23 July 2014

Message from the Principal, Mrs Jody Stehbens

Kruger Student Performance Improvement in Semester 1 2014

As part of our School Improvement Agenda in 2014, the close monitoring and tracking of student results has been a priority. From this testing data, our booster and support programs, across the school, target individual students to receive extra support in small groups.

Reading

Assessment of our students in reading show that approximately 80% of our students in Years 1 to 3 are at an average standard or above. The average number of levels that students progressed by were: 6 levels in Year 1, 6 levels in Year 2 and 3 levels in Year 3. (Movement is expected to be less in Year 3 as the levels become harder.)

Movement in levels in the Upper school is less as a different evaluation tool is being used and the focus is on comprehension. Students from 4-7 improved an average of 1.1 levels, with the expected movement of this age group being 1 level a semester.

Year 4-7 students are also assessed on their comprehension skills. Across these year levels, 80% of students are almost at a C level, at a C level or above.

Maths

Individual Maths performance of students is tracked by pre and post-tests that give teachers an indication of where students are at the beginning of the unit, where the teacher needs to focus teaching and how the students have improved through the term. The majority of our students made good progress throughout Terms 1 and 2, and our intervention programs are designed to support further learning.

This data shows that our school continues to improve student performance through the best effort of our students, the dedication of our school staff and positive parent partnerships.

I look forward to greater improvement in the future as we continue to develop school programs and processes.

I encourage you to keep in close contact with your child’s teacher, so that you are aware of your child’s learning strengths and needs. Your child’s teacher is always willing to assist you to support your child on the learning journey.

Introduction of IPADS for Prep and Year 1 Students

During this term, our Prep and Year 1 students will be introduced to IPADS. The IPADS will be used as another tool for learning. The main focus will be in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Justin Smith our Deputy Principal, is working with the Prep and Year 1 teachers to ensure that everyone has the necessary training to make the most of this great resource.

Justin will be inviting parents to an IPAD information session to show you all the exciting things that your children will be doing on their IPADS.

Teacher Professional Development /Twilight Sessions

All teachers will participate in a two hour professional development session this week which will examine students reading and spelling performance in Semester 1. Teachers will analyse student results and plan strategies to extend and support the learning of students in their class.

Open Classroom Showcase

During Week 3 of this term (28/7 – 31/7), you are invited to visit your child’s classroom and see the teaching and learning. You will also be able to see your child’s goals for Term 3 and generally see how the classroom operates.

Your child will be bringing home an invitation this week with the details.

Facilities

During the last 5 weeks we have had a considerable amount of facilities work completed around the school.

- Replacement of: carpet in the library and in 2 classrooms; flooring in the junior toilets; sheeting on the port racks in Block 1 and Block 6; table tops on outdoor tables; louvers thought out the school,
Focus On - A Flying Start For Queensland Children

Year 7 is joining high school

Queensland’s education system is changing for the better. From 2015, Year 7 will become the first year of high school. This is a significant change which will benefit all Queensland students.

By 2015, almost half of the students in Year 7 will be turning 13 and in their eighth year of school, which is the right time for high school to begin. Educators agree that young teenagers are ready for the greater independence and depth of learning that high schools provide.

In high school, our students will have greater access to specialist teachers and resources, such as science teachers and labs, which will open up new and exciting educational opportunities. Moving Year 7 to high school will also bring Queensland into line with the majority of other states and territories, which will benefit families who may need to move interstate while their child is still in secondary school.

Preparing for the move of Year 7 to high school

The start of the school year in 2015 will be historic, as state and non-state secondary schools across Queensland welcome almost 100,000 students into Years 7 and 8. As you prepare to enrol your child in high school, you should feel confident that much work has been done since 2011 to ensure a smooth transition of Year 7 to high school in 2015. For state schools, this includes:

• Painting of Modular 4 & 5; sections of Block 1, 2,5 Library and the junior toilets.
• Repairs to the veranda in Modular 3 and replacement of sunhoods throughout the school.

Work is still underway with some repairs and painting.

Outstanding Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme Money

Final and full payments (except for families using CentrePay) for your child’s Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme are due by the 25th July 2014. Payment will ensure that your child has all of the necessary resources. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Whole School Parade

Whole School Parade will be on Friday 25th July at 1.30.

