Athletics
Tuesday’s postponed 5th Burnett 6 – 8 year olds ATHLETICS
Sprints event has been rescheduled for next Tuesday 9 August. All times and other information remains the same.

The 10-12 years carnival was a real test against horridly cold conditions. Small Schools students were very competitive. Well done! We will find out about any Wide Bay nominations later next week.

Thanks also to parents who were able to transport their children and support their efforts. Well done.

NAPLAN
Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN reports arrived this week and have been issued to students. The school will have access to data in the near future to analyse student performance and inform our teaching. This is by no means the only data schools use to measure progress and plan for future learning.

Director-General, Dr Jim Watterston
This week the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) released the 2016 NAPLAN results, which show that Queensland has continued to achieve some of its best results across all year levels since NAPLAN began.

These results confirm what we have seen across many other local and statewide indicators — the hard work of Queensland teachers and students is paying off.

Our strongest results were in the Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts, where Queensland achieved some of its highest ever rankings against the national minimum standards (NMS). Highlights of Queensland’s NAPLAN results include:

- ranking first nationally in Year 3 Grammar and Punctuation (the first time that Queensland has ever ranked first in a test area)
- ranking second nationally in Year 3 Reading and Numeracy
- ranking second nationally in Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation
- ranking second nationally in Year 7 Spelling.

There are a wide range of views about the role and purpose of national assessment, but without doubt it provides educational leaders, and society more broadly, with an idea of what effect our efforts are having on each student's performance in skills necessary for everyday life: reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

What NAPLAN tells us is that the leadership of principals, the dedication and perseverance of teachers and the hard work of Queensland students has been rewarded with performance gains relative to our peers around the country. Since Queensland’s relatively low baseline performance when NAPLAN began in 2008, we have travelled a steady and continuing improvement journey that now sees us as the most rapidly improving jurisdiction in the country.

I congratulate all staff and students on another year of significant and sustained improvement, which has been demonstrated not only in NAPLAN results but in many other achievements throughout the year.

Warm regards
Dr Jim Watterston
Director-General

School Opinion Surveys
Thanks to the 32 families who were able to submit an on-line survey. This information helps DETE to look at its current progress and plan for the future needs of education and schooling.

Student Absences - process
DETE has a strong commitment to ensuring every student has access to learning every school day. Therefore, attendance is an important factor. Our students’ average attendance is consistently high. This is something that must continue.

In order to meet the high attendance expectations, it is vital that every child is at school on time, every day.

When absences do occur, schools must follow-up and accurately record absence explanations.

1. Parents are required to SEND AN EXPLANATORY NOTE or CALL THE SCHOOL no later than the day after the absence.
2. When calling in an absence. Parents are asked to:-
   a. State their name clearly
   b. State their child/ren’s name/s and year level/s
   c. State the date and reason for their absence
3. Should this not occur, your child’s teacher will send an ABSENCE NOTICE home. This needs to be completed and returned the NEXT SCHOOL DAY.
4. If this does not occur, the school is required to call the family and request an absence explanation.
5. Families who are going to be away under exceptional circumstances, need to see the school to apply for an attendance exemption, before they leave. There are strict guidelines.

Having a day off because a student has had a busy weekend, it’s their birthday, or they are heading off somewhere mean students will miss learning. It is often difficult to catch up on learning.

Students who regularly arrive late to school miss a very important part of the day. They really start the day unprepared, can miss going to the Home Reading Room and time to speak with their teachers. Transport problems need quick solutions.

Interesting Facts / Olympic Trivia: The Beijing Olympics, 2008, began at exactly 8:08:08 PM on 8/8/08 because the number 8 is considered lucky in China.
Aussies of the Month - July

July Aussies of the Month were presented with their certificate and badge on Monday at assembly - Tiaha Boyce, Dylan Brookson, Tia Bruce, Bonnie Brunner, Kassidy-Jayne Flood, Noah George, Patraic Gordon, Kaisey Hall, Ewan McDonnell, Cheyanna Mfitsid and Nathan Mollenhauer.

Public Holiday - Monday

If you are off to the RNA Exhibition in Brisbane over the weekend – enjoy!

Rio 2016 – Brazil hosts Summer Olympics

The Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, are from August 5 to 21, 2016. The Paralympics follow on September 7 to 18, 2016.

The Rio 2016 opening ceremony will be at the world famous football (soccer) Maracanã Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on August 5, 2016.

The Olympics will conclude with a closing ceremony on August 21, 2016.

Rio 2016’s motto is “Live your passion”, in Portuguese: “Viva sua paixão”.

Reading Room Achievements
- Club 25: Ben White,
- Club 50: Stephanie Munt, Angus Templeton, Georgia McDonald
- Club 75: Noah Deed, Jaxson Scrimshaw, Rheedyn George, Chloe Lowe, Nicholas Alexander, William Besson, Jacob Coyne, Jade Richards, Charlie Whitbread, Tiaha Boyce.

Welcome to the Club!

P & C Meeting – feedback

Next meeting date change Sept 13 (T3W10)

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Clarinet and Saxophone Lessons for Beginners

$15 for half an hour

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Interesting Facts / Olympic Trivia: In 1928 Australian rower, Henry Pearce, stopped halfway through his quarter-final race to let a family of ducks pass in front of his boat. The French competition overtook him, but Pearce managed to get back in front and win the gold.