11 February 2015

Message from the Principal, Mrs Jody Stehbens

Day 8 School Enrolments

Our school enrolments on Day 8 were 933 students. These are very strong numbers especially seeing that the Year 7’s are now at High School. We will receive another Prep teacher within the next couple of weeks, taking our Preps from 5 to 6 Prep classes altogether. Our total number of classes Prep – Year 6 will go from 36 to 37.

Over the new couple of weeks, we will be going through the process of forming a new Prep class. Prep families will be notified with the details as soon as our teacher is confirmed by Regional Office.

Smart Start Program

Our Smart Start Program, which runs for the first 3 weeks of the year, gives teachers and students an opportunity to revise previous year core English and Maths and to transition students into a new learning environment. Core testing has also been conducted to give teachers a very clear picture of what students understand and what skills need to be taught and retaught. Teachers are also supporting students to understand learning and behaviour expectations to maximise their performance.

If you wish to speak with your child’s teachers at this time of the year, I encourage you to make an appointment, so that you and the teacher can form a positive partnership and work together for the benefit of your child/ren.

Meet and Greet Tuesday 24th February 2.45pm – 4.30pm

Our Meet and Greet this year will give all families an opportunity to meet and speak with your child’s teacher, as well as meet all other teachers. In any week, students study a variety of subjects and interact with adults other than their class teachers.

Our Teacher Librarian and Physical Education, Music and German teachers, as well as our learning support staff, Guidance Officer, and Chaplain, will be available for families to meet and ask any questions that you have. The Deputy Principals and I will also be available during the afternoon.

Students will share their term’s goals, show you their classroom and introduce you to their range of teachers during the Meet and Greet.

You are invited to come to the school between 2.35pm – 4.30pm to meet and speak with a range of your child’s teachers and ask any questions. This extended time period will allow parents with children in different classes to meet all teachers.

Your child/ren will have a passport that will be stamped as you meet the teachers and, after 3 stamps, you are able to go to the tuckshop for an ice-block for your child. Your child will also be given 3 gotchas to add to their collection for Term 1.

The Meet and Greet is a general information afternoon. If you wish to talk about your child’s progress, please make an appointment at another time so that the teacher can give you uninterrupted time.

Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme (RTHS)

We have had an outstanding response from our Kruger families to the payment of the RTHS. This has resulted in most students receiving their first supply of stationary and books to support their learning. I encourage families who still need to make a payment to do so as soon as possible so that resources can be allocated to all students.

Facilities

We are having some facilities maintenance done around the school. Our Prep building and under cover areas are being painted and some new carpet is being laid in classrooms. We are also expecting some work to be done on our main hall in the near future.

Late arrivals

Our usual Late Arrival, check-in at the office, will recommence from Monday 9th February.

Our first bell rings at 8.20am. This is a signal for students to move to their classes and be ready for first lesson at 8.25am when the second bell rings.

Teachers are required to mark Student Attendance Rolls at 8.30am and 1.30pm. These rolls are marked electronically on a central data base.
If students arrive at school after 8.30am and have missed the class roll call, they need to report to the Office and have their name marked off on the Student Attendance Roll at the Office. They will be given a late arrival slip to give to their teacher.

To avoid a wait at the Office, please ensure that students are at school between 8.20am - 8.25am.

**School Watch**

Thank you to the community for keeping an eye on our school during the holidays and at weekends. We have had several incidents recently that Police have been involved in and investigated towards a successful conclusion.

If you see anything unusual at our school after hours and holidays, please report it to School Watch by phoning 131788.

**No Parking in the school grounds**

For the safety of our students, there is no parking allowed in our school grounds. This includes the main car park near the administration building. The car park in the grounds is for staff and disabled permits only. Thank you for your cooperation with this extremely important safety matter.

**No Smoking 5 metres from our school fence**

Just a reminder that under new State Government legislation, the area within 5 metres of our school fence is a NO SMOKING ZONE.

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**Focus On - Every Day Counts at Kruger State School**

One of Kruger’s most important aims this year is to have every student attend school on every school day. Regular attendance at school has proven to be one of the most important things to improve student achievement- and that’s what we are about - improving student achievement.

I have asked all teachers to regularly talk with students about “Every Day Counts” and the importance of being on time to school every day.

Below are some very interesting facts:

1 or 2 days absent from school may not seem much but……………….

