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November 30th – Reilly
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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 4
Monday, 2 December Year 7 Graduation Dinner
Thursday, 5 December Thank You Morning Tea
Wednesday, 11 December End of Year Concert
Thursday, 12 December Break Up Day
(Movie at Reading Cinema)
Friday, 13 December Clean Up Day

Next Sausage Sizzle
Friday, 29 November
Thank you to the parents who have volunteered. Please contact Kaz on 0423 338 253 if you can help.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE IS ON EVERY FRIDAY with sausages and Home Ice-cream ice blocks.
Sausage and bread $1.20
Ice block $1.00
Sausage and ice block deal $2.00

Roster Term 4
29th November – Karyn Dixon 6th December – Denise Riedy

SPELLODROME HIGH FLIERS
Congratulations to Jessica, (1 000 points), who finished with a great score in Spelldrome last week. Well done!

BOOK CLUB – ISSUE 8
Book Club Issue 8 is due Thursday 28 November, please make sure all money is return by this date so the order can be processed on the Friday 29 November.

YEAR 7 GRADUATION DINNER
Our Year 7 Graduation Dinner will be held at the CQ Western Suburbs Leagues Club on Monday, 2 December.

Please understand that our Year 7 Graduation Dinner is meant to be a relatively low key affair befitting the fact that:
1. We’re a small school and
2. It’s a celebration of our time with the Year 7s – not the end of high school or university.

We’re picking up information from the children about special hair-dos and dresses. Some have even hinted at the possibility of taking time off school to get ready!!!! My goodness, what have we created? I simply cannot knowingly support an activity that promotes absenteeism from school. If having a graduation dinner results in children missing school, I would be left with no choice but to finish my involvement with it.

Please don’t make the event any bigger than it needs to be. The Graduation Dinner is a special and “fun” night. However, we simply must not allow it to interfere with time spent learning at school. It simply isn’t that important.

For what it’s worth, I’m going in jeans and a short sleeve shirt. I won’t be getting my hair done.

LIBRARY BORROWING CLOSED
Please be advised that, to enable us to conduct a stocktake and reshave books in the library before the end of the year, library borrowing has finished for this school year. Please help us by ensuring that any library books at home are returned by this by Monday, 2 December.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS & HELPERS
THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 9.06AM
TALENT QUEST
Congratulations and a big thank you to Taylor who almost single-handedly organised the talent quest at lunchtime today. From all reports, the audience was thoroughly entertained by a variety of talented performers. Congratulations also to our placetters.
1st place: Jemima & Emma
2nd place: Jack, Mitchell & Alex
3rd place: Riley
4th place: Taylor

They'll be presented with their certificates on parade this Friday.

BACK OUR CHAPPIES
A new High Court challenge means School Chaplaincy is under threat again. You can take action right now to "back our chappies" by signing a Statement of Support, which will play an important role in responding to the new High Court challenge. Come to the school office to sign a statement or go online at www.backourchappies.com.au

CONCERT NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER
Our concert night is being held on Wednesday, 11 December with a sausage sizzle operating from 6:00pm until 6:45 pm. Please aim to arrive by 6:30 pm if you are planning to have a sausage sizzle.

Last year, we had a massive queue at 6:45 pm and simply couldn’t get everyone served by 7:00 pm.

Please remember that our servers are volunteers who are keen to watch all the performances as well. Cold soft drinks will also be on sale. Concert items are due to start at 7:00pm. Small concert items will be performed by the children as well as presentations. Our P&C Association will be selling raffle tickets on the night so bring your money! It’s also a good idea to bring your own chair and insect repellent.

A space will be left at the front for children to sit. Although students are mainly under the care of their parents on the night, I’d ask that parents help us by encouraging their children to sit in this group at the front. This allows teachers to quickly organise the performance groups as well as giving the children a good spot from which to view other performances. We have tried having the children sitting in amongst the main audience in the past. However, this has resulted in delays "searching" for kids along with children occasionally missing out on their performance.

