What’s on NEXT week?

Saturday/Sunday .................. P&C Catering at Kingaroy Eisteddfod
Monday ................................. School Photographs – ORDER DUE
Tuesday ................................. Bookclub Orders & Payment – DUE
........................................... P&C Meeting, 7:30pm
Tuesday & Wednesday ............ Mothers Day Stall - P&C
Thursday ......................... WB Zone Winter Trials – (Soccer - Cody Jenkins )

P&C Meeting Tuesday 5th May, 7:30pm

Agenda:  - 125th Update
- Fundraising
- New Constitution
- Asbestos Training
- Principal’s Report

P&C Eisteddfod Help
The P&C is STiLL SEEKiNG MORe HELPiERS to work and / or supply baking for the canteen at the Kingaroy Eisteddfod.

► … … particularly during lunchtimes 12:00 – 1:00pm on Saturday and Sunday. If you can assist - please go to the Kingaroy Town Hall Supper Room.

► ANY HELP AT ALL DURING THESE 2 DAYS would be appreciated – any amount of time you have available would be valued – please call Amanda May ☎ 0417 076 756.

This is a good fundraiser for the school. Remember – all students gain from the P&C’s efforts, so it is fitting for all families to help where possible.

We thank those parents who continually give up their time to support the school.

ARD Visit
ARD Debbie Hails visited the school last week. One of the areas she was keen to look and talk about was numeracy. She visited Mrs Steff’s Year 4 class and was impressed with the level of engagement, teaching strategies and productivity of students. She also endorsed our focus on problem solving as it seen by the region as a high priority.

Of interest… when we compare Australian schools with places like Singapore, we find that 95% of our maths time is spent on low level maths tasks as compared to Asian schools who only spend 45% on this and 65% of their time explaining their thinking and applying the learning- developing deep conceptual understanding.

At our school, we plan to be operating at a similar level - a better balance between maths tasks and problem solving (the transference of knowledge & skill.)

Show Display
Our show display this year really has a great impact. The space is full of student work from the ceiling to the floor. Make sure you go into the Education Building and check out ours and other schools’ displays.

Thanks to the staff and students for their extra effort in producing a quality display.

Music Lesson
Due to Mrs Salmon’s involvement in the Eisteddfod, next week’s music lesson will be on Friday instead of Wednesday.

Matters of interest from the Regional Principals’ Meeting Attendance

School attendance across the state is a high priority. DET is working hard to get across to every family in the state, the importance of every student attending school every day AND being at school ON TIME every day. Our current attendance rate is 94.9%. This is above the state target.

A chilling fact – a student who is 10minutes late every day will miss 1.5 weeks of learning time in a year and 6 months over their 13 years of schooling. The impact of this is life-long as it is impossible to catch up on so much work.

Children who are late to our school miss getting ready for the day, doing Home Reading swap and experiencing key learning for the day. They also interrupt lessons which affects others.

A student really struggles to catch up.

Parents are asked to make sure they send an explanatory note to their child’s teacher after an absence.

Schools have to enter the type of absence on rolls and the state-wide system tracks the types and amount of absences of all students. This just shows how much importance DET puts on attendance. If a child isn’t at school they are not learning.

Inactivity of Students in the Modern World

Research has revealed that the average 10 year old spends:

- 900 hours at school
- 1200 hours with family & friends
- 1900 hours watching screens
- Fitter children perform better at school
- Inattentiveness usually starts dropping off after 17 minutes. (Teacher discussions about lesson structure are important.)

Spelling Data

Progress in term 1 with the whole school Spelling Program was very pleasing. Growth, as expected, occurred in the lower levels where students worked on vowel and vowel combination sounds.

Of the 105 students involved, 29.5% moved up 1 level and 10% moved up 2 levels.

Very pleasing result!

Weekly Spelling Rule for Term 2 Week 2

Next week’s whole school rule is “The silent final ‘e’ is making ‘c’ and ‘g’ say their second or long name – eg. chance, change.”

Mother’s Day Stall – Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th May

The P&C is running a Mother’s Day stall on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th during the breaks - morning tea and lunch.

There are some great items at reasonable prices! (50c - $8.00)

Contact is Mrs Tracey Schloss.

“The sun sets to rise again.” ROBERT BROWNING
RSL Ticket Selling
Each year the RSL gives the P&C the opportunity to help run the nightly raffles. It requires 2 people on the Friday and Saturday night (6.00 – 8.00pm). The P&C receives $300 for this very easy task.

ANZAC Day Memorial Books
The school was privileged to receive book donations for our School Library, from two different organisations on ANZAC Day in Kingaroy.
- Rotary Club of Kingaroy donated ‘Digger - The Dog Who Went to War’ and ‘Meet the ANZACS’.
- Kingaroy Pensioners Assoc. – ‘The Beach They Called Gallipoli’.

Mrs Edna Jackson came to school assembly on Monday and presented the Pensioners Assoc. book to School Leader - Hannah Woodard-White.

School Photos – ORDERS DUE Monday
Proofs are available at the office for viewing or you can log-on to www.treasurepics.shootproof.com/coolabunia Password cool123

WB Zone Winter Trials – Hervey Bay
Best wishes to Cody Jenkins as he tries out for the Wide Bay Soccer Team next Thursday in Hervey Bay. Good Luck Cody!

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Principal