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**Early Departures …… Every Minute Counts…**

Part of regular school attendance is being at school all day. 8.25a.m. – 2.30p.m. I understand that sometimes there will be a reason for students to be collected earlier than 2.30p.m. but this needs to be an occasional rather than a regular thing. I encourage you to avoid collecting your child early, unless it is for an emergency situation.

Below are some staggering calculations to support the Every Day All Day Counts message

Just a little bit late
or
Leave a little bit early but…

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**Important Dates**

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Please click on link to download flyer

www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts
Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme 2015 - Prep to Year 6

In 2015, we are offering you a cost effective way to purchase textbooks, stationery and other resources for your child.

With today’s curriculum, students need a large variety of textbooks and other resources. If we were to ask you to provide what is required yearly, it could be very expensive for families.

Benefits of the Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme:

- Ensures all students have all the required resources for their education for the entire year.
- Ensures that your child has the wide range of materials necessary to support their learning in all areas.
- Provides your child with the opportunity to ‘hire’ (use for the year) the more expensive items e.g. dictionaries, atlases, textbooks and resources for computer work and associated activities. Also active learning resources such as puzzles, art materials and individual whiteboards.
- Provides your child with printed and laminated class activity sheets e.g. photocopying of learning materials, homework materials.
- Provides materials used for classroom projects e.g. a range of art materials, cardboard and technology resources.
- Ensures that all equipment will be replaced if lost/damaged.
- Provides a service to parents/carers (we do the shopping and running around for you).
- Allows the school to purchase good quality equipment in bulk at greatly reduced costs.
- Is supplied to your child as “GST Free”.

This Scheme provides the entire package for a set fee of $100.00 for Prep to Year 3 and $120.00 for Years 4 to 6 and is not available in parts.

Conditions of participating in Scheme:

Complete the attached Participation Agreement form and return to the school office by Friday, 5 December 2014. Please ensure you read the back of this form for further conditions in this scheme.

Payment:

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If you wish to negotiate a different instalment payment plan, please contact the Business Services Manager at the office.

Instalments need to be up to date for students to receive their resources.

If you still have outstanding monies from previous years, you will need to contact the office and negotiate a payment plan for you to be eligible for the 2015 Scheme.

Payments can be made by Cash, Cheque, Bankcard, Visa, Mastercard, and Eftpos or directly into the school bank account. A receipt will be provided.

Payments can also be made through Centrepay. Please see the office for a form.

The Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme needs to be paid for in full before a student can participate in any extra curricular activities. Extra curricular activities include camps, sporting and cultural activities outside the normal curricular program.

Where there is genuine parental financial hardship, parents can discuss with the School Administration how they can meet their financial obligations by instalments throughout the school year or discuss alternative arrangements to accommodate special circumstances.

Students transferring in/out during year:

- If a student starts school after first term, the fee is reduced and charged according to the weeks attended in the school year.
- If a student leaves school having paid the fee, a refund will be made, taking into account the weeks remaining in the school year.

Families not participating in the Resource and Textbook Hire Scheme:

- Please collect a Year Level requirement list which includes all stationery and textbooks that your child will need.
- Please supply all items on the list now.
- Books and resources provided under the Scheme will not be issued to students whose parents/carers choose not to participate.
- You will be required to replace items through the year if they are lost, damaged or used.
- You will be required to supply any additional items needed to meet the requirements of the Australian Curriculum or meet your child’s particular needs.

P&C Approval

The Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme has the approval of the school’s Parents and Citizens Association.

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE ATTENDING THE OFFICE TO MAKE PAYMENTS?

We can take your Credit Card details over the phone, please contact the office 3814 9333.
You can make a Direct Deposit into the School Bank account. Our account details are located at the bottom of your statements. If you choose to pay via a Direct Deposit, please ensure that you enter your child’s full name, class and what it is for as a reference.

Payments can be made at the office. We accept Cash, EFTPOS, Credit Card or Direct Deposit.

Failure to finalise payment for the Resource & Textbook Hire Scheme may result in your child/ren not receiving resources.

Parents who have outstanding monies will be contacted by the office in the next coming weeks.

Library News

The library is open from 8:00am 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 and 6 can borrow 2 books at a time.

Tuckshop

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 cannot serve you.

Student Banking

Welcome back to School for another busy year. We have started our student banking up again. Even if your child has gone up to the high school, we still can do their banking. It will only change if your child reaches the age of 16 years old.

