Hello everyone,

The past weekend was a full on weekend for the school community – but it was choc full of successes! Our students participating in Rock Pop Mime achieved second place! The P&C catering at the Clearance Sale brought in around $700, and the High Tea was very well attended – raising about $2000 – not to mention beautifully presented.

Not one of these events would have been successful without community support and the driving force of a few individuals. Thank you goes to Julie Arnold for providing the opportunity for our students, Wendy King for coordinating the Clearance Sale, and Simone Hauwert + family for the most enjoyable High Tea. Well done everyone!

Our newsletter this week is full, with even more that could be included. To that end we have resorted to attaching a few items:

- Musica Viva invoices
- Update on the Code of Conduct for Students Travelling on School Buses
- Tuckshop roster. (Please organize your own swaps if dates are not suitable.)

Sarina State High School visited the school yesterday to have quick chat with the 6/7 class regarding the High School Scholarship Program. There are 14 scholarships available in 2015, with 2 in each of the following areas: Academic Excellence, Leadership Excellence, Indigenous Leadership Excellence, Cultural Excellence – The Arts, Sporting Prowess, Rugby League Excellence, Netball/Volleyball Excellence. Application packs are available at the office.

-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

This term Preps have begun to focus on comparing numbers to 20. We went out to the playground in search of some collections to count. We found rocks, flowers, leaves, twigs, gumnuts and even bugs! First we quantified the collections (recorded a numeral or word numeral for the amount). Next, we compared collections, to see which the largest and smallest amounts were. Finally, we ordered them in a number line from one to twenty. Who would have thought there could have been so much number work in our playground?
School Opinion Surveys are being distributed. This is your chance as part of our school community to ‘have a say’ on your perspective regarding our school, and we encourage your participation.

This year, the survey is being conducted on-line. Individual identity cards are being sent to the randomly selected families. Should your family not have access to the internet, then please call into the office and we will willingly help you access through the school.

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Musica Viva

Our school will be visited by The Chambermaids, a wind quintet music group on August 14th. Their performance has been arranged through Musica Viva In Schools which began in 1981 to introduce Australia’s youth to the wonders of live music. This program is available to every State and Territory in Australia, reaching over 400,000 students annually. Musica Viva In Schools is proudly supported by State Education Departments, Arts Departments, sponsors and individual supporters. The resource materials provided to prepare for this visit were written by experienced music educators and support our current music program. This also means that the students will be able to participate in parts of the performance.

The Chambermaids repertoire ranges from the classics through to contemporary. They have performed on live radio and at the Sydney Opera House, have produced their own CD and have been bringing programs to school children since 1990. Their visit is also an opportunity for the children to see and hear the wind instruments they have previously seen illustrated and heard on recordings.

Through the generous support of sponsors to the program we have been able to reduce the cost of children attending this performance. Invoices will be sent home with today’s newsletter.

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The waiting list for eKindy 2015 is now open.

Local families with children who may be eligible for eKindy in 2015 (i.e., 4 by 30 June 2011) can add their child’s name to the eKindy 2015 waiting list. EKindy will contact these families directly when registrations open.

Information about eKindy (including eligibility criteria) and the waiting list form can be found on the eKindy web page, https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/eKindy/Pages/eKindy.aspx

Is your child eligible for Kindy and not attending because of cost?

QKFS Plus Kindy Support is a new funding scheme to reduce costs for families.

QKFS Plus Kindy Support replaces the Health Care Card and multiple births subsidies and extends support to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.

To be eligible for QKFS Plus Kindy Support a family must either:

* hold a current Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Card or Australian Government Pension Concession Card with automatic Health Care Card entitlements,

OR

* identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (or have a child who does),

OR

* have three or more children, of the same age, enrolled in the same year.

QKFS Plus Kindy Support will be provided directly to services to help reduce out-of-pocket expenses for eligible families.

Please contact your local Kindy to talk about your costs for enrolling your child.
Awards

Yr 6/7:
Lillian Cousins & Aiden Perna - showing a positive attitude.

Yr 4/5:
Kyle Bunn - always putting his hand up & showing good listening skills.
Ellen Schwarzrock - writing and sharing great poems.

Yr 2/3:
Jakob Wallace West & Juelz Chapman - great improvement in reading.

Yr 1/2:
Shania Craig - staying on focus.

Prep:
Evandah Skien - always lending a helping hand.
Olivia Hauwert - top effort in rhyming words.

100 Bee Stamps:

Bee Stamps: Donohue - 223, Jackson - 203.
Queen Bee: 6/7

Rock Pop Mime Success
Congratulations Rock Pop Mime team on winning 2nd place! You performed very well, and we are all proud of you. Thankyou Mrs Arnold for making this possible for us! You are the best. 😊

Jaelee Spencer has earnt a place on the Mackay District Athletics Team to compete at the Capricornia Track and Field selection trial in Emerald! She competed in the Sarina District Carnival, and came third in High Jump with a jump of 1.16m.

It has been a while since we have had a student selected to compete at this level, so the school is very proud of her. (I am sorry for missing your name in the newsletter last week. Thanks for another chance. 😊)