From the Principal

The end of Term 4 is almost upon us and we were privileged at Merinda last Friday on parade to get the opportunity to listen to ten of our aspiring future leaders deliver their speeches. Not only was the quality of their speeches fantastic, but the energy and confidence that they showed was outstanding. This Friday on parade we will be announcing our school leaders for 2017 with the presentation of their badges happening at our Presentation Night on Thursday 8th December starting from 6pm being held at the PCYC.

On Thursday 10th November we had ‘Fun with Maths’ visit our school to work with our Merinda students. It was so great to see our students enjoying maths and even after an hour and a half still wanting more. We look forward to having ‘Fun with Maths’ visit us again next year with a whole brand new set of challenges for our students to complete.

Our Year 5s and 6s will be participating in the Cal Lynch on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd November at the Bowen Sporting Complex against the local Bowen schools in netball and soccer. We wish them all the best and hope that they have a great time and lots of fun.

During week 9 parade on Friday 2nd December there will be a special presentation as Merinda was lucky enough to receive support from Glencorp so that each child could be given their choice of 3 books as part of the ‘Books for Homes’ program. We feel very fortunate to be a part of this program and are very thankful for the support shown to us.

Congratulations to our Merinda Cup winners. Our week 6 winners were Prep/1 with 95.55% attendance and our school attendance for week 6 was 92.29%. Our week 7 winners were Year 5/6 with 96.36% attendance and our school attendance for week 7 was 93.95%.

Reminder to parents that the bus zone is not a drop off and pick up zone. The parking and bus zone areas have been relined so please make sure that you park in the correct areas.

Keep our school safe.
If you do see anything unusual, call school watch on: 13 17 88
A HUGE THANKYOU to the Salvation Army who so generously donated toys to our school children.

Only 15 school days left for Term 4, so make everyday a winner!

“You can’t cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water”. Rabindranath Tagore.

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OUR BANKERS OF THE FUTURE

GOLD SAVERS: P/1 Noah Murphy; 2/3 Beau Murphy; 2/3 Nash Schluter

SILVER SAVER: P/1 Taneika Young; (also Jump & Skip Rope Award)

Yr 2/3 - Addison Whitchurch
...SKIPPING SENSATIONS...

Zion Prior; Makayla Beck; Isabel Dunn; Maxie Johnson and Teak Power
What’s happening in Prep/One Superstars

Wham we have been having fun in Prep/One! We are SO lucky and Mrs Wells bought us a brand new colourful mat for our classroom. We absolutely love sitting on it properly and we feel very spoilt. We have been working hard on our English assessments which we have now complete (yahoo!). I sent a copy home with each child for you to be proud of their awesome writing.

We invite parents into the prep/one classroom for an end of year afternoon tea on Week 9, Wednesday the 30th November from 2pm-3pm. Here we will read you some of our awesome work and celebrate a wonderful year together. We would appreciate if anyone is able to bring a small plate to share. We have had our first Gold Award winner, Miss Paige Webb! On Friday Paige got to be the principal for the day, a role that really suited her! Although we are nearing the end of the year and we are all tired, I am very proud of Prep/One for still coming to school, working together beautifully in groups and showing happy positive attitudes.

Jessie Pawson

Prep-1 Group Rotations
Indie Johnson and Jace Shayler

Trixie-Grace; Taneika Young; Oliver Schulz & Alex Walters

Millie Brown; Shanley Clark and Isaac Roberts
Eli Prior is showing his writing skills

Prep-1: “Peaceful” on their bright new mat.

Enjoying being Principal for the Day is Paige Webb for receiving a “Gold Award”

Cheeky P/1 Gold Cup Award Winning Class
News from 2/3 Smarty Pants Owls

Welcome to week 8 everyone. I am so very proud of each and every one of our class this past week. The class have been working so SUPER hard on finishing their assessments. We are still completing some assessments and are learning new concepts for English these next few weeks. As a celebration for our OWLTASTIC narrative and poetry assessments, we would like to invite you into the classroom for your child to share their wonderful work. This will be happening next Friday at 2:30 pm and everyone is welcome. If you have work commitments or can’t make it, you are most welcome to invite another adult along.

A big thank you to students that bought in their remote control toys. This was a really fun way to do our location and position assessment. I am looking forward to the next few weeks, especially with Christmas craft and activities in the last two weeks. There will be no homework in week 9 and 10 this term. Keep up the OWLTASTIC work 2-3!

Mrs H

2/3 Award Winners:

Silver Award Winner: Rhylea Clark

Reading Awards:
Lana Moorhead; Meghan Claassen; Lachlan Richardson; Oliver Bond; Gideon Prior; Joseph Reid;

Class Award: Noah Yasso
Gotcha & Reading Awards: Lennox Lawrence
A Blast from 3/4 Class

Well we have had a very busy couple of weeks. The year 3’s and 4’s have been learning about safe bike riding and how to maintain their bikes. We have learnt about all the different road signs and the children demonstrated that they were very aware of what each sign represented. Last week we had a slow bike race. Darcy McLeod looked like he would be the champion but he was out-raced by Sergeant Eadie.

Please keep an eye out for the working bee for the chook pen. It was to be this coming weekend but I have double booked myself and I may have to do it through the week. We will soon be practising our end of year performance and may be requesting some odds and sods to make costumes.

