Message from the Principal

STAFFING IN 2015

I am very pleased to announce that we have 26 students this year which means we are able to employ a second teacher five days a week as well as a third teacher for teacher release, library and learning support. We are very lucky to have Mrs Lyn Fisher to continue her role in these areas and we will begin our extra learning support programs this week. Mrs Fisher will be taking Learning Support and Infants Release on Wednesday and taking the Primary class on Friday’s as my administration time.

PERSONALISED LEARNING PLANS (PLPS)

PLP meetings will take place this week. Please refer to the small yellow note that was sent home with the meeting time for your child/children. Due to the tight schedule we will need to keep to the allocated 20 minutes per child. In this time, with the support of parents and their teacher, students will set themselves one or two goals for the term, semester or year. Students and parents should be thinking about how these goals have been met before the meeting. These goals may include areas such as improving in an academic area such as reading, improving in sport or setting a social or behavioral goal. Think about the goals you set and achieved last year!

EXCURSIONS

We will endeavour to provide costing for the upcoming excursions this year so as soon as possible so that parents have the option to pay in instalments. This would be particularly encouraged for the Primary’s excursion to Canberra at the end of Term 3 as it is quite costly. I am sending home notes regarding the National Young Leaders Conference in Sydney for Year 6, The Small Schools Super Camp in Nyngan for all students and the Canberra Excursion for Years 3-6. Please fill in these notes and return as soon as possible. More details will follow as I receive them.

KIDS COUNCIL

Kids Council are hosting a Crazy Day during lunch time this Wednesday. Students are allowed to come to school dressed in their craziest clothes, however the kids council request they keep one thing about themselves the same as normal! There will be some fun activities during this time. Students may only be out of uniform if they bring a gold coin donation. Each activity will cost 20c.

ZONE SWIMMING

Well done to all Quambone students who participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. From all reports it was a great day and students swam their best, representing our school with pride. We had several students make it through to Regionals in Armidale on Tuesday 3rd March, including Phoebe, Clare, Tamika, Ditch, Maddie and Lara. An extra congratulations to Maddie who was the 11yrs girl champion on the day!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fisher

A very warm welcome to our community to Miss Holly Lunnis, our infants teacher this year!
Welcome to Week 5—please remember your PLP meeting this week so come along with some great goals for your child.

**Literacy:** Kindergarten’s phonics sound for this week will be “s”. For writing, we are starting a unit on characterization, focusing on the 3 little pigs, and this will be carried out throughout the course of a couple of weeks. I look forward to starting this unit with the children. Our writing this week will be linked in with other KLA’s but will still be focused around sentence structure.

**Numeracy:** This week our unit is Investigating Mass and Capacity. We will look at the concept of “full” and “empty” as well as seeing which objects hold more or less. We will carry out lots of fun activities to explore this concept.

**Science & Technology:** We will keep exploring Earth and Space and this week explore shadows, plants and the concept of the sun making us active and keeping plants alive.

**History:** This week the students will explore safe and unsafe places in the playground as well as identifying the need for shelter.

**PDHPE:** This week we will look at who we interact with and talk about how these people are special to us.

**CAPA:** This term the whole school will be focusing on the Coonamble Show Displays. Mrs. Fisher number 1 will be taking infants for CAPA and looking at Gallipoli as their theme for the show.

~ Friday Fun Day ~

This week the students will complete their spelling and math’s tests for the week as well as continuing on with CAPA. We will also have swimming for sport again this week so please remember to bring swimmers, a towel and goggles! Remember, we will be in our own rooms of a Friday now and not combined. Have a great week everyone!

**Miss Lummis**

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**3-6 News**

Welcome to Week 5! This week is PLP week so make sure you’ve got some ideas for goals to discuss when you come in for you PLP meeting.

**Literacy:** While we will be continuing with our book studies on Pippi Longstocking for some and Anne of Green Gables for others we will take some time this week to compose a letter to the council in support of the planned playground that is to be installed across from the shop.

The grapheme that we will be focusing on in spelling this week is ‘t’ and ‘n’ which can also be seen as ‘t’,” “n” “m” “t”.

**Numeracy:** Our Go Maths Units for this week are:
3: Working with Length, Capacity and Mass
4: Working with Measurement Scales
5: Relating Units of Measurement
6: Relating Length to Volume, Mass and Capacity

**Science & Technology:** This week we will continue looking closely at specific planets in our solar system.

Thanks to Mel Hunter who has sent in a series of books and DVD set around the solar system.

**History:** This week we will continue to look how humans have interacted with the Antarctic Environment. This could include tourism, environment research or exploration.

**PDHPE:** For the next few PD lessons we will be breaking into small groups to learn different skills to help us get along with others. These skills will include cooperative skills, social skills, self esteem skills and social problem skills.

**CAPA:** Students will continue working on art for the Coonamble Show which they will be doing with Mrs Fisher (the first one!)

Have a great week everyone!

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ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

QPS Classifieds

Quambone P & C News
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday the 2nd of
March 2015. Membership is due at this meeting.

Regards
Linda O'Brien
Secretary

Crazy Day
On Wednesday 25th Kids Council are holding a Crazy Day where students can come dressed up
crazily but with something about them that is still their normal selves e.g. clothes, hair, socks.
Students will be able to participate in:
  • The Ridiculous Run
  • The Dramatic Dance
  • The Crazy Competition
It is a gold coin donation to come dressed up and an extra 20c for each activity. There will be
prizes!
MASSIVE CAR BOOT SALE

COONAMBLE GOLF CLUB

28TH FEBRUARY

OPEN 9am

Someone's Trash is another one's Treasure

Come enjoy a great morning at the Golf Club with the Cappuccino Machine running, Sausage sizzle & Home-made slices to taste

8AM SET UP FOR THE 9AM START - COST $10 PER SITE