Hello everyone,

Our school newsletter is the single most important point of communication for parents. We aim to have all correspondence go out through or with this medium. It is obtainable through our school website, email or paper copy. If your family is not regularly receiving a copy could you please let Carolyn (office) know, so that together a solution can be found? Of course, saying that if you know a family that has missed this newsletter – please let us know. 😊

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has once again commenced. Year Prep/1 2 are keeping class based records, while Year 1/2 have a sent home a copy of the recording form for reading done at home, and a classroom based list is also being recorded. Students in year 3 – 6 have had recording forms sent home for them to manage and return by the closing date. Participation in this event is not compulsory, though we do encourage being part of it as it fosters good reading habits.

Year 6 students will be bring home a flyer regarding the first steps towards transitioning into high school …… information regarding an enrolment evening.

The student council initiative regarding the Biggest Morning Tea was highly successful from a couple of different perspectives. Firstly, $215 will be sent to the Cancer Council. Secondly, there were so many helpers from the senior class that Chappie Di did not have enough work to keep them all busy! Then, there were the honest conversations around this disease and its impacts. Awesome work students!

-- Roslyn Waldron (Principal)

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Bailey the Smart Pups Assistance Dog has continued his introduction into our school by spending the mornings in the Yr.3/4 room. Bailey has been obtained by the Cousins family to assist and be a companion to Hugh. He had extensive training at the Smart Pups centre and then was introduced to Hugh and his family in April this year.

While Bailey is at school he is ‘at work’ and we have introduced 4 rules that the school community will need to follow.

1. Do not touch Bailey.
2. Do not stare at Bailey.
3. Do not talk to Bailey.
4. Do not feed Bailey.

Bailey has a cage in the Yr.3/4 room where he will be put at certain times. During class he has a place where he will lie near Hugh. Another rule that must be strictly covered is that Bailey must be accompanied by a trained adult at all times. The school has had to provide training for two teachers initially, with Mrs. Schwarzrock and Mrs. Robinson obtaining their Public Access Training certificate.

The Yr.3/4 class has welcomed Bailey into the classroom appropriately and we have been extremely impressed with their behaviour and understanding of the necessary rules.

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### Important Dates:

- **8 June** – Queen’s Birthday holiday
- **10 June** – Broadsound Carnival – ½ day – field events. Bus.
- **10 June** – 6 into 7 enrolment afternoon 4:30 – 7:00 @ Sarina High
- **12 June** – whole of school event Broadsound Carnival. Parents to transport children to and from Sarina Athletics grounds.
- **19 / 20 June** – Life Education Van (for children) & Parent Session.
- **26 June** – Rewards Day (Bike Education) + Reports issued.

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Food for Thought

Charity or giving to help others.

Our world seems to be overflowing with worthwhile causes that are in desperate need of assistance. Just to name a few – the homeless, the refugees from wars and the victims of natural disasters and diseases, as well as people who are suffering due to physical or mental disabilities. It’s not surprising that we can be left feeling that the needs are too big and that there is nothing we can do about it all. If that is how you feel, then I’d like to suggest another way of looking at things. Forget about what you can’t do, and instead please take the time to consider what you can do. Whether you donate unused clothing and household items to a charity shop or commit to donating a few dollars a month to a good cause, every bit you do helps. When many people make those small differences, you can end up with major changes and huge improvements in people’s lives. If each person in Australia only gave $1 a year to help others, that would result in over 20 million dollars worth of help annually.

There is a very wise saying, ‘Whoever sows generously will also reap generously.’ What this means is that if you develop an attitude of generosity towards others, you will soon discover that generosity will flow back to you when you are in need of help. So please take the time today to ask yourself ‘What can I do?’ and then go ahead and do it.

-- A message from Chappy Di.
**Student Absences**

There have been significant updates to legislation around student absences from school, including a clear direction regarding the principal’s requirement to persecute.

Each parent of a child who is of **compulsory school age** has the legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attends a state school or a non-state school, on every school day for the educational program in which the child is enrolled, unless the parent has a reasonable excuse.

Prosecution of one or both parents may occur if the parent(s) do not fulfil their legal obligation in regard to enrolment and attendance of their child at school. An **authorised officer** from either the school or region is **directed** to inform the Director-General to prosecute for failure to attend.

Reasonable excuses do not include: family holidays, appointments that can reasonably be expected to be scheduled out of school hours.

**Can you help?**

Many people are quite surprised when they learn that small schools do not have a full time grounds officer. In fact, the hours funded for this task are minimal to say the least, and the school needs to ‘find’ the money somehow. So, the question remains … who is actually doing the work? [We really want our teachers focusing on teaching and learning, don’t we. They deserve to have a weekend too.]

Well, we need your help. This week, the Spencer family saw a need regarding the repair of our shade tents, and have taken care of this for us. Thanks Tony and Grandma!! Carol saw that we had pallets that needed to be removed and stuff to be taken to the recycle centre, and has taken care of that for us. Wonderful!

Most people have a generous heart and will lend a helping hand, but need to be informed that there is a need. If you are willing to lend a helping hand we would love to hear from you. The school is putting together a list of names and areas where you may be able to help out. Please return the attached form, or let the office know. We will give you a call when there is a small task to be done.

At the moment, we are needing help to repair the locks in the senior girls’ toilet so that they stop becoming locked in. The prep shed is needing some brackets to be fixed into place. Sports day sees the need to have shade tents and equipment collected from and returned to the school.

**Awards**

**4/5/6**

Ellen Schwarzrock: for persisting in maths & making impressive gains thanks to determination.

Kenneth Maylata: being an active leader in gardening club & helping younger students to learn & participate.

**Year 3/4**

Amen Mooney: excellent effort & participation.

Bodhi Rowe-Bailey: super listener award.

**Year 1/2**

Cordell Kissier: amazing reading & comprehension.

Louis Cauchi: increasing confidence in reading tasks.

**Prep/1**

Ty Hauwert & Sarah Clarke: excellent shape picture & explanation.

**Special Awards**

Will Hamblin & Jaxon Whiting: excellent initiative & assistance with garden club.

**50 Bee Stamps**

Henry Vonhoff, Olivia Hauwert, Charlie Carey, Dallas Robertson.

**Bee Stamps**

Donohue: 157 Jackson: 160

**Queen Bee: Year 3/4**