Principal’s Report

Hello Again

The recent rain was extremely welcomed. A godsend for many and merely a taste if even that for others less fortunate simply because of their location. I’m sure you’ll agree also that the warm sunshine we have experienced since has also been a reminder of why we live in this part of the world. Looks like we may be in for some additional precipitation this weekend as well but I’m not enjoying the cold wind that has developed as it has a chilly bite to it and reminds us that winter is not over just yet.

As we complete week six of the term and embark on week seven we need to be mindful of the exciting events coming up during the remainder of the term. Please refer to our calendar to ensure you are up to speed with what is happening.

Recently one of our students, Eithne Jack participated in a Japanese language speaking competition conducted at Griffith University. Eithne, well supported by our Japanese teacher Mrs Fullerton and was required to learn a particular Japanese text, recite the text and answer questions about the text. This competition was conducted on the weekend and Eithne to her great credit achieved a very sound third place. Congratulations Eithne on a wonderful accomplishment.

Website:
I have recently spent a considerable amount of time working on and updating the currency of our website. While it may seem with a quick visit initially that little has changed, quite a few alterations have been made around documents that are not clearly evident. It has only been in the last week that I have had some long phone conversations with an expert from ‘Websites for Schools’ who has coached me through several processes whereby I am now ‘reasonably competent’ in maintaining our website. It has taken on a slightly new look but has still retained a certain uniqueness. I have yet to remove and replace two more items on the front page and then will continue to endeavour to update weekly. Today I will be hopefully adding several new photos that I hope you appreciate. Thank you for your patience. I am looking to make this a one stop shop for all school information to be updated almost daily around reminders, latest celebrations, news and relevant family information.

Japanese Dinner 28th August:
Please ensure you have marked the Japanese Dinner on your calendar. Remember it is for 1730 / 5:30p.m. I imagine most of the traffic will be coming the other way so I’m hoping it will be an easy run into Ferry Road. It will be a pleasant evening to experience different dishes as our students observe typical Japanese cooking and traditional culture.

Soccer/Netball 12th September
Don’t forget the soccer netball day on Friday the 12th. This is a combined schools event whereby we will be participating with the other Hinterland schools: Springbrook, Ingleside and Currumbin Valley. I anticipate a great fun day with 100% attendance.
Camp 15th, 16th, 17th September
This year we are going to Lake Ainsworth at Lennox Head for our annual camp. Please ensure you have the packing list and are slowly getting your child/children organised including name tags or some form of identification on ALL clothing and hats. We are looking to depart at approximately 0950 on the Monday morning in order to arrive prior to lunch at Lennox. If you have any queries please don’t leave them until the morning we leave as it would be in your best interests and less stressful for both your child / children, yourself and the school if you could voice any concerns earlier rather than later. I want to thank you in advance for your compliance with these requests.

Michael Grose – Parenting Ideas:
Numinbah Valley State School has subscribed to Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose. I have attached a flyer and will include it on our website for your perusal. Parents can utilize the free blog on: parentingideas.com.au website and can subscribe at their own cost if they wish to employ any of the website’s available services. I know many schools have vouched for his insights and the popularity of his down to earth information to help parents is increasing daily.

Facilities / Library:
Today is a special day. We are having air conditioning installed in our administration building. I am looking to ensure we have a more comfortable facility in both winter and summer especially considering our goal in converting the current library into a larger teaching space and transferring all books and shelving into the middle preparation area. This has been a project the staff and I have discussed on several occasions and as we progressively work through all the hurdles we are starting to see some very good options to optimise our existing space. Needless to say I will keep you posted.
In addition and as part of this project it has been a pleasure during the previous fortnight to have Cherie back to take over the sorting, culling, cataloguing and accessioning our current and recently acquired stock. She has done an amazing job and achieved so much in such a short time especially considering that she needed to learn our new Oliver software to label and code.

Volunteers:
I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank our parents and community members who give freely of their time to come into school regularly to read with our students and to assist and support our school’s day to day operation. Acknowledging that small schools may survive without volunteers I have found that the community spirit and relationships that are developed and established through these interactions all eventually benefitting our students immensely.

Les McGregor’s Visit:
Yesterday we had the pleasure of welcoming Les McGregor and his daughter Judith to the school. The visit was initiated by Peter Yaun to help Mr McGregor celebrate his 93rd birthday and importantly provide Les and his daughter Judith a nostalgic trip down memory lane. Les was a student at the provisional school in 1927 while his daughter attended as a student in 1958. Les spoke briefly and answered student's questions about riding horses to school and even recalling names of fellow students and local families. Interestingly Mr McGregor recollects that there were approximately 22 students enrolled in 1927; the river was part of the playground and Judith, his daughter learnt to swim in the Nerang River behind the school and received a certificate to prove her competency. We are very fortunate to attend a school with such a colourful history and many local people who are able to remind us of how simple and straightforward life used to be. I want to thank Peter for bringing Les and Judith along I know the students appreciated the visit and hearing about the experiences.

Please have a safe, productive week.
Regards
Warren and Staff.
STUDENTS ENJOYING MORNING TEA BY THE CREEK!

EITHNE, 3rd PLACE IN A JAPANESE LANGUAGE SPEAKING COMPITITION

A FORMER STUDENT LES mcGREGOR AND HIS DAUGHTER JUDY (ALSO A FORMER STUDENT) VISITED OUR SCHOOL ON HIS 93RD BIRTHDAY.