Principals Report

Welcome

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News from the Prep – Year 2 Classroom

Hi parents and friends,

Welcome to week 8. Just one more week of school before the Easter holidays and we have been busy winding up our units and finishing assessment tasks. The children have been writing about the needs of living things (plants and animals) and presenting a chosen book to the group. They have all become more familiar with the seventy Spalding phonemes (sounds). Apart from our usual focus on number, we have been investigating different directions and turns including clockwise, anticlockwise, quarter turns, half turns and full turns.

Our class now has a purple noticeboard outside the staff-room. We will update this with photos and samples of work, so if you visit the school make sure you have a look.

Our Stars of the Week have been Corey and Montana. Montana has shown consistent effort with her work and is always a co-operative student. Corey has quickly and enthusiastically settled into the routines at Wolvi School. Henry and Corey are our Super Writers. Well done children!

Have a happy and safe Easter break everyone.

Brigid

Every day counts

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

Fun Activities To Support Your Child’s Early Learning:

The ‘OT Mum’ website provides a wealth of easy and fun activities to help junior school children with coordination, motor skills, midline crossing, hand dominance and pencil grip, and sensory processing and integration.

Why not give it a try over the Easter holidays when new ideas are needed for something to do? Here’s the link: http://www.ot-mom-learning-activities.com/index.html

Pumpkin soup (serves 5) 🎃
Pumpkins are in season in March in south-east Queensland so this is a great recipe choice. This recipe also includes lots of other vegetables to keep you healthy!

Recipe adapted from *Over the Counter* cookbook. © Queensland Association of School Tuckshops. Reproduced with permission

### Ingredients
- 500g pumpkin, peeled and cut into small chunks
- 1 tsp crushed garlic
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 large onion, diced
- 2 large potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 litre vegetable stock
- 1 tbsp olive oil

### Method
- Heat oil in a large pot and gently fry onion, garlic and celery until soft.
- Add chopped pumpkin, potato and stock.
- Bring to the boil and simmer for 20-30 minutes.
- When vegetables are cooked through, blend.

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**Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper?** Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo’s holiday program, *Zoo Keeper For a Day*!

If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. It’s a day you won’t forget! Places are booking out fast so call **07 5436 2025** to make a reserve your spot.

**Ages:** 7 - 12 years **Price:** $85 **Includes:** Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals **Duration:** 5 hours **Location:** Australia Zoo **Dates:** 29 March to 14 April

Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

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**WHAT’S ON @ THE LIBRARY**

**DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS IN APRIL 2013**

Have fun with stories games and making a Grassy Head at all of the libraries listed here. The sessions have been designed for primary school children and will be FREE to participants. All materials supplied.

**GYMPIE LIBRARY:** Thursday 4th APRIL 10.30am—11.30am
**IMBIL LIBRARY:** Tuesday 9th APRIL 10.30am—11.30am **Bookings essential**
**KILKIVAN LIBRARY:** Wednesday 3rd APRIL 2.00pm—3.00pm
**GOOMERI LIBRARY:** Wednesday 3rd APRIL 10.30am—11.30am
**RAINBOW BEACH:** Wednesday 10th APRIL 2.30pm—3.30pm
**TIN CAN BAY:** Wednesday 10th APRIL 10.30am — 11.30am

**GYMPIE LIBRARY – LEGO CHALLENGE** – Bring your own Lego along and test your skills

**Thursday 11th April 10.30am to 12pm** it is your chance to win a GREAT prize. Race the clock with one hour to build a construction of your choice. A judge will present the prize at the end of the competition. **Bookings Essential. Phone: 5481 0859**

**GYMPIE LIBRARY - Friday 5th April 10.30 am - Cartoon DAVE HACKETT**

is coming to the Gympie library to do a workshop… This is your chance to
learn cartooning skills from this creator of a number of hilarious children's books. It's FREE drawing materials supplied, or you can bring your own. Cartoon Dave will have signed copies of his books for sale.

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Don't forget we have the Gold Rush Festival event, Bendigo Literary Awards Competition for short story, poetry and picture book creations coming up shortly. Entry forms will be available by the end of March. The competition is open to children 10 and over as well as adults, so start writing and/or illustrating and be ready to win some great prizes. To find out more about the awards or anything regarding Young Peoples Services, contact Gympie Library on 54810859, or email lynne.alsop@gympie.qld.gov.au.

Mary Valley School Chaplain's presents Family & Community Bike Ride Sunday 24 March, 2013
Registration - 8am $5.00 per person
All Welcome
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Russell 0423 709 966
For bike hire phone:
Ian 0400 297 678