**PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

Every year Education Queensland surveys parents in every State School. This happens through a formula they devise. It is something like this; print out the oldest children in each family in alphabetical order. Select the 22nd child and then select every 3rd child until you reach 40 families.

So if you get randomly selected, please complete the survey and return to School in the sealed envelope so we can send them back to Education Queensland. If you don’t want to complete the survey, please contact me ASAP so it can be sent out to the next family on the list using EQ’s formula. **Surveys are to be returned by Monday 27th August.**

**CANUNGRA SHOW THIS SATURDAY**

The Junior Choir and Senior Band are performing this Saturday at the Canungra Show. The Junior Choir will perform at 2.30pm and the Senior Band are performing at 3pm.

Children need to be in full School uniform and the band needs to be wearing black long pants, black socks and black shoes for their performance.

**SENIOR BAND GOLD COAST EISTEDDFOD**

Our Senior Band competed in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod last week and received a Highly Commended. We were by far the smallest School in the section with the next smallest School more than twice our size. This means those Schools, up to 1000 students have a huge pool of students to select their band members from, and so to receive a Highly Commended against these big Schools is a real coup for our School.

Sincere thanks to John Clyde and Tim Hunt for your wonderful training of our children to receive this wonderful result against these amazingly large Schools.

Thank you parents for your support of our band.

**Opti-MINDS**

The Opti-MINDS team present their play this Sunday 26th August at Mudgeeraba School. Good luck students, we hope all the hard work pays off.

**GOLD COAST SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Our School has the Gold Coast Show holiday on Friday 31st August. No School on this day.

**BOOK WEEK BOOK SALE**

This year Book Week is held from 18th – 24th August and we will be celebrating by having a mammoth book sale every day of that week. We have a large number of books which have been culled from the library shelves which will be sold at the bargain price of 50c for a soft cover and $1 for any hard cover books. There are some terrific titles amongst the books with everything ranging from junior fiction picture books through to novels and non-fiction information books.

The books will be on sale before School and at playtimes (as well as any other time you can manage to pin Miss Stanley down), so start saving your loose change and come and get some great bargains for your book shelves at home!!
**COMING EVENTS**

**AUGUST**
- Wed 22 Senior Band 7.45am
- Thu 23 Tamborine Mountain College Wizard of Oz in the Hall
- Fri 24 Parade 8.50am
- Fri 24 Coles Vouchers counting day after parade
- Fri 24 Interhouse Sport 1.30pm
- Sat 25 Senior Band and Junior Choir at Canungra Show
- Sun 26 Opti-MINDS Day
- Tue 28 South Coast Athletics trials
- Wed 29 Senior Band 7.45am
- Thu 30 Father’s Day Stall
- Thu 30 Junior Band and Strings lessons
- Fri 31 Gold Coast Show Public Holiday

**SEPTEMBER**
- Sun 02 Father’s Day

**COLOUR DAY**

Our next Colour Day is Wednesday 5th September. The theme for this Colour Day is Blue.

**THIS FRIDAY COLES VOUCHER COUNTING DAY**

Coles Voucher counting day, here at school this Friday after Parade. If we count our own vouchers, the claiming process to get our sporting gear is a whole lot quicker.

This Friday 24th August, we will have a Coles Vouchers Counting morning here at School after parade. I’ll supply the tea, coffee and food, and we ask you to supply yourselves, so we can count the vouchers and get our wish list in.

We’ll have our wish list there as well so you can see what all of your hard work will earn for our children.

I’ve also discovered that actually counting the vouchers is dangerous, it is much easier to measure in groups of 10 vouchers. I’ll explain on the 24th. Let’s make a social morning of it, measure vouchers and have some fun while really helping out our children.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

**FATHERS’ DAY STALL**

Things are looking a bit sad for the amount of gifts in the Father’s Day box.

Fathers’ Day is not far away and your P&C will be holding a stall before School on Thursday 30th August. We ask for your donations of small gifts for this event so our children have the chance to choose something to give to their Dad. Suggestions include: car wash equipment, small gardening or handyman tools, coffee mugs, chocolates or anything you think a Dad might like. Your donations will be gift wrapped, priced between $3 - $10 and placed on the stall for the children to purchase then bring home so please, no fragile or second hand items. There is a box in the office for your gift donations. The response to our Mothers’ Day stall was wonderful so let’s not miss out our wonderful dads also!!