I do need to remind everyone that Education Queensland has a No Smoking Policy which applies anywhere within the school boundary at any time. Please understand that this is a legally enforceable policy.

Being a night for the kids, no alcohol is to be brought in.

BREAK UP DAY – THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER
Our Break Up Day at school for 2013 is Thursday, 12 December (not Friday). This day usually involves a movie trip, lunch and a final tidy up.

This year, we’ve organised a movie morning at the Reading Cinema for students who
1. wish to go
2. have written permission (preferably school envelopes) and
3. pay their money on time.

The Movie is "Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs - 2". It has a "G" rating.

Cost, after subsidy from sausage sizzle funds and our P&C Association, will be $6 per student. This is great value as it includes:
1. admission to the movie (actual cost is $8.00 per child)
2. morning tea and
3. transport to and from the Reading Cinema.

Please pay money in school envelope with permission section completed by Monday 9 December. If you can get your money and permission in sooner, that’s even better.

Children who do not have permission, or have not paid, will remain at school with teacher supervision.

Our P&C will provide the morning tea (which can be consumed during the movie) of a popper, packet of chips and a packet of lollies. Lunch will also be provided back at school which will be a hot dog, watermelon and an ice block. If your child doesn't eat these foods, or you wish them to have something else, you will need to provide this for them. Please remember this is fun day for our students.

High school students, ex-students and students from other schools are not invited to attend.

What do the students wear on Thursday?
Being "break-up day", the children do not have to wear school uniform – even if they are going in to see the movie.

However, the sun’s damaging rays do not take a break on this day. With this in mind, our students are still expected to wear sunsafe clothing, i.e. shirts/tops that protect the shoulders and upper arms along with legionnaire or broad brimmed hats. Wearing singlets or caps to school is a waste of time. In previous years, we supplied students with spare uniform shirts to wear.
Parents are welcome (encouraged – urged!) to collect their children early after lunch on break up day as the afternoon will be tidying up.

Please understand, however, that we’re legally obliged to supervise children until 3:00 pm unless they are taken under the care of THEIR OWN PARENTS.

We cannot, (and will not!), let a child go with another family or leave for home early simply because of a “Mum said I could” coming from the student. If students are to leave early, (which most do by the way!), they must have a signed note or be picked up by THEIR OWN PARENTS.

**CLEAN UP DAY – FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER**

Sharon is having a “Clean-up” Day again this year. While most families will choose to finish their year on Thursday, we are still on duty, and will have jobs for students to help us with on the Friday.

Old clothes that can get wet, (not uniforms) and hats are needed on this day. Please note: As for break up day, children will need to be picked up from school by THEIR OWN PARENTS or have a signed note from their parents if they wish to leave early.

**SMILE AWHILE**

What do turtles use to communicate?

**A shellphone!**

What does a turtle do on its birthday?

**It shellebrates.**

Why is turtle wax so expensive?

**Because their ears are so small!**

Kind regards,

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**Gin Gin Hospital Aux Mega Christmas Cent Sale**

Saturday 30 November at the Gin Gin RSL Hall

Doors Open 12pm Midday

Admission $1, kids free

Major Raffle, Bow Tree, Lucky Door Prizes, Free Afternoon Tea, Fantastic Prizes and Lots of Fun

**The Tom Quinn Community Centre**

Are you thinking of re-entering the workplace? Do you have time to spare while the kids are at school? Would you like to increase your knowledge, skills and confidence while obtaining an accredited qualification? If you are not receiving Centrelink benefits and do not have a certificate III or higher qualification you may be eligible to join our LINKS program offering accredited training and support with no cost to you.

**Courses on offer include:**

- Cert III in Hospitality, Retail, and Business Operations
- Cert II in Furniture Making, Horticulture, and Construction
- Cert I in Furnishing, Hospitality, Conservation and Land Management
- Responsible Service of Alcohol
- Barista
- Construction White Card
- Chemical Operations Certificate

If you would like to know more or register your interest phone The Tom Quinn Community Centre and speak to Mandy or Shendal on 4153 3557 or 0419 157 295.