From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to thank all those involved in the Education Expo at Rose City Shopping Centre last Saturday. A big thanks in particular to Merrill and Bernie, who collected all the display items, put them up, manned the station and packed it all away. Whilst the day wasn’t particularly busy, it was an opportunity to raise awareness, have a look at other displays and catch up with a few parents who passed by or popped in to give Merrill a break. The schools involved will look at ways to improve the lay-out of displays and accessibility as I am sure this will be an annual event.

Both Janine and I thoroughly enjoyed the conference in Dalby and cannot wait to get the i-Pads up and running. We worked with some great apps and learnt how to super-impose images, make action film clips and create e-books. We have to purchase some additional items to make them easier to use in the classroom so that we are able to save work from the i-Pad onto our school system. Many thanks to Jenny Lane, Bob Baldwin and Louise Rossiter for filling in for us in our absence. The students enjoyed the change and were keen to know when we would both be away again!

Next term we will be trialling the second phase of our positive behaviour system. The students are very happy with the way the rewards and stamp books are working. Many students have made suggestions on how we can change the template to make it even better. They have also given us some excellent feedback on things they think we could improve on such as; a visual reminder of when they have been spoken to about something that is affecting the smooth running of the classroom. All students say they like and respond well to having their name up on the board, or something similar. It allows them to self-monitor when they are off task. We have talked about consistency in consequences, and in some extreme instances relocating someone to ensure the lesson carries on. This way both the teacher and the student have the opportunity to “step-away” so the issue doesn’t become bigger than it needs to be. We are extremely lucky the behaviours we deal with are low level and easily managed. With the help of student, staff and parent input we know we can improve. Updates will be given via the newsletter and daily diaries as we trial new approaches and make positive changes.

Some of our Year 6’s attended a transition day at Assumption on Wednesday and from all accounts enjoyed spending time in their new school. I would like to encourage parents to access as many of these transition days as possible, as they are a wonderful opportunity for students to become familiar with the school layout and less anxious about the transition.

We have some good news! The Senior Shirts have arrived and will be presented on the first day of Term 3. Students in Year’s 6 & 7 will be expected to make a short speech in which they promise to uphold the school rules and values. We would like as many families as possible to be involved in this important ceremony. The presentation will start at approximately 2:00pm. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

Janine and I are finalising report cards which will be posted to families in the holidays.

Finally, enjoy the school holidays. We look forward to working with you again next term. Term 3 is especially busy with Sports Days and our annual swimming lessons.

Kind Regards

Laura Watson
Principal

Holiday Time
Report Cards will be mailed in the holidays

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~Tuckshop~
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Minimise Screen Time
Too much time on the Internet or watching television and movies will reduce your children’s chances for success at school in two important ways.

First, television and Internet use, limit your child’s opportunities for social interaction.

Second, television and Internet use, affect your child’s interest in reading, doing projects, experiential discovery and play, or participating in extra-curricular activities that are significantly more enriching than screen time.

Most experts suggest no more than one hour of television per day for primary school-aged children.

~Community News~

LOST—Kelpie Dog
Go by the name of Clancy, a red kelpie has been missing since Sunday 22nd. He can be shy but does not bite. Went missing from 37 Watts Road, Freestone. If you see him or have seen him please call Monika on 0422474324

Freestone Playgroup—Freestone State School
Freestone Playgroup meets from 9 to 11 am with the session involving free play, an organized craft activity and a music session. Please bring a healthy morning tea to share with others. We welcome all our new school families with little ones to come and meet some local mums.

Cost is only $2 per week plus Insurance $35 family for the full year.
If you need more information contact Leesa on 46612739 or 0419741264

Freestone Hall Announcement
Wellies & Beanies Boot Sale & Boot Art Auction
Will be held on the 20th July as part of the Jumpers & Jazz event
Call John for more info on 0408660654

Father’s Day Function
We are still in talks with Bunnings, but hope to hold our Father’s & Grandfather’s Day in the week before the big day….

Stay tuned, dates should be finalised early in term 3.