Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we were fortunate enough to have four computers donated to the school from Clayton Stansbie at Northern Newlands Coal Mine. These computers will increase our student’s opportunity to access the internet and enhance their learning opportunities. They will be set up in four different classrooms allowing a wide range of students to access them.

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Rockhampton North Special School

Newsletter

Explicit Improvement plan for 2016

What
⇒ Communication
⇒ 4 Blocks Literacy
⇒ Positive School Behaviour

Why
Every student becomes an active citizen of the future.

How
⇒ Differentiated Aligned Curriculum
⇒ Differentiated Pedagogy
⇒ Differentiated Performance Development

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Book Week

BOOK WEEK PARADE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 24TH AUGUST 2016

BOOKWEEK 20-26TH AUGUST
The theme this year is Australia: Story Country. I think it’s important not to get too fixed on what makes a book suit this 2016 Children’s Book Week theme. Australia IS a Story Country. Our stories come from all over: from our own indigenous people, from migrants and refugees who have come to live here, from books, movies and orally transmitted stories. Let’s encourage Australia’s children to immerse themselves in a range of stories, to read them, listen to them, watch them, think about them, and go on to share them with others!

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Principal Chatter

Next Friday the 12th August, is our District Special Schools Sports Day. Aaron Lacey (our PE teacher) has been working with the students practicing the skills they will need on the day. It is always a wonderful day with students from other Special schools and units in attendance. All parents are encouraged to join us on the day. The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle and would appreciate any help.

This Thursday and Friday some students from Junior and Senior Secondary will be attending the Rockhampton and District 10-19 years Track and field carnival at Emmaus College. This is a great opportunity for students to gain entry into District and Queensland athletics teams.

With Thanks
Sam Dennis
Acting Principal
Happy Birthday!!

Congratulations to the following students on their fantastic effort!

Primary KB—David—using prolo to communicate and repeating words verbally
Primary KF—Violet—for working cooperatively and following instructions
U/Pri SB—Cooper—sharing information with his class during show & Tell
U/Pri SO/BD—Nicholas—for naming 5 things that start with letters H, E & F
U/Pri HE/SA—Zac—writing his sentence on the iPad
U/Pri KH—Grace—excellent work sorting numbers into 1’s and 10’s
Jnr Sec AH/SA—Kiahna—talking friendly to her classmates
Jnr Sec LA—Christine—for focus and participation
Jnr Sec LW—Brando—for writing a great prediction about our book of the week
Jnr Sec JB—Michael & Alan—for excellent attitudes towards working and learning
Jnr Sec JA—Brianna—for remembering important details in our book of the week
Jnr Sec JH—Charlie—being a super detector finding his words in a magazine
Sr Sec SM—Aaron—for his great expression during readers theatre
Sr Sec TW—Corey—following instructions and working safely in the kitchen
Sr Sec JN—Kassidy—for using prolo to spontaneously communicate some needs
Sr Sec TP—

During our Four Blocks Literacy Program we concentrate on building background knowledge so we can make personal connections to the stories. This assists us in comprehending what we are reading. Our class likes to dramatise certain aspects of the book so we can easily understand the motivations of the characters, and their emotions. Students often lead the conversation during these times as Reciprocal Teaching; helping to facilitate interactions. Teachers, during this phase, model the 'Think Aloud' concept, by voicing our thoughts to help students organise their thoughts. Another phase in Four Blocks is to write independently. Students in our class get to choose topics from the book and write in all different styles, from personal letters, research essays and information charts, and graphic organisers. By reading and writing frequently students can understand spelling patterns and the 'way words look' so that their own writing is comprehensible to other people.

Jo Austin

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ZONE—We have new signs which say “No Parking, pick up and drop off only”. Parents/carers and taxi drivers will be asked to move their vehicle if students are not ready to be collected. If you need to get out of your car please park in the school carpark.

Our next P&C meeting is on Friday 26th August at 9.15am Come along and join us for a cuppa and morning tea.

 Behaviour Awards—Awesome Work!
Talk Friendly—Rhiannon M
Hands, objects and feet to myself—Bryson
Follow Instructions—Lincoln M
Work First—Will S

Have you got your tickets in the Gold Coast Holiday Raffle?
It’s not too late to be in it!

• 4 nights accommodation at Sea World Resort for 2 adults and 2 children
• Unlimited access to
  - Sea World
  - Movie World
  - Wet n Wild
• $500 food & beverage voucher for the resort
• $200 Caltex fuel card

Tickets $2 each
Please contact Kathy Bailey or the school office if you would like a book of tickets or 2 to sell to friends and family.

Volunteers Needed!

CRICKET GALA DAY
Parents/carers are invited to attend the cricket gala day being held on the school oval on Tuesday 16th August starting at 9am. The tuckshop will also be running a sausage sizzle on the day. We hope to see lots of parents/carers there for this fun day.

Other News

Have you all have fabulous Birthdays? August
3rd Lachlan N
7th Grace
11th Christine
17th Kassidy
19th Indiana
20th Brendan
21st Ahna
28th Sonny
29th Chase

May everyday bring something new ……. May this birthday turn out to be as amazing as you ……..