One student from each class will receive a Pride of Kruger Award at this parade.

Year Level Newsletters

Year Level newsletters will also be sent home this week. In this newsletter, there will be information about the Term 3 Learning Programs and assessment that your child will participate in.

Important Dates

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Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme 2014 - Prep to Year 7

Years P – 3 $100.00 per year
Years 4 – 7 $ 60.00 per year

Please ensure your payments are up-to-date.

Money Due:
- 2nd instalment of $25.00 by Friday, 2 May 2014 (now overdue)
- 3rd instalment of $25.00 by Friday, 25 July 2014

Our Website www.krugerss.eq.edu.au has the Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme Forms for 2014 for you to access. Once you have entered the Website, select Support and resources (top far right), Forms and documents (Left), Documents (bottom left). Select Resource and textbook hire scheme documents (Yellow folder). Now you can select the appropriate year level form for 2014.

Centrepay Deductions for the Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme is now available. If you wish to participate, please complete a Centrepay Deduction form at the office and we will fax it directly to Centrelink.

We ask that the Centrepay Form be sent though our office to ensure that monies are correctly deducted from your account.

Please advise the office as soon as possible if you have already sent the form to Centrelink.

Collection of Money at the Office

Money brought to school for excursions, sport etc. is to be handed in to the school office before school in a clearly marked envelope – i.e. Students full name, what payment is for, amount and date.

The deadline date for payment is stated in letters.... Please take note of this date, as no money can be accepted after this.

Payments may be made by cash, cheque, and credit or debit card at the school on Monday – Friday between the hours of 8.30am and 2.00pm. If paying by cash, please send correct money. Payment also can be made directly into the school bank account. If paying directly into the School Bank Account, please ensure you have a reference eg. Child’s name and what you are paying for eg. Year 7 Camp. We also ask that you email the school (admin@krugerSS.eq.edu.au) advising us of this payment.

Alternatively, credit card details may be sent to the school for payment using a “Credit card Payment Advice” form. These forms are available from the school office or school website. Credit and debit card transactions are available for payments from $10.00.

Centrepay deductions are now available. Please see the school office for a form.

Pick Up Arrangements after School

Lately, the office has been receiving many last minute requests for change of pickup places, people and times for students across all year levels. We realise sometimes changes are unavoidable, but we ask that firm arrangements are made with your child/children before they leave in the morning.

Alterations to these arrangements should only be made in an emergency.

Improvement to our Newsletter

Google Translate

A drop down arrow is now available, with a wide range of languages for readers to choose from. It sits just below the school banner, above the date.

School Photo Day

School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child’s school memories captured forever on 13th & 14th August 2014

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact
MSP Photography 0738483956
admin.seq@msp.com.au

Physical Education 2014

Some provisional date claimers for the year are as follows;

Central District Athletics Carnival – 4 & 5 August
Season 3 Sport (Boys’ and Girls’ Tee-Ball, Boys’ and Girls’ Softball and Cricket)
Week 1 – October 17, Week 2 – October 24, Week 3 – October 31, Week 4 – November 7 and Week 5 – November 14
Junior (Prep – Year 3) Sports Day and Cross Country will be in Terms 3 and 4 respectively, with final dates to be arranged.

As quotes Summer Sport are yet to be finalised, a rough guide to the costs are as follows:

Summer Sport @ $35 - $42.

Students playing rugby league this year are advised that the safety guidelines recommend students wear a mouth guard while playing and training. We thoroughly recommend that these guidelines are followed for student safety. The school has a limited supply of mouth guards for sale if any student needs one. These can be purchased at the office for $5.00 WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

In Physical Education classes, students will be learning the following:

Year 7 – European Handball, Golf, Badminton, Athletics, Volleyball and Softball
Year 6 – Badminton, Golf, Lacrosse, Athletics, Volleyball and Softball
Year 5 – Hockey, AFL, Basketball, Athletics, T-ball and Netball
Year 4 – Hockey, Touch Rugby Union, Basketball, Athletics, T-Ball and Netball

The Junior Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 10th September.

