DATE: 15th September, 2015

Our 2015 School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in Writing, Reading Comprehension and Spelling.

Our 2015 School Rules:  
- Be RESPONSIBLE  
- Be RESPECTFUL  
- Be SAFE  
- Be a LEARNER

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From the Principal….

Mary Valley Bush Poetry Competition….

What a scoop!! Our students did amazingly and won all 4 of the group poem sections at the Mary Valley bush poetry last Wednesday. I am very pleased to say that every child at our school practised hard over the term and put in a mighty effort on the day to achieve this success. The fact that all our children participated, not a select few, makes me especially proud of their efforts. A bonus congratulations to our placegetters in the individual poems. They were:

- Prep
  - Kate 3rd
- Year 1
  - Isabella 2nd
  - Kacey 3rd
- Year 2
  - Sienna 1st
  - Indiana 3rd
- Year 3
  - Vincent 2nd
- Year 4
  - Jack 2nd
  - Ellie 3rd

Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes….

Thank you to the P&C who kindly subsidised our excursion to see the production of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes last Friday. Judging by the laughter and bantering during the performance, they thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment and were amazed by the creativity of characters, props and settings. It has been interesting to listen to students' reflections on the performance and appreciate the imagination and resourcefulness of the actors.

P&C Meeting….

Our next P & C meeting will be held this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Remember our Valley Vintage Fete… will be held on SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER. If you are interested in holding a stall or have friends/family who may be interested, or would simply like to help in some way, please come along to the meeting.

Bottle Stall…..

Staff at the school will be organising the LUCKY BOTTLE STALL for the fete. We need to collect as many glass jars as possible, and have them filled with ‘goodies’. So, over the holidays we ask if every family could please collect glass jars and items that we could put inside these jars for the LUCKY stall. Some suggestions for items include:

- lollies, hair ties, coffee, tea, candles,
- potpourri, dried fruit, nuts, beads,
- soaps, pencils, stationery, small toys,
- toy cars...

School Photos….

Our school photos have arrived. The packs for each student are very generous and include: a whole school photo, 12 individual photos of varying sizes, 2015/16 calendar with photo, two bookmarks with photo all for $25 per student. Bookmarks and calendars are really useful ideas for Christmas or gifts for Grandparents! So please come up to the office and view your child/ren’s photos at your earliest convenience.

Tennis….

This Wednesday will be lesson number 5 (out of 7). The last 2 lessons will be held in weeks 1 and 2 next term.

Playgroup….

A reminder there won’t be Playgroup this Friday. Playgroup will recommence next term. We encourage our Pre-Prep students to attend to help them transition smoothly and prepare for start of school 2016.

Break Up Day—Pirate Day….

This Friday, is our last day of term, and we encourage students to come dressed as a pirate. This may be as simple as a head scarf or full costume. This is not meant to be an expensive exercise for parents, but a fun way to be creative with what is in the cupboard and for the kids to enjoy.

There will also be a pirate themed tuckshop on Friday. Order forms will be sent home tomorrow.

Thank you….

As this is our last newsletter before the end of term, I would like to thank all parents for supporting our staff and school to help provide the best learning environment we can for our students. The children are tired and needing a break to renew their energies. So, I wish every family a safe and happy holiday, and I look forward to seeing you all for a busy and exciting Term 4.

Remember, the first day back is Tuesday, 6th October, as the Monday is the Labour Day public holiday.

Jane Desmarchelier,  
PRINCIPAL
Supporting your child’s successful transition to Prep Parent and Family Workshop

The Transition, Innovation and Partnerships team, from the Department of Education and Training’s North Coast Region, would like to invite parents and families to hear some practical advice on how to support your child to successfully transition into formal schooling. These workshops are designed for parents and families whose child will be attending Prep in State Schools in either 2016 or 2017.

Place: The Early Years Family Hub, 2 O’Connell Street, Gympie
Date: Monday 12 October, 2015
Time: Either 10 -11.30am or 4 – 5.30pm

Tea and coffee will be supplied.

As this workshop is aimed at adults please, where possible, organise for your child/children to be cared for elsewhere to enable you to better focus on the presentation.

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