Only 21 sleeps until the Centenary Celebrations and the committee is working overtime. Thank you to all those who sent messages and made phone calls during my absence following my recent health scare. I am pleased to say that the reports have indicated I will have no long term effects and that my heart is in A1 working order. A big thank you to all of the staff for pulling together whilst I was away and to Mrs Mei-kle for taking the reins.

THE SCHOOL NEEDS EVERYONE'S HELP.!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Centenary celebrations are a monstrous event for a small school to organise and to run successfully. I am calling on all parents to assist where they can with the preparations and with events on the day. Attached to the newsletter is a form for parents to indicate where they can assist with this event. There are plenty of jobs leading up to the event and on the day of – you choose. On Friday 15th there will be numerous tarps, marquees and gazebos to erect. PLEASE, if you are available to donate some time the school requires assistance to stand these shade structures. As well as this we will require assistance with transporting items. Indicate your availability on the form attached.

There will be a WORKING BEE ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD AT THE SCHOOL COMMENCING AT 8.30. This will be used to ensure the grounds and the classrooms are looking spick and span leading up to the big day. Activities will include gardening, painting the front fence, spot cleaning walls, mowing, weeding, hanging items on walls and possibly some furniture assembly.

The week leading up to the centenary will see some changes to normal routines at the school. These will all be normal school days and there is an expectation that every student attends as usual. Students will be assisting where possible in the set up and preparations for the day. Consequently I would like to highlight that there will most likely be limited to no homework or home readers and that students will not be engaged in the full course of the usual day’s study. However they will get opportunity to hone and develop social skills and team work situations in assisting during these preparations.

Could I also request, that if any parents have easy erect gazebos, could we please use them for the day. Shade may be at a premium on a hot November day.

The celebrations are coming together well and I am really looking forward to the day.

Daniel Bishop
Principal

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3-4 News

This term is flying by with 3 weeks already completed and 7 to go, we have been very busy and have already started some of our assessments! © Students were given their Lecturette task on Friday. They have selected a poem to learn and recite to the class. They will perform these in week 6 so should be rehearsing regularly so they are confident on the day.

In English, we have been listening and reading a range of stories, with a focus on different versions of the same story. We began our first assessment piece today which involves comprehending questions about one of the stories we read. This week we heard all different stories about bats from different countries including America, Nigeria, Mexico, and Laos.

In Maths, we have already completed a two week unit on Time and are now in the middle of an Algebra unit, specifically looking at equivalence and making equations equal. We will also cover Position, Chance and Data, and Place Value this term.

Please continue to use Mathletics at home and complete Maths Mentals for Homework. Students complete the Maths Mental test every Friday and students perform much better when they have been completing their homework each night.

In Science, we are studying different types of materials and their purpose, properties and characteristics. This week, we learnt about different fabrics including silk. Did you know that researchers in Thailand have discovered that armour made from traditional Thai silk can be used as an alternative form of body armour that can beat bullets? Tests show that 16 thin layers of silk can stop a speeding 9mm bullet!

In History, we are continuing to learn about the First Fleet. We have completed the first of three assessments. We were required to select significant events from the journey of the First Fleet, place them on a timeline, and explain why they were significant. We will also create a convict profile using a database of convict records to find answers to questions about a convict and record. Finally, we will create a historical narrative where we imagine we are convicts travelling to Australia on the First Fleet.

In Art, we are designing our dream home. We have completed the sketching phase and began painting the dark base colours this week. We will continue this project by adding a lighter layer with more details. They have created some pretty spectacular architecture and have been using the elements of design.

Congratulations to the following students for being our Student of the Week:
Week 1: Jake
Week 2: Willow
Erin Hubbard

Prep/One News

This term is flying past. I have seen most parents to share their child’s progress throughout the year. I am really pleased with the journey each student has made in this year of schooling. We welcome Michelle Newton to our classroom as she completes her practical teaching experience. It is so great to have another pair of hands and another pair of eyes in the room.

Unfortunately we have had a lot of illnesses this week. Very nasty!

In class we are continuing with guided reading and sight words. Two groups have moved onto spelling, very exciting. In maths we will be doing lots of measuring over the next few weeks with Mrs Newton. In science we are exploring types of movements. We have created a family celebration board up the back of our room with pictures of children at family celebrations like Christmas, Easter, reunions and naming days.

Last week’s Book Work award was for Blair and Green slips for Ethan Erin and Tamika.

Mrs Alex Brimblecombe

News from the Big People

We are 3 weeks into our final term and have so much to do before the excitement of the end of the year. We are working on Children’s books in English and have just finished fractions in Maths. After a hiccup with the NASA website (due to the USA Government shutdown) we have watched some great videos on the International Space Station in Science. We are close to covering all the content in History and are moving on to our final assessment piece.

We are also looking forward to the Centenary and hoping for some opportunities to be minions in the week preceding the event.