I look forward to another very productive and rewarding year.

Yours in sport
Gavin McLeod

Library News

The library is open from 8am each morning for borrowing and returns.

Students can borrow a book for 2 weeks.

Students in Prep to Year 1, 2 and 3 must have a library bag to borrow. We require this so that books are less likely to be damaged.

Students in Year 5, 6 and 7 can borrow 2 books at a time.

Library Activities for Students

- Reading Club - Monday-Friday 8am-8:20am with Mrs Day and Mrs Taalolo
- Games Club - Thursday First Break with Chappy and volunteers (Board games, Draughts, Chess, UNO, etc.)
- Poetry Club – Friday First Break with Ms Drover

If you have any questions about lost or damaged books, please do not hesitate to contact the library staff on ph: 38149327 or edrov1@eq.edu.au

P&C & Tuckshop News

P&C

Tuckshop News

If you have a large order, please supply two paper bags or you can purchase them from the Tuckshop for 10 cents each. All orders are to be placed before 9.30am.

If, for some reason, your child doesn’t have lunch, we will supply a sandwich with the following tasty spreads (Jam/Vegemite). The Tuckshop will then send an Invoice home for the value of $2.00.

Uniform Shop

Operating Hours

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3 month Lay---By Available (payable with small deposit) must be paid in full before uniforms are released.

Please Note: No uniforms will be sold in the mornings, so please don’t get upset when we refuse to serve you.

Math Books & Stationery Supplies

As we know our students love the subject Maths, we are catering for their love of this subject. We have a stock of 10mm grid books for the following Year Levels 4-7. Price will be 70 cents each (cheaper than the Newsagents).

They will be in stock right through the year; also we will have the following in stock as well:

- Spare Pencils
- Rubbers
- Pencil Sharpeners

Student Banking

Money, Money, Money

Student Banking has commenced again, so please drop off bank books to the Tuckshop any time of the day. There are new prizes available, so when you reach your 10 tokens... SURPRISE TIME.... If anyone needs information regarding banking, please call in and talk to FLO (Tuckshop Convenor).

We are hoping to reach 250+ children banking this year. (Minimum banking can be 20 cents a week). But boy, the money soon adds up.

Everyone please get behind the P & C and Support your Children Education. Hope everyone has GREAT year.

Florence Scott
(Tuckshop Convenor)

Donations of Preloved Kruger SS Uniforms

We are in great need of preloved Kruger SS uniforms to be held at the office for emergencies. If you have any uniforms available, we would be grateful if you could please donate them to the school. We would appreciate donations of clean uniforms, any sizes, as some student may need to change into these uniforms if required. Thank you for your assistance.

Staying Safe around Bats

Children need to be aware that bats, including flying foxes, are protected species and pose minimal risk to humans provided they are left alone and not touched. However, children should not try to hurt or help sick or injured bats as they are putting themselves and the animal at risk. If you see a bat or a flying fox that is hurt call:

- RSPCA—1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection—1300 130 372
- your local wildlife care group/rescuer/carer for assistance.

If a child is bitten or scratched by any bat, they should tell their parents, teacher or responsible adult straight away, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and visit their local doctor immediately.
**Head Lice**

It has come to our attention that we currently have a number of cases of head lice in the school.

Some parents in each class are being very responsible by checking and treating their children regularly, but this is only effective if **EVERY** child is checked and treated, as well as other members of the family.

The Health Department advises that it is the parents’ responsibility to detect and treat head lice infestations.

Teachers and Child Health Nurses are not expected to do head inspections as this is not part of their duties.

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND TREAT PROMPTLY IF YOU FIND EGGS (NITS) OR LICE.**

In the event that it comes to our attention that a child has head lice, we need to act in accordance with departmental policy. This requires us to contact parents to ask for prompt attention to treatment. **Children who have head lice do not need to be excluded from school if correct treatment has been recently applied.**

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**School Safe – Ipswich City Council**

**Your Child’s Safety is our Priority!!**

Ipswich City Council proactively monitors parking at schools to help improve your child’s safety.

Council’s “Safe parking at Schools” initiative aims to ensure people park safely and legally, improving community safety through education of your school community rather than focusing on enforcement.

