close 1st May.

Aluminum Can Recycling
Don’t forget to bring your empty DRY aluminum cans along to school - all profits made will go towards improving our school environment.

M Johnston - Principal

If you want a thing done, go – if not, send."  BENJAMIN FRANKLIN