Welcome back to term 2. It is great to see so many students continuing to be enrolled at the school. The student population has nearly doubled in the past three years, now sitting at 43.

I would like to start this term by thanking every-one involved in assisting at the touch carnival, swimming carnival and dance eisteddfod.

The event ran smoothly and every school commented positively on the event and the community generally.

We had great support from the Shire Council allowing access to a number of venues around town, particularly Jason and Denise who always work in well with the school.

There was support from parents and P & C with Anita Pickering being everywhere at the same time, making sure everything that needed doing was done. She was supported by Jane Kidd, Janeane Kelly and Shelley Perkins with a great deal of assistance in the kitchen from Natalie O’Neill, Fay Harries and Cecelia Yore. There were many other parents who helped please forgive me if I haven’t mentioned you.

There was also community support from people such as Marian who worked with Michelle Martin for several weeks helping to prepare the costumes and then helped at the carnival by making sure the grounds were clean in her unmistakable orange overalls.

The staff of the school were also fantastic assisting wherever needed, with Mr O’Neill and Miss Ariotti arriving at school by 4.30 a.m. to prepare breakfast and still being there at 9.30 p.m. helping to clean up. Every-one knows teachers only work five hours a day, some-one should tell them. Mrs Martin worked hard on the costumes and sat keeping score all day at the touch carnival. Mrs Pickering and Miss Trish looked after the Touch Football teams. Rosalinda and Mrs Stonehouse were always there contributing where needed.

Thanks also to Gary Smith the Peninsula Region school sport officer, Ray Higgins, Scott from Qld Rugby League and Julie and Herbie from Swimming Queensland for their fantastic support.

Congratulations to Roberta Nimble and Travis Stonehouse who received awards for the best and fairest boy and girl from the carnival.

Congratulations also to Elaina Douglas, Bobbie Knudsen, Rosie Douglas, Chelsea Petersen, George Anderson, Isnard Booth, Henry Kidd and Nathan Naidu for gaining selection in the Savannah District Team. A workshop will be held for these players on Saturday May the tenth.

The activities will continue this term with the focus turning to art. There will be art lessons being held twice a week by Clara Booth. This will culminate in the Paddy Dodgers Festival on June 21st and NAIDOC activities on the following week.

I will run some ready reader sessions with parents and carers to assist with helping your child read at home on Wednesdays May 7th and 14th.

P & C Meeting
Wednesday
May 14
5.00p.m.
At school

Art Classes
At the back of the court house.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 12.00 - 2.30
Beginning Tuesday 29th April for 7 weeks
Ending Thursday 12th of June

Classes will be conducted by Clara Booth

All community members welcome to attend

A reminder that school starts at 8.30 a.m. Students should not be at school before 8.00 a.m. To be in class in time students should arrive by 8.20 a.m.

Regards
Daniel Smith
Meet a Yoga Monk

Dada Gunamuktanda, head of the River School, Maleny will be giving a series of talks and relaxation sessions in the Savannah area during May.

All community members are invited to attend. Topic of discussions include Consciousness and developing a positive future.

Forsayth May 21st 7.00 p.m. - Homestay
Croydon May 22nd 7.00 p.m. - Croydon School
Karumba May 23rd 7.00 p.m. - T.B.A.

Our school expectations - Absentees

All children should attend school every school day

When students are absent

Ring the school on 47456197 before 9.00 a.m. with a reasonable explanation or provide a signed note.

If the student absence is to be for some time collect some work from school.

Students are required to be at school by 8.20 am to ensure they go into class in adequate time.

When students are late i.e after 8.30 a.m. they need a note explaining their absence.

School Response to absences

2 days absence without explanation – class teacher will ring home to enquire

4 days absence without suitable explanation – Principal will ring home to enquire

If there is no response to the phone call then an Absence Letter will be mailed home, reminding parents/carers of their obligations to ensure their child attends school on every school day and the requirement for providing satisfactory explanations for all absences.

Absences greater than 10 days

If you are expecting that your child will be absent for greater than 10 days you need to apply for an exemption from compulsory schooling. This form can be accessed at school.
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