The initiative also includes the use of Patrolling Officers, Automatic Numberplate Recognition camera cars and remote movement activated cameras to capture parking offences.

Safe and legal parking is generally located within 300m of a school.

Please drive and park safely around your school – It’s your child’s safety.

Council works with your school through the Healthy Active School Travel program to encourage families to walk and cycle to and from school and improve health and road safety.

For more information about safe travel routes contact your school or contact Ipswich city Council on (07) 3810 666.

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**MiYoga**

Does an 8 week mindfulness yoga program, “MiYoga”, enhance cognitive functions such as attention, physical strength, behaviour and emotional control in children with cerebral palsy? MiYoga incorporates a family centered approach to therapy by inviting a caregiver to participate alongside their child. We will also want to see if MiYoga can relieve caregiver stress and improve parent child relationship.

We are looking for children with diplegia or hemiplegia cerebral palsy, aged 6-16 years old, who can walk independently or with a gait aid (GMFCS I-III) and one of their caregivers.

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**For more information please see flyer attached and webpage:**


You may also contact the MiYoga study co-ordinator:

Catherine Mak (Psychologist and Yoga Teacher)

Email: c.mak@uq.edu.au
Ph: 3646 5539 or 3646 5361

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**Hassle-Free Mealtimes Triple P – Positive Parenting Program**

**Are you experiencing problems with your child’s eating and mealt ime behaviour?**

Eating and mealt ime problems in children are common and can be improved. The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research regarding the effectiveness of a brief parenting seminar for parents who are concerned about their child’s eating, and you can be involved!

The Hassle Free Mealtimes Triple P program involves attending a one-off 2-hour group session, which will provide parents with information and helpful everyday tips and strategies for dealing with problem eating and improving their child’s mealt ime behaviour.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 5-year-old child and are concerned about your child’s feeding and mealt ime behaviour, we would love to hear from you!

Hassle-Free Mealtimes Triple P has already been trialled successfully in a longer format. The current study hopes to provide support for brief group-based parenting interventions so that more parents can have access to parenting advice. Results of this study will be made available to participants.

Visit this website to get involved:

http://exp psy.uq.edu.au/mealtimes/DrAlinaMorawska

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**Kirstyn Laurie and Kyla Reid**

For more information about the study, please contact:

Kirstyn Laurie
Honours Student
Parenting and Family Support Centre
School of Psychology
University of Queensland

Phone: (07) 3365 9186
Email: kirstyn.laurie@uqconnect.edu.au

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**Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?**

Raising healthy children is an important aspect to positive parenting. Your child’s physical health can affect their growth and development, their ability to participate in school, sport and other activities, and how they get along with other children. Children who eat well and stay active are more likely to develop into healthy adults. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering a FREE Triple P parenting program to...
parents of children 3 to 10 years in exchange for participation in research.

Across three seminars you will learn strategies for...

- Managing both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
- Helping your child eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
- Motivating your child to be more active
- Limiting screen time

The program is run at St Lucia and Ipswich, with free childcare available for families. To register visit our website: www.exp psy.uq.edu.au/life

Jessica Bartlett – Project Coordinator
Email: lifestyletriplep@uq.edu.au
Phone: 0424 321 086 (please leave a message)

Triple P - Are you a Parent of a Child with Type 1 Diabetes?

Every day, thousands of Australian children suffer the effects of type 1 diabetes and families struggle with illness management and children’s behavioural and emotional adjustment.

Positive Parenting for Healthy Living is an adaptation of the successful Triple P – Positive Parenting Program offering practical ideas and support for parents of children with type 1 diabetes. This innovative group program is designed to help parents manage their child’s illness, assist children in coping with their illness and emotions, and prevent and manage difficult child behaviour.

Over the next few months and for a limited time only, parents of 2-10 year old children with type 1 diabetes are able to access Positive Parenting for Healthy Living Triple P as part of a University of Queensland research project. Parents will be able to attend the program free of charge, and will be asked to complete 2 sets of assessment measures (questionnaire and family observation) over a 6 month period, as part of the study.

