Dear Parents

Hasn’t the term flown by? It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the final term of the year.

School Priorities—Reading
Earlier this week I attended a professional development opportunity at the Reading Centre in Brisbane. This course was focused around the importance of reading and ensuring that it occurs across all subject areas. Other strong messages that came from this were the relationship between spelling, vocabulary and reading.

‘The amount of vocabulary that children need to acquire each year is staggering - as much as 3000 words a year’ (Pikulsi & Templeton)

We are focused on improving reading outcomes for all students and will continue to enhance our reading groups at school. Home reading also forms an important part of reading improvement. Please find attached at the back of the newsletter a ‘Why Read 20 Minutes at Home’ poster. I thank you for your support at home, and keep up the home reading!

Tallebudgera Camp
Finalised times for the buses can be found below. Please let me know which location your children will be getting on and off the bus. What to bring lists went home in the communication books earlier this term, remember that no technology is to be brought on camp.

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent out on the last Thursday of this term. This semester they will come home via email and you will also receive a hard copy of the student’s report card.

ICAS Results
In term 3 students in years 3-6 completed an English and Mathematics ICAS test. The students results have been received and these certificates were handed out this week. Congratulations must go to all students who participated as they all demonstrated their best effort in these challenging tests.

As a school we received:
9 Participation Certificates
3 Merit Certificates
5 Credit Certificates
1 Distinction Certificate

Small School Swimming Carnival
Friday 18th November
Tara Pool
Students have been nominated in their chosen strokes and distances. More details to follow when they become available.
School Swimming
The Students have enjoyed 3 lessons with Mrs Evans this term. They have been practicing their different strokes, dives and fine tuning their techniques in preparation for the Small Schools Carnival in Week 7. We have 3 more lessons left this term. Thank you parents for ensuring students are on the bus/at school early. It is greatly appreciated. Reminder dates for remaining lessons: Monday 14th, 21st & 28th November.

Pre-Prep Days
Heath and Ella have had a warm welcome to the school by their fellow students. They have enjoyed 3 days this term with another 3 yet to come. The students have been fantastic role models for the pre-prep students and have ensured that they have felt comfortable in their new environment. Heath and Elia have enjoyed learning the classroom routines through literacy, numeracy and fine & gross motor activities. Reminder dates for remaining days: Tuesday 15th, 22nd & 29th November.

Cluster Meetings
I would like to say a very big thank you to the P&C for your assistance and catering of the Cluster Meetings held in Week 3. We had a large number of Principals and other visitors through our school at this time, and everyone was very complimentary on our school and the students. The food was beautiful and there were nothing but wonderful compliments on each and everyone’s cooking skills. Thank you once again for all your assistance, I greatly appreciated it.

Technology Visit
Recently we were lucky enough to host Mr Nick Long and Mr John Lockhart in our school. Through the efforts of the ICPA and the Cluster, we were able to show first-hand the struggles we have in our school each and every day with technology. Mr Long & Mr Lockhart appreciated the visit and certainly left with a greater understanding of our needs and hopefully we will see some changes in the future.

Extra Tennis Lesson
This term we will see Mr Steve Farrell back in our school for a day. Due to weather last term he had to change a tennis lesson date, and our make-up lesson has been set for Friday 25th November.

Our Congratulations must go to Mr Steve Farrell, he was recently awarded the Qld Hotshots Tennis Coach of the Year for 2016. We are in good hands for our tennis!

Term 4 Musica Viva Performance: “Tree Tales”, by Entourage
A Review from some of the students:
Brooke Coggan: “My favourite part of Musica Viva was when they played their final piece, Pointsianna. It gave me a feel of mixed feelings such as happy or calm. I also liked it when the man who played the piano walked around changing the beat of the clapsticks. It was really fun when I got to go up on stage and make some music.”

Thomas Gordon: “I really liked the man who played the piano because he was very funny and I liked the different unique high and low sounds.”

Penne Coggan: “I loved the entire show as it was filled with excitement and laughter. I liked the man who played the piano because he thought outside the box and gave the show humour. I would love to play the Cello, as it makes wonderful sounds and looks fun to play.”
School Vegetable Gardens
We are very pleased to see our vegetables growing strongly. We have a number of plants doing very well, and we may be able to treat ourselves to a fresh salad shortly! Our nectarine and peach trees are also producing some great fruit.

Melbourne Cup Day
Our students participated in Melbourne Cup day by dressing up with a Racing Theme. We had some VIP members, spectators, jockeys & announcers. They all looked wonderful in their outfits and hats, and do always enjoy having a free dress day!

Swimming Snapshots:

Week 3: Tom Gordon for an enthusiastic approach to his English Unit, Holes,

Nancy Schmidt for seeking assistance when needed.

Harry McCormack for demonstrating leadership qualities with the younger students.

& William Schmidt for working well in division and remembering strategies.
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FESTIVITY

Santa Fair
Friday 9th December
5:30pm - 8:30pm Park, Memorial Avenue, Roma, QLD

DINNER - BAR - MUSIC
JUMPING CASTLE
HAM RAFFLES

Save the Date

Friday 1st December
The Inaugural
HEART HEALTH DAY
IN MEMORY OF GRACIA AFULL
Jointly held at the home of
Scott & Anne Maree Atwell
Urala, Meanoon
Tickets $20
For expressions of interest please email: heartofaustralia@gmail.com

VACANCIES EXIST FOR 2017

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- Competitive rates
- Very secure facility—CCTV and Armed residence
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- Opportunities for all students to participate in after school sport, casual employment, and school based apprenticeships
- Term activities include house events, formal dinners, and a range of outings to keep students engaged and social
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2017 Term Dates

Term 1
30th Jan - 21st Mar
Term 2
15th Apr - 20th Jun
Term 3
15th Jul - 15th Sept
Term 4
1st Oct - 28th Dec

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