Anyone that would like to start a student bank account can pick up a form from Mrs Soper or Mrs Lologa at the tuckshop.

Children that already have accounts just need to bring their book and money to tuckshop and give them to Mrs. Soper or Mrs Loloaga. It will be banked on Friday and all bank books will be returned to classes Monday morning. Please remember your child only has to bank a minimal amount (20cents).

There are some good rewards for every ten deposits:

**Term One**
- ET DVD and Planet Handball

**Term Two**
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen and Intergalactic Rocket

**Term Three**
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System and Cosmic Light Bream Torch

**Team Four**
- Outer Space Savers Money Box and Lunar Light Band

And one lucky family could win a grand prize to Disneyland California.

Please remember to change their Class Detail on Cover and also fill out the Details on Deposit Slip.

**Thanks P&C**

**Physical Education 2015**

Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to the new students, parents and guardians to our school. We look forward to another productive and fun year. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and are refreshed and ready to go.

**Some provisional date claimers for the year are as follows;**

- **District Girls Cricket trials February 2nd**
- **District Swimming Carnival – February 10th at Bundamba Pool**
- **Senior Cross Country (Year 3-6) – March 26th at Kruger State School**
- **Central Districts Cross Country – May 1st at Woodcrest College**
- **Season 1 sport (girls and boys rugby league, girls and boys soccer and netball)**
- **Gala Day 1 – May 29th, Gala Day 2- June 5th and Gala Day 3 – June 12th**
- **Senior Athletics Carnival – June 18th at Kruger State School**
- **Season 2 sport (boys and girls basketball, boys and girls touch and boys and girls AFL)**
- **Week 1 – July 31st, Week 2 – August 7th, Week 3 – August 14th and Week 4 – August 21st**
- **Central District Athletics Carnival – August 3rd and August 4th at Limestone Park**
- **Season 3 sport (boys and girls tee-ball, boys and girls softball and cricket)**
Week 1 – October 16th, Week 2 – October 23rd, – Week 3 – October 30th, Week 4 – November - 6th and Week 5 – November 13th

Junior (Prep – Year 2) Sports Day and Cross Country will be in terms 3 and 4 respectively with final dates to be arranged.

Trials for Winter Gala Days (Season 1) will be held in the next couple of weeks. Students should see coaches for further details. Mr McMurtrie, Miss Wilton and Mrs Fleming-Keyes will be coaching rugby league and Mr Gall will be coaching the boys soccer team. Mr Hamilton and I will be coaching the girls soccer teams and Miss Bailis and Ms Johnston will be coaching netball. We will have a sport trial session on Feb 27th at school. Good luck to all students during the trials.

As quotes for sport are yet to be finalised, a rough guide to the costs are as follows: Winter Gala Days @ $22 to $26, Mid Year Sport @ $30 - $34 and Summer Sport @ $35 - $42. Please note that this is just an estimate at this stage and costs may change when details are finalised. For students to be eligible to represent our school in a sporting team, parents are reminded that a down payment for the resource scheme levy must be made prior to April 4th (last day of Term 1).

To help with organisation, district draws and bus booking etc, we need to have teams organised prior to sporting nominations being called for by sports convenors. This will determine the amount of teams we will have representing our school and hopefully prevent us having to pull teams out of competitions after draws and fixture lists have been drawn up. Therefore, we will be asking that full payment for Season 1 sport be received by April 2nd (with only students who have paid a down payment on the school resource scheme levy being eligible to play) and full payment for Season 2 sport being received by May 22nd (with only students who have paid the full amount for the resource scheme levy being eligible to play). If you require a payment plan, please see the office as soon as possible.

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. Some sports that will be taught during school lessons such as hockey also suggest students wear a mouth guard. 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 6 – European Handball, Golf, Badminton, Athletics, Volleyball and Softball
Year 5 – Badminton, Golf, Lacrosse, Athletics, Volleyball and Softball
Year 4 – Hockey, AFL, Basketball, Athletics, T-ball and Netball
Year 3 – Hockey, Soccer, Basketball, Athletics, T- Ball and Netball

I look forward to another very productive and rewarding year.

Yours in sport
Gavin McLeod

School Dental Van Service at Kruger SS

West Moreton Oral Health provides a free dental service, including general dental treatment, as well as general advice and referral letters to school aged children between the ages of four years until they complete Grade Ten. A team of highly trained and skilled clinicians and support staff provides this service.

