Explicit Improvement plan for 2015

What
⇒ Communication
⇒ Reading
⇒ Numeracy
⇒ Positive School wide Behaviour

How
⇒ Differentiated Aligned Curriculum
⇒ Differentiated Pedagogy

Why
Every student becomes an active citizen of the future.

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Principal Chatter

On Sunday afternoon our very tired, but extremely happy Senior secondary students returned to school after five days away at Noosa on the Sunshine Coast. Marcus proudly stood up on Monday’s parade to show everyone the medal that was presented to each student who participated in the Noosa Triathlon. Alana thought climbing the Coolum Hill was the best. Mitchell Hutchins was incredibly proud that he didn’t fall off the two wheeler bike during the Triathlon. Staff suggested that Luke took out the award for the best eater on camp. The sharks and fish at Underwater World held a huge fascination for Sonny. In fact every student has a story and highlight from the time away.

Camps are a tremendous opportunity for students to practice independency skills which will help prepare them for life after school. While camps are fantastic for students, they are also a huge personal cost to the staff that take the students. After five full days and no weekend to recover, our staff are pretty exhausted but putting on brave faces. I can’t praise these teachers and teacher aides enough. Most people are very surprised to hear that teachers do not get paid to take students on camp. They do it because they are dedicated to the students. I wish to thank the staff that went on camp for their absolute commitment to our students.

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NDIS Forum for Family Carers and People with Disability

Take some time to listen, learn and ask questions around the NDIS from Guest Presenter Anthony Mitchell. Anthony is CEO of Leaping Ability, a Non Government Organisation (NGO) providing support to people with an intellectual disability in the Hunter Region of New South Wales. Leaping Ability has been involved with the NDIS trail since it commenced in July 2013 and is currently providing over $2 million worth of services annually to over 200 different NDIS Participants under the scheme. Some of these supports include community living support, behaviour support, allied health services, respite services, training and education and NDIS plan co-ordination.

Tuesday 17th November
10:00am – 12:00pm
Duhig Centre
Diocesan Education Office
West Street,
Rockhampton

FREE
Tea/Coffee & Light Morning Tea Provided
RSVP: Friday 13th November

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School Office Hours

The office is open:
Monday – Friday—8:00am to 3:45pm

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Laurelle Allen
Laurelle Allen Principal
Happy Birthday!!

Hope you all have a fabulous Birthday

November

8th Will
19th Marley
25th Josephine

May everyday bring something new.....

May this birthday turn out to be as amazing as you......

Senior Secondary Camp

On Wednesday 28th October the Senior Secondary students set off on Senior Camp. After some rain on the bus trip down, we arrived at Underwater World. What an amazing experience! The students were captivated by the variety of fascinating sea creatures. Sharks, fish, turtles and stingrays swam above us all night as we slept in the tunnels. We fed prawns to the fish and sharks at the top of the tanks and were able to touch starfish in the touch pools.

Another highlight of camp was walking up Mt Coolum. It is quite steep with lots of rock steps. Many students made it to the top and showed great perseverance to get there. There is an amazing 360° view of the Sunshine Coast beaches and townships and the Glass House mountains. It was well worth the hike!

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following students on their fantastic effort!

Primary KB
Leon—Using our new flipchart to select letters
U/Prim AH
Lachlan—for completing all his work during every lesson
Middle HE
Lilly—for increased responsiveness when interacting with less familiar staff
Oliver—for improved focus and independence when making requests with his PECs book
Primary KL
Grace—for constructing simple sentences about our story of the week
Primary KH
Tamera—for talking in two words sentences
Upper Prim KD
Ruby—for requests with his PECs book. For great stop counting 2’s, 5’s, 10’s.
Jnr SB
Dakota—for following instructions and completing with
Rhysanne—for following instructions and completing work
Jnr BD
Adan—Consistently reading text using correct punctuation
Charlie—for using a variety of ways to communicate his wants and needs
Jnr EL
Jack—for great mapping skills
Jnr LA
Kai—for identifying and describing favorite events and characters in a text and composing a relevant question
Mid Sec SM
Kelsy-Anne—for working hard on words in guided reading
Sec Sec JA
Mark—for using his communication board to make choices between activities

The Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop is every Thursday and Friday morning 8:45am ~ 9:30am. The Uniform shop is located in the AVT building in the P & C room next to the Admin Office.

Our Pink Ribbon Morning Tea raised $173.05

Thankyou very much for all your support

Behaviour Awards—Awesome Work!

Talk Friendly—Sam Simpson
Hands, objects and feet to myself—Grace
Follow Instructions—Will Simpson
Work First—Liam Rowlands

Yuroo-gurra Catering
(Hospitality Program)

Tuesday
Burger Day
Chicken or Beef
$4

Friday Soft Taco Day
with salsa and sour cream
$4