Dear Parents,

S&P
Ethan – for working really hard and settling in well to classroom routines

PS
Pedro – for always giving his best effort in all class tasks
Austin – for being a great classmate and helper

TL
Logan – for being consistent with homework and for working hard on task

MACS
Charley – for being so enthusiastic and positive in all that she does.
Jordan – for great listening & behaviour in class.

January
Izac – 6th
Mark – 8th
Olivia – 12th
Dee – 16th

Jordan – 19th
Austin – 20th
Umairah – 27th
Hunter – 31st

NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY.
A huge thank you to Sue-Anne Eland who has volunteered to take over from Kaz Field as the Sausage Sizzle Co-ordinator.
Our first sausage sizzle will be on Friday, 13 February. Sue has put herself on cooking for the first day and will be looking to set up a roster after that.

PARADE CHANGES
I meant to mention in last week’s newsletter that we are trialling a change in our parade routine for this year. Every “odd-numbered week”, (such as last week), will be a junior parade involving only the Salt ‘n’ Preppers, (S&Ps), and Proud Scholars, (PSs).
Every “even-numbered week”, (such as this coming Friday), will be a full parade involving the whole school.

GATES – TRIALLING CHANGE OF ROUTINE
We had an incident yesterday where one of our preppies went out into the car park, (before Mum or Dad had arrived!), without us being aware of it. Fortunately, no one was hurt in any way.
We do have systems in place to prevent this from happening, (I’m not aware of it happening before). However, these systems rely on children going to the correct gate and following the teacher’s instruction.

Admittedly, yesterday’s incident occurred during a “wet day dismissal” which can be more hectic due to everyone leaving from under the building.
However, we usually have three teachers on duty, (as was the case yesterday), to keep things running smoothly.

When everyone gathers under the building, it’s loud, unpleasant and it slows everyone down. However, we get them all away safely.
I don’t want to put an extra teacher on duty where kids aren’t supposed to be. At the same time, it’s easy to understand a small child using a different route if they’ve seen any gate being used by parents and students on other days.
At this stage, we think the child might have wandered out with other families who were using the double gate near the letterbox. We don’t have a teacher on duty there because it’s not one of our exit gates.

With yesterday’s incident in mind, I’m trialling a different use of gates for the 3 o’clock exit.

Dry Weather Dismissal
For Children being Picked Up by Car
The ONLY gate to be used, (even if walking with parents), is the double gate in front of the old residence.
We will have a teacher on duty at the single gate entrance to the residence yard (under the Moreton Bay Fig).
I’m not a policeman but please understand that restricting car travellers to one gate:
• reduces the volume of fearless children moving out to cars at any one time.
• allows us a much better chance of intercepting kids whose parents haven’t arrived or kids who should be on the bus.
• gives us a much better chance of remembering if a child has been picked up when we’re asked, (we have no idea if they leave via a gate where no one is on duty).

Please do NOT use the bus gate, (i.e. the single gate at the front of the school), unless you are using the bus. Once again, it’s very hard for us to monitor individuals going to the bus if they’re mixed in with adults and non-bus children.

For Children Going on the Bus
Children are to use the single gate at the front of the school.
There is a teacher on duty here to monitor this.

Wet Day Dismissals
Not much change here.
Children Travelling By Car
We will gather children under the old building at the front of the school. Yes this does slow down the rate of children leaving – which is exactly what we’re trying to do! We dismiss children when parents come in to the school to walk them out to their car. As the crowd thickens over time, we will also look for cars and send children out. Please understand that the delay caused here is intended to make leaving as safe as possible for you and your child(ren).
DURING WET DAY DISMISSALS, IT IS PREFERABLE TO LEAVE THROUGH THE BUS GATE IF CHILDREN ARE WITH THEIR PARENTS.

I am asking that, if you collect your child directly from the classroom, you still leave by walking first under the old school building. I know this is a pain and wouldn’t ask
unless I felt that it was important. However, I'm hoping to avoid children "tagging onto" other families and leaving without giving us the chance to notice.

Children Travelling By Bus
We gather these children under the old building at the front of the school. We then walk them out to the bus. This may mean they get a little wet. However, the only first aid required is a towel and change of clothes when they arrive home.

Children Travelling By Bicycle/Walking
Unless I hear otherwise from parents, children are asked to wait until someone collects them or until the rain eases off. We’ve found in the past that these children are usually collected. We’re able to lock bikes up inside classrooms if needed.

Students will NOT be given permission to ride or walk home during electrical storms.

