Thought for the Week:
You don’t know your own potential until you try—Donisha Duff

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new term. As always, it is promising to be a busy one! I know the staff appreciated the break from routine over the holidays and we hope you enjoyed some quality time with your children. We especially welcome back Arisa in Grade 6 who has returned to us, and Della who started in Grade 3 and has settled in nicely.

THANK YOU FROM TARYN AND TRACY

Taryn left yesterday for Glasgow and the Commonwealth games, and was very excited. She came to our assembly yesterday to thank the choir and those who helped hand out gifts at the Cent Sale on Sunday.

She and Tracy would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have supported their bid for Glasgow, either by direct donations of cash, donations of prizes for the Cent Sale, setting up and organising the Cent Sale, or just being there on the day and contributing to the fundraising through your participation. A sincere thank you to Belinda Biggs and the Biggs/Fox family for their organisation of this event and their help on the day.

We still have three fundraisers going: They are:

1. A raffle, with prizes of:
   a. 2 nights at Oceans Spa and Resort Hervey Bay...
   b. $100 Sportspower Voucher
   c. $70 Bundaberg Remedial Massage...
2. A $2.00 hundreds board with 5 prizes of $20 each
3. A $5.00 hundreds board with a jackpot prize of $250 for one lucky winner.

So far about $3200.00 has been raised. What a great effort!

We hope to have these fundraisers finalised by Monday. Tickets are available in the office.

Tracy will be joining Taryn just before she competes. Her last day will be 25th July, and she will be away for three weeks. I ask that during that time you are patient with office communications.

ANOTHER FORMER STUDENT RECOGNISED NATIONALLY

It just goes to show how successful a small school can be. In the same week that Taryn is representing us at the Commonwealth Games, another former student, Donisha Duff, has been recognised as NAIDOC Indigenous Scholar of the Year. Donisha was a student at Elliott Heads in the mid 1980s. She moved here, directly from Thursday Island, to continue her education. Here is what she has to say about her education:

You don’t know your own potential unless you try!

I never really had career aspirations when I was growing up, on Thursday Island there weren’t many options.

My parents wanted to provide their children with education and opportunities that weren’t available to them so we moved to mainland Australia to finish our schooling. Even though I then went on to university I still didn’t have any clear career aspirations, but I took the opportunity to better my education.

University was challenging, often being the only Indigenous student in class and not feeling smart enough. I had little money, I studied and worked part-time, and then I got a cadetship. I eventually graduated from Griffith University with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours).

A good education has provided me with the opportunity to work at Parliament House as the Adviser for Indigenous Health, an opportunity I never realised could be available to me. While I still think of myself as an "Ilai-grin", I have my career, thanks to a good education.

You don’t know your own potential unless you try!
Next meeting: Wed, 20th August, at 9.30 a.m., in the library. All are most welcome to come along.

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Ask to join us. It's a great way for us to keep in touch with you!

2014 FUNDRAISING PLAN:

- 18 July  NAIDOC Week Sausage Sizzle
- 21 July  Raffle
- 05 August: Walkathon
- 29 August: Dance Night Food Stall
- Late Term 3: Fathers’ Day Stall
- Early Term 4: Family Portraits

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

In the next few days, you will receive a request to have a parent/teacher interview with your child’s teacher. It would be great to see 100% participation in this activity.

The majority of our teachers also have young families, so most interview timeslots go to around the 4.00 p.m. However, all teachers are more than happy to make arrangements for a later timeslot if parents are working and can’t attend an interview during the timeslots offered.

If you are a working parent and you need a later timeslot, please indicate this on the interview sheet and your child’s teacher will phone you to organise a time that is suitable to you both.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS: STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

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PREP/1: Davin
For wonderful behaviour and effort in class

YEAR 2/3: Blake
For making a greater effort to complete work neatly

YEAR 4/5: Taleah
For a great improvement in her work ethic

YEAR 5/6/7: Montana
For being a wonderful help in the classroom, library and playground

CLASSES OF THE WEEK:

PE: The whole school for a great start to term

MUSIC: 5/6/7

LOTE: None

PLAYGROUND AWARDS: James, Kyle and Jesse.

NEWSLETTER READER: No-one this week

MATHLETICS AWARDS: Tyson, Blake, Libby

READING: 30 mornings of before school practice are Luca, Zoe, Noah and Lewis. Well done!

ATTENDANCE AWARD: Zoie knows Every Day Counts!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 17 Jul Parent meeting for Responsible Behaviour Plan 7pm
- 18 Jul NAIDOC Day & Sausage Sizzle 11.15am-2.45pm
- 21 Jul Raffle tickets go home
- 22 Jul Mrs Patterson at 2 meetings-Mrs Shield relieving
- 24 Jul Grade 7 students entering Kepnock SHS
- 25 Jul Kepnock SHS visiting Grades 6 & 7
- 29 Jul Arts Council “Jump Rope Jill” $5/child or $10/family
- 31 Jul Grade 6/7 Writers Workshop for selected students

RAFFLE:

The P&C has received a number of very generous donations from Narelle Paltinor (Grandma to the Brown boys), Ree Marshall (Mum to the Wachler children) and Susan Kolstad. These items have been used to create some lovely prizes for our upcoming raffle. Thanks ladies!

Tickets will be on sale at NAIDOC Day on Friday, as well as sending home a book of raffle tickets with each family on Monday. More tickets can be requested as your booklet is sold. There will be a $20 voucher for the family who sells the most tickets. This will be worked out on a ‘per child’ basis so that it is fair for smaller families.

