It is only week three and students have already participated in a number of exciting educational activities.

The students participated in pottery during the first week of term where they made some great Christmas presents that will come home later in the year. The prized articles have been taken to the tablelands to be fired in Mechî’s kiln.

Chappie Joe has started tennis lessons a day a week with the junior and senior classes. This will continue for the rest of the year.

After school care is running swimming lessons after school on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Erin is doing a great job with this and Mr O’Neill is also going over to assist.

Next week the year 6 students will be travelling to Brisbane as part of their high school transition program.

We have also started to prepare for the end of year festivities over the next few weeks. Information will be sent home shortly in regards to the year 6 graduation celebrations and presentation night along with Christmas tree night. These events will be held the last two weeks of term.

Any families having students in the age range 0 - 4 that aren’t at school will need to inform the school so they can be catered for in the Christmas celebrations.

Also to keep up with events at school download the free Qschools app that is available for Windows, Apple and Android devices.

Daniel Smith

Just Juniors

The children in the junior school have been working well on following the classroom rules of being safe, respectful and responsible. This includes working well together, sharing, speaking kindly and helping each other in the classroom if necessary and in the playground. Students who are caught doing the right thing get a tick against their name and at the end of the week the three with the most ticks get to choose a prize from the classroom prize box.

Last week Eugene was our Student of the Week, Emma and Linkin were awarded gotchas, Shannea, Sophie and Tamia received the most ticks. This week Shy received the Student of the Week award, Linkin and Mia were awarded gotchas and Linkin, Hayley and Shannea received the most ticks.

I asked the students what they liked doing this week, they all told me they like having the break from their work. I suppose this is because they are working hard in class and need a brain break. Speaking of work, in geography the students are looking at places which are special to them. We found it very interesting with some of the places they came up with. Ask your child/ren where their special place is.

In English we have been comparing the same story by different authors. The story we are looking at is Little Red Riding Hood. The students then need to choose one story and persuade others to prefer that story too. One story ends with the wolf getting chopped. The other ends with granny and Red Riding Hood being eaten. We did a survey and the following students prefer the wolf being chopped: Jade, Ewan, Shy, Linkin, Hayley, Eugene, Jai, Shannea and Rhys. These children preferred granny and Red Riding Hood being eaten: Mia, William, Reggie, Tamia, Ethan and Emma. Sophie didn’t like either ending and found a book where the wolf, granny and Red Riding Hood survived. The discussion created by this is amazing. Please ask your children why they prefer the one they chose. I hope you get a good giggle like I did with some answers.

Term Four is going to be a busy term with testing and recording, report card writing, getting ready for the end of the year activities and welcoming the next year’s Prep students into the classroom for the last two weeks of the school year.

Regards

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Calender 2015

October
18th - 23rd Year 6 Camp
19th - Student Free Day
18 - 23rd - Year 6 transition camp

November
27th - Graduation night

December
3rd - Christmas Tree night
4th - Last day of term 4

Congratulations to Amy and Shorty, students of the week last week and students of the week this week were Alaina and Shy.
Well done.

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.
Our school garden was the inspiration to start a healthy eating program at the school. It is a place where some of the kids love to hang around and taste different herbs, fruits and vegetables. The goal of this project is not only to promote healthy eating habits, but also to get fresh produce grown at our school from the garden onto the plate. Every day a group of students spend second session in the kitchen to help cook a healthy second lunch. This week the children in the junior class have been cooking up a storm in the kitchen. First up were the year two students. Mia, Jai, Shannea, Emma, William and Sophie treated their fellow peers to some delicious apple pikelets. They helped not only make the pikelets but took on the responsibility of cleaning up and doing the dishes! They also designed their own posters to promote their healthy café and helped to share out the pikelets. Their pikelets were made of flour and oats, and the butter and sugar were replaced by honey and olive oil. YUMMY!! The next day the year 1 students made some surprisingly delicious apple and banana muffins completely sugar and butter free.

Since Mr. Smith was very adamant not to have yet another cake at school for his birthday we trawled around on the internet and found a scrumptious watermelon cake recipe. Rhys, Eugene, Shy, Ethan and Reggie were our little chefs who created a true fruit cake masterpiece. We had a look in our garden and found some awesome edible flowers, rosellas and meringa leaves to decorate the cake with. The cake was loved by all and Mr. Smith even got to blow out his birthday candle. Shantray has been a fantastic helper in our kitchen and has been collecting rosellas to make a rosella sauce as well as cleaning up and doing dishes with the junior class. Our children are very passionate about their garden and if any community members would like to donate some plants or fresh grown produce, please feel free to share it with the children.

The senior class, students have been working on persuasive writing. They have been set the task to convince people to eat healthy. This open ended task has sparked some great creativity in the students with some students making a movie, some making a poster and we even have a rap song in the making.

Liz Carlson
Thanks Ms Carlson.
This is fun.