I’ve asked the teachers to do a “practice walk” with the students to the correct gates after school this afternoon. I know this will inconvenience parents initially because I have not given you warning of the change. I do apologise for this. However, I wanted to get a system into place immediately to avoid a repeat of yesterday’s incident.

Please support us by reinforcing the correct use of gates with your children after school.

“CARING” v “CARRYING” FOR YOUR CHILD

This article was adapted from a transcript from Channel 13, New York, a few years ago. It’s printed here because of the message. It’s not my article – but I wish it was. It’s certainly food for thought.

We see many parents carrying bags for kids or hear them taking blame for when homework is not finished. We’re constantly engaged in conversations with parents who say, “I’m sorry. It’s my fault. I never asked him/her if he had homework.”

We all know a large percentage of students who succeed in school have parents who are involved in their academics. However, is it possible to be too involved in your child’s academics? The answer is . . . yes! We clean our child’s bedroom, pick up their clothes from the floor, do all of their laundry, solve disputes between our child and a friend, and then take the blame if they forget to do their homework. Sometimes we want so much to be involved in our child’s lives that we end up “carrying” our kids instead of “caring” for them. As a result, they don’t learn how to be responsible for themselves. The following are a few rules that can help prevent you from “carrying” your child.

Rule One: Don’t do anything for your children that they can do themselves. Children should:

✓ Pick up the mess in their bedroom.
✓ Have chores they need to be responsible for.
✓ Work out their problems on their own first. If they still need help after that, then intervene
✓ Do their homework on their own, and be responsible for it. If they have homework, make sure they follow through on the responsibility.
✓ Check it after they’re done.
✓ If they decide not to do it, let them deal with the consequences at school. They may not make the same mistake twice.

Rule Two: Praise your children when they show responsibility.

✓ Statistic: For every one positive comment, a child hears ten negatives.
✓ Children can never hear that you love them enough. Let them know it every day.
✓ No need to buy them a gift for completing a chore. A nice comment is enough.

Rule Three: (Blame Game)
Don’t blame yourself if your child neglects a responsibility. It’s easier said than done, but you are only responsible for your responsibilities.

It’s important for you to step out of the blame and step into helping your child find their own way out of their own struggles.

Rule Four: You’re the role model.
If you take responsibility for your actions, your child will, over time, start taking responsibility for theirs.

It is very important to be involved in your child’s education. Just make sure you’re not so involved that you are “carrying” them.

Think about when your child learnt to walk. Yes, there were times when you “supported” them and there were also times when you found a way to support themselves. You didn’t pick them up and carry them the whole time. If you did, you would have saved them from a few bumps and crashes. But you would also have denied them the opportunity of learning from their little mistakes – you would have stopped them, (through kindness), from learning how to walk!

Learning from our mistakes is what made us better adults. Your children should have the same chances to learn from their mistakes as we did.

MOSQUITOES

The recent wet weather has inevitably resulted in mosquitoes being present at school in larger numbers. I haven’t noticed them at all in the classrooms. However, while not in plague proportions, they are around when we’re outside. If you’re concerned, you might want to consider applying insect repellent to your child before they come to school.

Please do not send repellent to school with your child as inappropriate use can result in harm to themselves or others.

BOOK CLUB

Thank you to those parents who support the book club. We receive reward points for the school from your purchases. This enables us to buy books and other resources for the school.

Brochures for book club issue no. 1 have gone home. Orders are due back at school by Wednesday, 18th February. Please allow one week after that date for delivery.

Thank you

Sue.
WHERE IS MRS SEARLE?
Mrs Searle is on sick leave and will hopefully be returning to work on Monday, 23 February. We’ve been very fortunate to gain the services of Miss Atkinson until then.

SMILE AWHILE
Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love, and got married. The ceremony wasn’t much, but the reception was excellent.

Kind regards,

P & C News

Our AGM will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday, 12th February.

All positions will be declared vacant and we will need to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer.

The general monthly meeting for February will follow the AGM immediately.

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop will resume Next Tuesday 19th February.

Orders:
All orders for tuckshop are to be written on a brown paper bag, one bag for lunch orders and a separate one for afternoon tea orders. Paper bags are available from the front servery window of the tuckshop for 10c – please add this cost to your order.

If you need to write your order out on Tuesday morning there will be pens provided. Please be aware that the volunteers are extremely busy first thing in the morning receiving orders, cooking and preparing for their day.

No one is to be in the tuckshop unless they are an official volunteer. Under Workplace Health and Safety there are to be no children in the tuckshop at any time. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact any of the volunteers or Natalie Calder, Tuckshop Convenor.

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