DATE: 25th November, 2015

Our 2015 School Improvement Goal: to improve student outcomes in Reading Comprehension and Vocabulary.

Our School Rules: Be RESPONSIBLE • Be RESPECTFUL • Be SAFE • Be a LEARNER

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Swimming Carnival….
A reminder our Mary Valley Schools Swimming Carnival is this FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER. This is a fun, relaxed day where the focus is on encouraging our kids to have a go at fun activities. Please ensure your child/ren is/are well prepared with sun screen, hats and water bottles. Family and friends are welcome to come along and enjoy the fun too. The P&C will be selling sausages in bread, tea and coffee for parents and visitors on the day. If your child/ren has not pre-ordered tuckshop, please remember to pack their morning tea, snacks and lunch—don’t rely on there being enough sausages for children.

REMINDER: Children in Prep to Year 3 will have their events in the morning until lunch time. Parents are welcome to collect younger students from the pool at lunch time. Students in Years 4-6 will be participating in events in the afternoon. The carnival usually finishes at approximately 2.00pm.

The bus will depart school at 9.00 a.m. SHARP and return to school by 2.45 p.m.

Beach/Surf Awareness….
Next FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER we look forward to the second part of the Surf Life Saving Qld. This will again be a fun day, developing skills and surf awareness to keep our children safe, especially when on holidays. The bus will depart Dagun School at 8.00a.m. SHARP, travelling to Mooloolaba. We will return to Dagun School by 3.15 p.m.

Students can wear their swimmers and sun shirts and a pair of shorts to school. Students may wear thongs or sandals on their feet. They need to bring with them: wide brimmed hats (no caps), towel, a set of dry clothes to put on afterwards, water bottles, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (they get hungry at the beach!).

If you wish your child/ren to participate in this great opportunity, please complete the attached Permission Form and return to the school office by this FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER.

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2016 Swimming Lessons Survey….
Whilst swimming lessons are not mandated for all students in Australian curriculum, our school policy is to conduct swimming lessons for all students so they learn vital water safety skills for life. Our swimming days in Terms 1 and 4 take up 4.5 hours each Friday, which is a considerable chunk of learning time students are missing out on. In an effort to mitigate the loss of time, and to maintain our school policy, I would like to propose a change in format for swimming lessons, commencing in Term 1, 2016. We are seeking parent responses to the proposal below.

Playgroup….
Thank you to Donna Dilger for running our Playgroup sessions each Friday morning. Our Pre-prep students have become a little more comfortable being in our school environment and are looking forward to starting BIG school in the new year. We will notify families when our Playgroup sessions start again in 2016.

Jane Desmarchelier,
PRINCIPAL

2016 SWIMMING LESSON PROPOSAL
Please let the school know your views on this proposal by completing the survey below and returning to the school office before FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER.

1.30p.m. Students depart school by bus to Kandanga Pool
2.00p.m. Swimming lessons for all students (GROUPS)
3.00p.m. Parents collect students from Kandanga Pool
(rather than from school)

Please NOTE:
(1) Preferred day of the week for swimming would be Friday afternoon, but this will not be known until we finalise our specialist teacher timetable in 2016.
(2) All HPE lessons conducted by our specialist teacher will be conducted at school, every term. Swimming will be a specific, separate program.
(3) The school will employ a qualified swim coach to conduct lessons.

FAMILY NAME: ________________________________

☐ I AGREE with the proposal for swimming in 2016
☐ I DON'T AGREE with the proposal for swimming in 2016

Comments __________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: _____________________
(Parent/Caregiver)