ACCOUNTS:

Have you paid your outstanding account? It would be appreciated if you could do so before Tracy leaves on 25th!

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS:

This Friday, our school will be holding its traditional NAIDOC Week celebration. Activities include storytelling, art and craft activities, dance and cultural activities and hunting techniques. Students from Kepnock SHS will be assisting us on the day and the P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle lunch.

JUMP ROPE JILL:

On 29th July at 9.00 a.m. we will be holding our second Arts Council for the year. Jump Rope Jill is a highly energised and interactive skipping demonstration that is sure to entertain and get the blood pumping. We are expecting a big increase in the number of students wanting to skip at lunch time, following Jill’s performance. There is a tear off slip at the end of the Newsletter. Cost is $5 per child, or $10 for a family.

SCOOT-A-THON:

Following the success of our scooter day for Rohan, the staff and P&C have decided to hold a Scoot-a-thon instead of a walkathon. The date has been set as Tuesday 5th August. This year we are going with Adias, as the company to provide us with incentive prizes for children who raise money for the school. We will run it the same as the scooter day, with each class only out of school for 45 minutes on the day. Information and Sponsorship forms will come home on Monday so that students can get sponsors for their 10 laps of the course.

As on the scooter day, all riders need a helmet. Those without scooters might be able to borrow one from a friend in another class. It will be up to students and their parents to make these arrangements between families.

DANCE NIGHT:

Also coming up is our dance night on 29th August. Please put this on your calendar. Every second year, instead of holding an end of year concert, we hold a dance night. Students will be learning dances in their Arts lessons and will present them for parents on the night. Be warned parents, you will be invited to participate with your children! On the night, we hope to have the local bowls club offering meals for families at reasonable prices. Watch this space for more details!
INDIVIDUAL CURRICULUM PLANS

Next week, in a new initiative from Education Queensland, teachers will be working off class for a day to begin writing an individual curriculum plan (ICP) for students who are a year or more below their year level in Maths and/or English. We will be starting with our Special Education Program students and then working to develop plans for other students in this category. We will have the help of our Head of Special Education, Kara Krehtik, who is based at Woongarra SS.

CLASS NEWS

LITTLE WHISPERS from Prep/1

Welcome back to yet another exciting term! Prep and Year 1 have had a fantastic start back into learning and have been a pleasure to teach with exceptional manners and behaviour. Keep up the good work and keep working hard to achieve your silver award!

We are enjoying starting our new units. This term in English we are learning about identifying Human qualities shown in characters and comprehending texts using literal and inferential questioning. We have enjoyed reading The Russell the Sheep series this week about a sheep that shows many human characteristics.

Homework has started this week for all students and home reading will commence next week for Prep students. All reading folders will need to be returned this week so we can get them set up ready to start home reading on Monday.

Books will be changed each Monday afternoon and we are looking for parent volunteers to assist with the task of listening to reading, checking sightwords and changing over books each week. Please see Mrs Campbell if you are able to assist with this task from 2.15pm each Monday.

KATH, LIZ & DENISE

WHAT'S THE SCOOP? from Year 2/3

A big welcome back everyone to Term 3, and a special welcome to our new student Della. It is fantastic to see that everyone has started this term with great enthusiasm.

In English we have started our new unit, narrative writing. This week we have examined an Australian book “Kick it to me.” This book had a surprising ending where we learned the origins of AFL.

In Maths, the Year 2s are exploring three digit numbers and place value. The Year 3s are showing their expertise in representing 4 digit numbers.

In Science this term we are studying the earth spinning and how that affects our days and nights.

Homework and home readers have been sent home this week. Remember that home readers can be changed as frequently as you would like.

PIP

THE BUZZ from Year 4/5

We have had a great start to Term 3, especially now that we have a brand new wall. It has made a huge difference to both our class and Miss Thompson’s. In Maths this week we are looking at fractions. In English we have been preparing a panel discussion, in role, as Hiccups. We are writing in first person and explaining Hiccups’s beliefs. In Science we are starting to look at endangered species and beginning research into a chosen animal.

We are back studying the wonderful world of Australian Colonial history. This term we are going to explore how secondary settlements helped shape Australia.

KELLY

HOT GOSS from Year 5/6/7

Everyone has returned in good spirits from their break and we hope they are up for the challenge of a busy term.

In English we are looking at the effects of advertising in multi modal texts (print, radio, TV) and the language advertisers use to persuade us to their products or point of view. This unit will culminate in a multimedia ad campaign promoting a holiday destination.

In Maths, for the next 3-4 weeks we are having Mrs Ollie Orr from Kepnock SHS coming to work with us on automatic recall of maths facts, and our problem solving skills. Next week the topic is multiplying with decimals.

In Science this term students are studying electrical circuits and again we are grateful to Kepnock SHS for the loan of electrical equipment.

In History the students will be starting a unit on Ancient Rome, while in Geography the topic involves studying the liveability of the local area, which ties in nicely with developing an ad for a holiday destination.

TEENY & LIZ

COMMUNITY NEWS:

FREE PARENT COURSE

Ian Gawler OAM, best-selling author and one of Australia’s most experienced and respected authorities on mind-body medicine and meditation, is conducting a workshop on Health, Healing and the Mind at Bundaberg TAFE theatre on Tuesday 29th July 2014. Doors open 5.30 for 6 pm start. NO COST; ALL WELCOME. Ph: Margaret on 4156 3281 or 0428 280 908. Website: www.iangawler.com

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