6th August 2015

Fun at Grade 6 Camp at Mapleton
Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we received our 2015 NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy results. We are very pleased with the results! Our students are to be congratulated on demonstrating significant improvement in nine of the ten domain areas. Essentially, our students achieved higher results than in previous years, thus lifting the “mean scale score” on previous years. I would acknowledge the dedicated efforts of all staff in contributing to this improvement. We will be forwarding the Year 3 and Year 5 students results to parents this week.

As you are aware, we are driving full time regular attendance as a core school priority. I regularly discuss the importance of attending every day. This week, I will discuss the importance of arriving on time and staying at school for the full day as being essential for successful student learning. Even 10 minutes late every day adversely affects your child’s learning outcomes as demonstrated by the following table:

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<th>Your child is just missing...</th>
<th>That equals...</th>
<th>Which is..</th>
<th>And that means...</th>
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<td>10 minutes per day</td>
<td>50 minutes per week</td>
<td>Nearly 1.5 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 6 months of school</td>
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<td>20 minutes per day</td>
<td>1 hour 40 minutes per week</td>
<td>Over 2.5 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1 year of school</td>
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<td>30 minutes per day</td>
<td>Half a day per week</td>
<td>4 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1 ½ years of school</td>
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<td>60 minutes per day</td>
<td>One day per week</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 2 Years of school</td>
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I am commencing 2016 PREP Interviews on Monday 24 August. Thank you to those parents who have already organised their children’s interviews. To qualify for PREP in 2016, your child’s birthday must fall between 1 July 2011 and 31 July 2012. Please encourage any friends who also have children of this age to also organise an interview.

As always, please email me on the.principal@decebays.eq.edu.au, phone me on 38972444 or pop in and see me with any queries or concerns.

Warm Regards

Lorna R Cogle
PRINCIPAL
P & C News

Cent Auction to be held on Friday 18th September.

Tuckshop will be opened on Tuesday and Friday mornings for a 4 week trial starting next Tuesday 28th July.

Father’s Day Stall will be the first week of September.

Red Food Day will be on Tuesday 1st September.

SPORTS NEWS

Harold is Visiting

The life Education Van will be visiting us from 31 August to 4 September at a cost of $5 per student. Watch for a letter coming home soon.

Student Well Being Focus

This term, the Behaviour Focus is the “DO” part of our D Bay. The focus for the next fortnight is “DO – Before School”.

PCYC Blue Light Disco

PCYC Blue Light Disco on this Friday for 8 to 16 Year old at 7.00pm – 10.00pm. Cost $10.00 Entry. Enquiries Phone 3293 0166. Police supervision.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Over the past two years we have been able to gain a significant number of resources through Woolworths Earn and Lean. We are participating in this program again this year. Please collect your stickers when you shop at Woolworths.

A Mart

If you buy sporting items from A Mart the school will get points when you mention our name and this will give us a discount at the end of the year to buy school sporting goods.

FINANCE NEWS

Underwater World Excursion for Grade 2 – Forms and $14.50 are due now and must be paid and forms handed in by Wednesday 19th August 2015.

Caboolture Historical Village for Grade 3 – Forms and $10.90 are due now and must be paid and forms handed in by Friday 14th August 2015.

SPORTS

Athletics

Our School team has been selected. The team competed at Zammit Oval on the 31st of July in the Deception Bay Practice Carnival and on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th of August will be competing in the Redcliffe District Carnival also being held at Zammit Oval.

REMEMBER TEAM TRAINING IS COMPULSORY AND VITAL TO OUR SUCCESS.

New Absence Phone Number

Dial 3897 2466 and then follow the prompts leaving details of your absence.

This Weeks Attendance 89.2%

Well done to all the students who attended school everyday.

Prep Enrolments 2016

We are now taking Enrolments for Preps 2016. If you have already contacted the school you should receive a phone call in the next few weeks to organise an Enrolment Interview.