As always there has been a great deal of activity at school over the past two weeks. The most important of these activities was the Gulf Kids Day last week. This is an activity that has been occurring for a number of years and seems to be growing each year.

Gulf Kids Day is a great educational day for students that deals with the natural environment, looking after our waterways and sustainable farming.

I would like to thank a former local Erica Blumsen from Northern Gulf Resource Management Group for organising this event and maintaining this for the last few years. The students get a great deal from the day and it highlights activities that we should all be doing. One of which is producing some of the food that we eat.

Food has become a commodity that many of us take for granted. By producing at least some of our own food we can start to develop more positive eating habits.

Growing your own food is not hard and not expensive. All it takes is for you to get up and do it.

We all have yards. If you would like to start growing some vegetables at your house please come and see me at school and I will organise some seeds for you to use.

This week the students will be going down to the SES Hall to participate in a choral activity. The students will be learning a Ruby Hunter song that will be performed as an introduction to the Arts Council show on Thursday night.

All the students will be walking down to the SES hall from school at 9.30 p.m. Any parents that would like to tag along are welcome to join us.

It would also be good to see as many parents as possible at the performance on Thursday night. This is being performed at the SES hall.

This term there continues to be an emphasis on sport particularly in the senior years where the students are preparing for the Karumba hockey and Basketball carnivals. Next week Wes from Remote Hockey will be running clinics with the students at the school and I will be continuing to hold basketball coaching sessions at the recreation grounds. This will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Students and parents are reminded that there is a requirement for students to have demonstrated good behaviour and have adequate attendance for them to participate in activities outside of school. At this point there are no students who will be excluded due to behaviour.

Attendance will be looked at on a case by case basis. Generally students are required to have 90 percent attendance to participate. Students at risk of missing out have been informed and attendance letters have been sent home to parents/carers.

As most people are aware Mr O’Neill is currently out on Long Service Leave for two weeks. His position is being filled by Jane Dean and experienced teacher from Caboolture.

I would like to welcome Jane and hope you have a pleasant experience in Croydon. Jane has also been organising dance eisteddfods in Brisbane for the past ten years so while she is here we will start preparing for next year’s performance.

**P & C Meeting**

**Wednesday**

**10/09/2014**

**5.00p.m.**

**School Library**

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
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.