Contact Aditi Lohan on (07) 3346 7689 or email diabetes.healthyliving@uq.edu.au or visit https://exp psy.uq.edu.au/t1diabetes for more information.

Sensory Movie Day - Ipswich

“Sensory Movie Day” is an Inclusive event for families with special needs. Children are free to move around flap or stim. Lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those little escape artists. Siblings and extended family are welcome to this no judgement screening.

Please find attached our 2014 Calendar, with an amazing line-up of movies. Birch Carroll & Coyle - Ipswich City have tickets on sale now for the year’s line-up. Tickets are a crazy $6 each, children 2 years and under are free and companion I.D. Cards are accepted. Individual Caption devices are available on request for hearing impaired members... There is also a Medi Popcorn & Drink combo for $5.00.

IPSWICH – United Parents

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Programs and Services

Have you heard the buzz about Ipswich UP?

Join us to connect Ipswich parents together through activity groups, social networking, and links to community services. Some of our most popular sessions include farm visits, baby music sessions, messy play days, facilitated playgroups, and ‘Upschool’ our very own themed ‘out and about’ group for 2-5 year olds.

Keep up to date following us on Facebook, or requesting to receive our weekly email update.

Contact Alana on 0428387838: admin@ipswichup.com
http://www.ipswichup.com/

Moreton Bay 100

Sunday 10 August 2014

Lawnton Brisbane Qld
163km 100km 50km
Electronic Timing and Result provided by Sports Timing Australia

Online Registrations: open March
http://www.moretonbay100.org.au/
Queries: bikeride@moretonbay100.org.au
Christine: 0422542838

All proceeds aid Lions Youth Emergency Accommodation Centre (Pine Rivers) Inc.

Confident Kids and Teens

Give your child the tools to build resilience and thrive!

Confident Kids + Teens is an interactive and fun 5 week Resilience coaching program for 5 -14 year olds.

Children learn about their personal strengths, resilient thinking skills and social skills. The aim of the program is to boost confidence and emotional resilience and to teach children practical tools to reduce stress, anxiety, low self-esteem or lack of confidence so they can meet life’s challenges.

The program includes parent support and workshop. Facilitated by experienced psychologists who are passionate about helping kids be all they can be. Places are limited so hurry.

Medicare and Private health fund rebates apply.

Only available at Positive Families Paddington. Visit www.confidentkidsandteens.com.au for full details and Book Online to secure your child’s enrolment. Or email us at info@positivefamilies.com.au
Redbank Plains State High School

Open Day Wednesday 23rd July 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Enrolment dates & times Year 7 & 8 2015

All students commencing Year 7 or 8 in 2015 must attend an enrolment session with their parent/carer. Students who are enrolled during Term 2 & 3 2014 will receive a $10.00 discount on the Resource Hire Scheme fee.

Term 2, 3 & 4 dates and times are as follows: Please phone school office on 3432 1222 to book your session:

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Please phone school office on 3432 1222 to book your session:

Please ensure you have completed ALL PAPERWORK included in the enrolment pack prior to attending your appointment.

COPIES of student birth certificate
Parent/carer drivers licence and Medicare card must also be provided.
Please bring originals of these documents for sighting.
Please ensure you arrive to your appointment 10—15 minutes early.
Late arrivals will not be able to commence an enrolment session once it has started.

Peakstopoints Festival

FREE FESTIVAL FAMILY DAY THIS SUNDAY

19 July – 3 August 2014

The Peaks to Points Festival kicks off this weekend, with a free Festival Family Day at Oxley Creek Common, Sherwood Road, Rocklea from 10am to 4pm. The day includes boating on Oxley Creek, a family bike swap (buy, swap or donate a bike), children’s theatre performances, water testing activities, recycling Olympics, jumping castle, guided bike rides to Pelican Lagoon (BYO bike), bike maintenance workshops.

A range of food and drinks on sale. Entry and activities free.
For more information visit www.peakstopoints.com.au

AFL Auskick

NAB AFL Auskick at Kruger State School

Auskick is running an 8 week program at Kruger SS oval commencing Thursday 31st July at lunchtime. The cost is $25. When you participate in Auskick you also receive your very own football, backpack with a hat, drink bottle, pump plus