I have met with many parents in the last couple of weeks to share the great news of our PAT testing and NAPLAN results. As ever one of the best ways to improve results is to READ.

REWARDS

Our rewards trip has been booked for the end of Term 4. We are heading to Top Shots at Maroochydore for blaster boats, mini golf, bungee trampolining, cannonballs and a giant slide. Let’s hope we have all students completing their homework and having it signed as well as meeting check dates for assessment tasks so that we have all of our class eligible for rewards!

Mrs Libby Meikle
**English**
We LOVE Poetry ! ? ! ? Well, perhaps we are not all cut out to be famous poets but we are putting in 100%. Our poems are almost completed and we will have our final copy printed in our best handwriting next week. We are hoping to have them arranged on our classroom wall in preparation for our Centenary 😊

**Mathematics**
Students have been completing activities on 2D shapes in their workbooks. The Year 2 and Extension Year 1 group have started exploring 3D shapes. We have had discussions around 3D shape attributes and have begun using terms such as edges, corners or vertices, and faces. This group loves designing miniature cities out of the 3D blocks … I mean … examining them in order to complete the workbook!! 😊

**Science**
Students completed an activity based around “Garden Grooming” yesterday. We discussed and recorded predictions on what our garden would look like if it was not cared for and what it would look like with TLC.
We added some extra seedlings to our garden (thank you again to Susan Mollenhauer for allowing us to adopt them and a big thank you to our garden fairy that ensures our seedlings are fed and tucked in over the weekends --Kylie Ward--).

**History/Lecturette**
Parents will have noticed the Lecturette Task Sheet in their child’s Communication Book this week. The lecturette is to be prepared at home. Each student was given a fact sheet on their chosen Historical Landmark as a starter. The rest is up to them/you!? Please come and see me if you have any further questions. Remember students are able to choose HOW they would like to present it to the class.

**Update on our Silk worms**
Just before the holidays our silk worms’ spun silk cocoons – we had a range of bright yellow and white silk cocoons. Over the holidays they emerged as moths and completed the moth pairing stage of their life cycle. During the second week of school we said goodbye to our little friends as they had died BUT leaving behind about a million (slight exaggeration haha) tiny light purple eggs to begin the cycle all over again. Wow, I can’t wait until they all hatch……..

**High Expectations Handwriting Award**
Week 1 – Ryder Brown
Week 2 – Wilson Iszlauab
Week 3 – Julia Kerkow

**Reading Awards**
Week 1 – Congratulations to Darcy Mitchell who has read 125 nights, Ryder Brown 150 nights, Denim Brown 175 nights, Hannah Rosenthal, Rory Scott, Dallas Gordon and Olivia Ashley who have all completed 200 nights of reading and Cooper Mollenhauer for completing his 225 nights.
Week 2 – Congratulations to Jorgia Brown for completing 125 nights of reading, William Porter who has read 150 nights, Julia Kerkow 200 nights, Dallas Gordon 225 nights and Dustin Ramke who has read a total of 250 nights.
Week 3 – Congratulations to Nick Divljak and Ty Keliher who have both read 125 nights, Kai Allan 175 nights, Jorja Forsythe has read 200 nights and Rory Scott and Olivia Ashley were both awarded their 225 night certificate.

**Sight Words**
Week 2 – Ryder Brown completed Aqua, Tyson Christensen completed Lemon and Darcy Mitchell was awarded his 200 words certificate. Well done!
Week 3 - Congratulations to Clair Anderson who has completed her Lime words 😊

**Green Slips**
Week 1 – Rory Scott, Jorgia Brown and Rory Scott
Week 2 – Jackson Brown, Madison Bishop and William Porter
Week 3 – Mikayla Ward, Dallas Gordon and Olivia Ashley

**Grandparents Day**
Thursday 7th November
10am to 11am
Bring your morning tea

We are very excited to invite Grandparents to school next Thursday the 7th of November. Please join us in classrooms from 10:00am to 11:00am to participate in some fun activities and then bring along your morning tea to join in first break. Grandparents are great people and we know that many of our children are lucky to have their grandparents living close by. If your child does not have a grandparent to join them at school we have encouraged them to borrow one!
P & C NEWS -
11 November – Mega Centenary Raffle tickets and money must be returned by this date – please send in earlier if you have finished selling your tickets

Please note that we are selling Raffle Tickets at Kingaroy Shoppingworld on Thursday 31 October and Friday 1 November if anybody is available to assist, even for an hour or two. The setting up will all be done it will simply be writing out tickets and handling the money.

PURE HONEY FOR SALE—All proceeds go to the P&C
Thank you to DENMAR APIARIES (Michael & Crystal Kiem) —1kg bucket for $6.50
Available at the office.

DONATIONS NEEDED …..

LOLLIES ….. To use in “Guess the Number” competitions at the Centenary.

Do you have a gazebo at home that the school can borrow for the Centenary? Please let us know.