That's all for now.

Mrs S.

3/4 Award Winners:

Ethan McClintock

Brooke Jameson & Roxy Johnson
What’s happening in 5/6?

It’s coming down to the end of the year and we have been working super hard. Year 5’s practiced very hard on their speeches and can’t wait for the opportunity to be leaders next year. Year 6’s are busily preparing graduation presentations and are very much looking forward to high school next year. We are continually developing our problem solving skills and building on our social skills to be the best us we can be.

5/6 Award Winners:

Silver Awards: Bohdi Lawrence and Jarred Taylor

300+ High Frequency Words: Chelsea McLeod; Gold Award: Makayla Beck

Certificate of Recognition: Saxon Cowan
YEAR 6 PARENTS...

If you would like to order Year 6 group photos of the following:

School Captains; Sports Captains, Year 6 Graduates; and Merinda Madness

We have samples in the office for you to choose from at a cost of $20 each.

STUDENT SUPPORT:

Many students are showing wonderful progress.

Encouragement and motivation are reaping rewards.

Keep up the fantastic effort and show us how you fly…

Ms Chidley
P&C News

Fundraising is an important part of the P&C’s role. Money that is raised goes towards equipment for the school, excursions, performances, year 6 graduation, presentation night and lots of other things that benefit your child. We have a major goal of a new playground for the school.

Every second Sunday the P&C have a stall at the Hansen Park markets, selling bacon and egg sandwiches. We need volunteers to help continue this important fund raising activity. If you could spare some time on the following dates, please return this form to the school office and we will contact you. The stall runs from 6am to midday, anytime you can spare is greatly appreciated. Even a couple of hours would be great.

Thank you,
Aleisha Johnson
P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator

Please return this form to the school office if you are able to provide assistance with the P&C fundraising at the Hansen Park Markets. Please circle the days below that you are available to help.

Name: _______________________________
Phone #: _______________________________

27th November          LAST ONE FOR THIS YEAR!!! LET’S MAKE IT A FANTASTIC ONE!

Thank you for your support

Ticket Books

Thank you to everyone who has taken home ticket books to sell. Just a reminder that all sold and unsold tickets should have been returned to the school office by now.

Prizes will be drawn on the 25th of November 2016 at 9am.

LET’S BEAUTIFY OUR GROUNDS...

We still need drought tolerant plants donated to enhance our lovely little school. Please check your gardens to see what you can spare to the school’s advantage.

All plants will be greatly appreciated.

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TaeKwonDo

Self Defence TaeKwonDo classes for adults and children will be available at Bowen State School. Sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30pm. The first session is free, commencing Term 4. Rates are $35.00 per month. Phone Anna on 0433 300 617 for more information.

Save the Children – Play2Learn

Merinda State School has a fantastic and very valued partnership with Save the Children Australia. Through their mobile play scheme, parents and carers of children from 0 to 5 years are able to play and talk in a secure, safe and professional environment. The program promotes child safe activities as well as strong community values. Children are exposed to many fun and stimulating activities to get their little minds turning, the play group also gives parents are carers a chance to interact with other families in their community. To make sure that this amazing program continues we need our communities support. If you have a child between 0 – 5 years or have family or friends with a child or children in this age group, get involved; it’s free. Come to Merinda State School on Thursdays between 9:00am and 11:00am to join in the fun. Please contact Kylie Bell for more information on 0438 202 058.
NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

Dear Resident,

As part of Sandy Gully project, Vassallo Constructions will soon be undertaking major road and stormwater upgrades at the intersection of the Bruce Highway and Bergl Street.

To minimise delays to residents from the use of traffic controllers, traffic will be detoured via a new temporary access adjacent to the exiting railway line and along Matthew Street. Access to the Bruce Highway via Bergl Street will be closed. Detour signage will be in place to direct traffic along the new temporary access.

The traffic changes are expected to be implemented on Thursday 24th November 2016 and remain in place until late January 2017 (weather permitting).

Should you have any concerns, please contact Vassallo Constructions on 4968 0068.
Win a Trip to Australia Zoo
Meet ‘Scout’ the Tiger Cub
Celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouts

The Competition:

It’s 100 years since Cub Scouts began and to celebrate you could win an all inclusive trip for a family of four (2 adults and 2 children) to Australia Zoo, Sunshine Coast.

You’ll be treated to a Platinum Zoo Adventure of behind-the-scenes animal encounters, your own personal guide, your own personal photographer and an awesome VIP gift pack.

Fly courtesy of Flight Centre Group Travel and stay at the Oaks Oasis on the Sunshine Coast.

While you’re there, visit ‘Scout’ the new tiger cub, sponsored and named by Cub Scouts!

To enter log onto www.cub100.com and fill in the online entry form.

Want to know more about Cub Scouts?
Contact your local Cub Scout Group or go to www.scouts.com.au

BOWEN CUB SCOUTS

We are looking for extra Cub Scout Leaders - if this sounds like you...

please contact Lesley Bullemor email bowenscoutgroup@outlook.com

One person per entry. All entrants must be over 18 or have permission from a parent or guardian.

Competition opens 10am June 1 2016 and closes 4pm October 31 2016. Winners will be posted to www.cub100.com. Terms and conditions at www.cub100.com.