The Dental Van will be at Kruger State School in the near future and dental forms will be sent home to parents soon. Please contact the West Moreton Oral Health Service on 1300 763 246 if you have any concerns about the health of your child/ren teeth.

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.

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.

School Crossing – Supervisors Directions

Parents and teachers are asked to encourage their children to use the supervised crossing and to set a good example themselves by obeying the School Crossing Supervisor’s directions whenever they use the crossing.
Stop when the STOP sign is displayed

When the School Crossing Supervisor holds up the STOP sign, all road users must stop their vehicles, clear of the crossing. Road users must not begin to accelerate until all pedestrians, including the School Crossing Supervisor, are safely on the footpath on either side of the road. If a vehicle has stopped to give way to the pedestrians at a crossing facility, do not overtake the vehicle while it is stationary.

Failure to comply is an offence that will be reported to the Police.

No Stopping Zones

The ‘No Stopping’ zones delineate the School Crossing Supervisor’s workplace and serves to protect an area on either side of a crossing facility. It is important to the safety of pedestrians who use the crossing facility that this road rule is followed. If this is ignored, the enforcement agencies will be contacted. The design of a crossing facility is a standard layout described in the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices to allow School Crossing Supervisors/ pedestrians to have a clear view of approaching vehicles and vice versa.

School Crossing Supervisor’s have the authority to report any incidents that affect their personal safety and the safety of pedestrians. They will record registration numbers and details of offending vehicles and report them. There are no circumstances where a driver can stop in the crossing zone: drivers delivering or waiting for children are no exception and are not exempt.

Supervised crossing procedure

The School Crossing Supervisor will ask all pedestrians, both children and adults, to wait on the footpath. When a suitable gap appears in the traffic from both directions, the supervisor will extend the STOP sign to face the traffic and, when it is safe to do so, proceed to the centre of the road with the STOP sign displayed. The supervisor will blow two blasts of the whistle to indicate that it is safe for pedestrians to cross. When all pedestrians have cleared the crossing, the School Crossing Supervisor then returns to the footpath.

All cyclists, skateboarders, children wearing roller blades or with scooters will be asked to dismount and walk their ‘wheels’ over the crossing.

Please assist your School Crossing Supervisors—they are here to protect your children.

Westside Bus Timetable 2015 – Change

School Bus 33 PM has changed, please click below to view new bus timetable.

For more information in relation to all bus timetables and routes please contact Translink on Ph: 13 12 30.

To enquire about lost property on Westside Buses, please call Ph: 3818 7475
Sensory Movie Day 2015 – Ipswich

Sensory Movie Day line-up for families with Special needs. Our next Sensory Movie Day screening is:

“Big Hero 6”

Children are free to move around, lighting on dim and fire exit doors are monitored by volunteers
11am Sunday 15th February
Tickets $6 each
Children 2yrs and under are free
Companion I.D. Cards accepted

Sand Safari in Surfers Paradise
Presented by Streets Ice Cream

Let the magic of this year’s Sand Safari experience take you to an enchanted wonderland as the Surfers Paradise Foreshore & various locations across the Gold Coast bring Disney’s magical friendships to life. This year's Sand Safari will see the coastline of Surfers Paradise fill with a dozen 10-25 tonne sand sculptures of your favourite Disney friends.

Come and admire the art of sand sculpting as each sculptor competes in this year’s Australian Sand Sculpting Championships, sculpting Disney characters and scenes in sand. There’ll also be a feature interactive Disney sculpture where you can have your photo taken among the display, along with sand art and bottle workshops.

Running over two weeks, there’s plenty of time to grab the whole family for what is set to be an amazing outing, fun for all ages!

Price: Free
Address: The Foreshore, Surfers Paradise
Phone: (07) 5584 3700
Website: http://www.surfersparadise.com/whats-on/free-events/sand-safari/

Foundations Care

“Have you ever considered being a foster carer?
Foundations Care are a foster and kinship carer support agency who can answer questions you may have regarding being a foster carer. Foundations offer training, support and can help you, help others. Please give us a call today on 3810 4888 for more information. Because at Foundations Care, we give but never give up”.

As mentioned above, Foundations Care are a support agency for foster and kinship carers and we are trying to get the word out into the community, as unfortunately there is a large need for carers.

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We give but never give up

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