From the Principal

As this is the first newsletter of the term I will take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Laurelle Allen and I have been appointed to the permanent position of Principal. I began my teaching career in 1983 after studying special education at Mt Gravatt in Brisbane. Over the last thirty-one years I have taught in a range of settings including special education units, primary schools, high schools and special schools. I have most recently been the principal of Yeppoon State School and prior to that Principal of Rockhampton Special School. On a personal note, I am married with three adult daughters.

At the moment I am working to get to know all the students, parents, and staff of Rockhampton North Special School. I have been making regular visits to the classrooms in an effort to learn students’ names and understand the dynamics of each class. I have been really impressed by the teachers’ and teacher aides’ passion and by the children’s capacity to learn. I can see that an enormous amount of work has been done to ensure students successfully achieve individual learning goals.

In 2014 our school will continue to focus planning and resources on a School Improvement Agenda that promotes student success in the areas of Reading, Communication, and Numeracy. We will also be reviewing the whole school approach to management of student behaviour.

I have already had the opportunity to meet a few parents and look forward to quickly becoming familiar with everyone. I encourage parents to share with me any comments or concerns they have so that we can problem solve together. I have a strong desire to continue with the collaborative parent/school approach that you have become familiar with at Rockhampton North Special School.

It is with much enthusiasm that I join your school community.

Laurelle Allen
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS YOUTH PALIAMENT 2014
28 May - 3 June Canberra

What is NIYP?
The National Indigenous Youth Parliament (NIYP) is an exciting program run by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) in collaboration with the YMCA and the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House.
NIYP is an opportunity for 50 young Indigenous Australians to learn about Australia’s democracy and to have a say in Australia’s future.

More information
Go to www.aec.gov.au/Indigenous or contact the Australian Electoral Commission in your state or territory:
Qld 07 3834 3450 Indigenous-QLD@aec.gov.au

Subject: Vegemite Surf Groms
What has been described as "Australia's most exciting junior sporting program" is kicking off again this weekend with other programs beginning in the following weeks. It is a program for children aged between 5 and 12 years old where the kids develop skills in both surfing and ocean awareness that they will enjoy and embrace for a lifetime. It is great value and participants receive a Quicksilver or Roxy backpack filled with heaps of goodies. For all the info on how to register, what you get and lesson times and costs go to http://www.surfgroms.com and find Capricorn Coast Learn 2 Surf or Yeppoon. Happy surfing.
Pat Eastwood

Weekly Awards

1st January 2014
Leon, Cooper, Dougie, Dakota, Derek, Aidan, Billy, Mark, Rhys, Katie D, Katie Donovan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following students will celebrate their birthday in November/December

JANUARY
Dougie 3rd
Letisha 13th

Lachlan 5th
Tyler 21st

FEBRUARY
Sharman 9th
Alex 16th
Melissa 20th
Noah 23rd

Elizabeth 13th
Lyle 19th
Caden 22nd
Billy 24th
WHATS HAPPENING!!

STUDENTS LEARNING AS THE 2014 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS