From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The final term of the year and for our Year 6 & 7’s the final term of primary school! It has all seemed to happen incredibly quickly and we have a great deal planned as the term heats up.

Firstly, we would like to welcome Alex Self to our lovely school. Alex joins the Grade 3’s. There are now 9 students in that year level and as with most of our other year levels, the boys out number the girls.

As with any move to a new school it takes time to settle in, get to know everyone and learn the ropes. Especially in Term 4, when everyone else has settled into a routine. We hope Alex and his family enjoy becoming part of our school community.

Last night we had a small yet productive P&C meeting. School shirts were once more under the spotlight. Merrill has asked families to please return the form she handed out at the end of Term 3. We need to have provisional numbers, if we are to place an order that will arrive in time for the start of 2105. The colour and style will be the same as our current shirt however the fabric will change as the current ones stain and do not retain their colour or shape.

School camp was discussed. Parents who have not had an opportunity to attend P&C meetings will be offered an information session to go over any questions they may have. Details will be confirmed and written in the student diaries.

The P&C has agreed to continue with the option of the “Text Book Scheme” in 2015. This is optional and parents may purchase the supplies themselves. Further information will be sent home at the end of the month.

Order forms for the ever popular Mango Fundraiser are attached to this newsletter.

Finally we have a very important date claimer. As we have two year levels leaving at the end of the year and we would like to commemorate this special occasion by doing something special. A School Community Barbeque will be held on the 8th November at 6:30pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all our families to get together and celebrate.

Please check the newsletter for date claimers and the diaries for permission notes, reminders and requests. It is going to be a very quick term.

Enjoy the rest of your week.  

Laura Watson

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**Calendar of Events:**

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A quick overview of the term.

Please don’t forget Monday 20th Oct is a Student Free Day. Staff will be attending professional development on Behaviour Management Strategies as well as moderation sessions for units of work the students have completed.

This month we also have the Fire Brigade coming to the school, Rodeo Dress-Up Day and “Count Us In”.

Our school, along with participating schools in Warwick, will perform the song, “Paint You a Song”, at the Rotunda at Leslie Park at 11.30am on Thursday 30th October 2014. This is the official time where hundreds of thousands of students sing the same song, all over Australia. More information is available via Google. After we sing “Paint you a Song” we will sing the 2013 song “Keep On” and the 2012 song, “Different People”. These songs were written by high school students with the help of Australian Music Industry mentors. John Foreman, is the main organiser and official ambassador and is involved in the writing every year. It will be a very special morning and one we will enjoy being part of.

Permission notes will be sent home with students. We encourage families to take time out of their busy day to come and listen. Music has the power to unite communities and fill lives with hope when times are tough.

Good Luck to Abbi Mauch who will be in Brisbane next week (14th & 15th) representing the Darling Downs district at the State Athletics Trials.

Happy Birthday to Calum, James, Amy and Jayden

Welcome

Alex

A big welcome to Freestone State School, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

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What's the best way to avoid or deal with "cyber-bullies"?

There are things you can do to reduce the chances you'll receive abusive or other bullying messages, and to handle them if you are subjected to them:

- Only give your number to friends, and make it clear they're not to give your number to others without your permission.
- Use caller ID blocking to hide your phone number if you call someone other than a friend or family member.
- Only use your phone when necessary.
- Don't respond to nasty or inappropriate messages.
- If you do want to respond, wait until you've had time to calm down, so you are careful about what you say.
- Keep the message as evidence.
- Tell your parents, teacher or another trusted person that you're being bullied.
- Don't give out personal information about yourself to people you don't know.
- Don't leave your name on your voicemail - leave a message like "thanks for calling - leave a message and I'll call you back".
- If you are being bullied, get your parents to talk to your phone company - they may be able to block calls from certain numbers, or give you a new number.
- Turn your phone off, and when you turn it on, only access messages from the numbers you know belong to friends.