**TUCKSHOP**

**NO AROONAS**

Due to a massive increase in the sale of Aroona drinks we are now out of stock. In the last 2 weeks sales have gone from 2 - 4 per week to approx. 20 per week. We are nearing the end of term so it is unlikely that I can get more stock in.

I will try to get more but please when placing your Tuckshop orders give a second drink option. If there isn’t a second option we will return the money to the child in their Tuckshop bag. Thank You.

**WELCOME**

Welcome to our newest possums Kailah Norris

**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**PREP NEWS**

Welcome to week 7. Congratulations to all the preps who participated in the Speaking Competition. It is a great experience for them to build on each year.

Of course you all know that the Jump Rope for Heart Day is coming up. We have been practicing our skipping each day. The children have progressed in this skill amazingly in the short time we’ve been practicing but it is a very difficult skill for preps to master. If you are able to, it would be great if you could spend some time practicing skipping skills with your child.

The preps are progressing really well with their handwriting skills. We have learnt how to correctly form the following letters, l, i, j, t, m, n, r, x and h. I will continue sending home a new letter to practice with your child each week.

So far the new sounds we have covered are as follows, ng (as in strong, bang, etc), th (which is really tricky for some children to say), ch (as in chicken, chair), sh (sheep, shoe), ie (as in pie, tie), ee (as in sheep, keep) and or (as in fork, corn). Your child will really enjoy showing you the sound action for each of these letter combinations.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.

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YEAR 1/2 CLASS

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpryo8@eq.edu.au Wishing you all a good week, Kerry Pryor kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

Have a good week, Demelza dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Have a great week. Regards, Dan. dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

The skipping craze has hit our class. We are all practicing our routines to perform on Jump Rope for Heart day coming up on the second last week of school. The children are all very excited, not only to perform their routines, but also to raise enough money in order to see me in a red tutu for the day. We will now be skipping for our daily exercise rather than doing circuit training.

Last Friday we had a very exciting science lesson where we learned about wind speed and air pressure. The children had to make their own barometers and wind gauges before conducting their experiments. You can find photos of this science lesson on our class page located on the BSS site.

Due to the change in homework, I gave children a few weeks to become used to the new format. I have now however, begun to notify parents about their child’s homework progress in order for the parents to get a clear picture of how their child is progressing with regards to homework. If your child brings home such a note, please discuss the matter with them, sign the note and have them return the note to me.

Upcoming due dates: This week - good copy of narrative, public speaking task.
Next week – completion of animating narratives
Award winners for week 6 were: Phoebe Burchell, Faigan Meadowcroft, Levi Boland, Byron Roney and Mikaela Jones. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations to all.
Have a great week. Katie and Joyce kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

All children should be here tonight for the Public Speaking competition.

Year 7 students should wear their Year 7 Leaders shirts, and Year 6 students should wear normal school uniform.

The delivery of the children’s speeches forms part of their English Assessment. Children have completed a preliminary assessment and following feedback, will have the opportunity to re-say their speeches to improve on their mark. Hopefully they listened to the feedback and can make some positive changes that will assist the presentation of their speeches.

Have a great week, warm regards, Tanya Stanley & David Murphy tstan15@eq.edu.au & dmurp19@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
A Recycle container is in the School Administration foyer for you to leave your old printer cartridges; both ink jet and laser cartridges are taken Canon, HP, Lexmark and Epson only.

SOCCER NEWS
Home games this weekend.
Under 10’s - 8.30am
Under 8’s - 8.30am
Team Phil - 8.30am
Team Joy - 9.10am
Under 6’s - 9.50am

End of season presentation
This will be held after our home games on Saturday 1st September from 11am. We will email a program of the day to you.

Numbers are required for how many adults and how many children you will be bringing to this event (excluding the players).
Please Email info@manakithomes.com.au
This information is required ASAP.

Club photos: these are given to the children on presentation day.

Have a great week.

Ashmore Little Athletics Sign On
Saturdays August 25 & September 1 12 pm - 3pm
Boys & Girls 5 -16 years. Proof of age is required.
Brian Johnston Athletics Track Ashmore (near PCYC)
First competition day Saturday September 8 at 1.15pm
For further information go to our website:
www.ashmorelittleas.com

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