Hello everyone,

I am all geared up for the P&C meeting this evening. 😊 It is not a big agenda, but it is a new time. We are starting at 5:30 pm in the library, and I promised someone to put on the kettle, so I better fulfill that promise! Hope to see you there.

The rain has been lovely, and I hope that those further west have been on the receiving end of some of the lovely rainfall. It is however, impacting our cross country plans, and given how saturated the grounds are, not to mention the prediction for more rain, the decision has been made to postpone the event. Plan ‘B’ – 21 March. Please see the sporting update for additional information.

Thanks too, for letting us know your movements – or complete lack there of – during the wet. There is a difference in the way that we record student absence for when families are flooded in (as compared to sick leave etc.) as weather events are certainly a part of life in Queensland.

Finally, I would like to make mention of the great parenting that the school has been witness to this last week or so. It is not always easy raising our kids, and at times we have to take the parent role rather than the ‘friend’ role. Thanks to the parents who brought their kids in mid way through the day. Every teaching moment is important and cannot be replaced, so these tremendous examples speak volumes!

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

The recycled batteries were recently collected. Over $300 was raised for the school. Thankyou! We put the money straight back into sustainability projects.

Good to Grow

The year 3/4 are finding that they are ‘good to grow’ in lots of different ways. We are investigating the growth of plants for Science but we are also ‘growing’ our brains in Mathematics, English and other areas as well.

Students have been learning about writing persuasive text and in a few weeks will need to use what they have learnt, to write a letter to Mrs Waldron, expressing their point of view about homework.

In Science we have been learning about the importance of plants by closely looking at seeds, flowers and fruits. We have dissected, observed and recorded our findings and have found out that we depend on plants for many things e.g. Oxygen.

We have been exploring plants in visual art as well. Making art using; flowers, leaves and even the chlorophyll from leaves and stems.

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Food For Thought

Control and Change:
Do you ever feel you do not have control of some part of your life? Does this make you feel powerless and angry? If so you are not alone. Powerlessness is debilitating and depressing. It is not good to be a control freak and have the need to know and control all things around you. However, we all need to know we have control of our lives and we can make choices that will positively impact on ourselves and/or others. Have you ever thought there is one thing about your life that you would like to change? Could that be your job, diet or your relationship with someone? Saying you would do it but someone or something is holding you back leaves you out of control and is just an excuse not to make the effort. Small steps will bring about the change you are looking for and to do that you need to set a goal.

A better job: Maybe you need to do further study and get the qualifications required. Start asking questions and exploring.

Lose weight: Make exercise a priority, walk for 20 minutes a day and cut out the soft drinks and snacks. Talk to your GP about this and get support.

Improve your relationship with someone: Forgive past hurts, love unconditionally and spend time with that person. Your attitude will bring about the change you desire.

You need to look past imaginary fences and walls that block you in to make a conscious decision about your now and your future. Then you need to stick with that decision. Remember you are the most important role model in your children’s lives. They are watching and cheering you on and will learn from your choices both positive and negative.

-- Chappy Di.

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Earn and Learn Rewards have arrived!!!

Thank you for participating in the 2015 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Your school is one of the 15,064 schools who participated in the program, and it is our pleasure to now make these special deliveries. For your interest, the most popular products ordered through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program were resources to support Mathematics, English and Science curriculums. Other popular equipment categories were Arts & Crafts, Sports, Robotics, Music & Dance. This year 400,000 pieces of education equipment will be delivered throughout the month of February. We have no doubt the educational resources you ordered will be put to very good use. Enjoy your delivery and thank you again for participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

Check out all the equipment that our community accessed for us – thanks to Woolworths Earn and Learn! This year, we focused on purchasing for play situations. Heaps of trucks and outdoor equipment, lots of dress up materials, a couple of drums to help with the Marimbas/Music lessons and 2 packets of PH testing tape for upper primary science.

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