FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 3.

We have a number of events happening this term.

This Sunday 24th July 2016 is our P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings. If you can assist either by helping out on the day or donating something to this event please let us know.

This Friday 22nd July 2016 and next Tuesday 26th July 2016 some of our students will be participating in Sailors with Disabilities activities at the coast.

On Saturday 6th August 2016 we will be selling raffle tickets for the Storms Away Jersey at Browne Park and some of our students will be participating in a coaching workshop at half time.

On Tuesday 9th August 2016 Queensland Cricket will be running a workshop here at school for our students.

Later that week on 12th August 2016 our Annual Sports day will once again be held at Rockhampton North Special School.

More cricket activities are planned for the Tuesday 16th August 2016 and our Glenmore Homestead ‘Hoe Down’ event is set for Saturday 9th September 2016.

The term will finish with the Beach Day Out on the last day of term on Friday 16th September 2016.

As well as these exciting events our Whole School Review will be taking place on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of August 2016. This review will give us information to help us develop a strong plan for the next four years.

Students are enjoying the literacy tasks associated with the Four Blocks Literacy Program. As I move from classroom to classroom each day students are very keen to show me what they are doing and talk about what they have learnt.

SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support) is now well and truly ingrained in our school. The students get a good sense of achievement tallying up their Ravi and Riva awards and they love choosing a prize when they reach a milestone.

For the next two weeks our SWPBS lessons will focus on showing good sportsmanship. Classes will be doing activities and talking about this topic every day.

If you are passing please drop in and say hello at the office. We love catching up with parents and caregivers.

Have a good week.

Regards

Josi
Principal
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

The following students have received the Principal's Award:

Friday 17th June 2016:

Stevie for her positive attitude and participation in all class activities.

and

Tazmyn for consistently greeting others when they enter the classroom.

Thursday 23rd June 2016:

Aurelia for initiating communication with other people at school.

and

Ashley for her happy attitude and enthusiasm towards her school work.

Friday 25th July 2016:

Matt for sharing equipment during lunch breaks.

and

Katelyn for trying hard during literacy programs.

Well done to these students, keep up the great work!
SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY – PARENT/CAREGIVER SURVEY 2016

All parents/caregivers are invited to participate in this year’s school opinion survey and have your say about what the school does well and how it can improve.

Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information that you provide will be treated confidentially.

The online survey will be available until 29th July 2016 and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

A survey form has been distributed to all students.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Administration.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 of Book Club has been distributed to all students.

If you wish to place an order, please return all cash orders to Administration by Friday 29th July 2016.

Alternatively you can pay online by credit card via www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Administration.

Q SCHOOLS APP

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from Queensland state schools.

Rockhampton Special School encourage all parents, caregivers and families to download the app for free.

The app is designed to integrate with our school website. When our school publishes content to the website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

The app can manage updates from multiple schools which is useful for parents who have students in different schools.

To download the app visit the application store for your device.

Please refer to the attached flyer for full details on the app and download instructions.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of Administration.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The date for school photos has been confirmed.

School photos will be happening at school on Wednesday 17th August 2016. Silver Rose Photography will be taking the photos again this year.

Order forms will be distributed to all students closer to this date.
This year's book week runs from the 20\textsuperscript{th}-26\textsuperscript{th} August 2016 and the theme is \textit{Australia! Story Country}.

On Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} August at 9.30am there will be a whole school assembly and students are encouraged to dress up in the costume of their favourite character and a Character Parade will be held. All families are welcome to join in the fun.

\textbf{BreastScreen QUEENSLAND – MOBILE VAN SERVICE}

BreastScreen Queensland is a population-based screening program for the early detection of breast cancer in Queensland.

The hospital clinic service is always available. Please refer to the attached flyer for full details of this service.

\textbf{DATE CLAIMER – BEACH DAY OUT 2016}

The Beach Day Out is a regional event held annually during Disability Action Week.

This year the event will be held in Emu Park's Bell Park on \textbf{Friday 16 September 2016}.

Please refer to the attached date claimer.

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Renai 10  Josh P 50
Shia-Lee 10  Alexa 50
Logan 10  Phoenix 50
Ashley 10  Tjanara 50
Jaz 10  Robert 50
Justin 10  Kaj 50
Keanu 10  Cheyanne 50
Clifford 10  Reece 50
Chelsea 25  Alexander 50
Katelyn 25  Kaleb 50
Aurelia 25  Rhys S 50
Ashton 25  Makayla 50
Harley-Rose 25  Josh R 50
Nicholas 25  Monique 50
Nathan T 25  Rhys A 50
Charlotte 25  Jamie 50
Kevin 25  Luke 50
Anastasia 25  Zachary 50
Enosh 25  Amanda 50
Josh S 25  Fred 50
Tazmyn 25  Raphael 50
Breeanna 25  Angel 50
Lochlin 25  Erin 50

Matt 75
Hemi 75
Cody 75
Courtney 75
Jesse B 75
Alexis 75
Jesse 75
Travis 75
Bailey 75
Jordan 100
Samantha 100
Raine 100
Shelby 100
Stephanie 100
Shyan 100
Iain 100
Liam 100
Nathan S 100
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Congratulations to all of you and keep up the great work.

\textbf{P & C FOOTY FUNDRAISER}
Rockhampton Special School P & C are currently fundraising for the purchase of a new wheelchair bus for the school.

Tickets are $5.00 each and the following prizes can be won:

1st Prize: Signed and Framed 2015 Melbourne Storm Jersey (away jersey)

2nd Prize: Amart Sports Voucher (Valued at $200)

3rd Prize: Amart Sports Voucher (Valued at $150)

Plus other multi-draw prizes

Prizes will be drawn on the 9th September 2016 at the Rockhampton Special School Hoedown Fundraiser to be held at the Glenmore Homestead. You do not have to be present at the draw to claim your prize.

Tickets are available to purchase from the following locations and events:

- Rockhampton Special School - Administration
- Capras Game at Browne Park, Rockhampton on Saturday 6th August 2016

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of Administration on (07) 49375333.
Curriculum News

Four Blocks

The Four Blocks Framework has been adopted by Rockhampton Special School as a daily approach to teaching literacy skills for all students. It is broken into the following areas (or blocks): Guided/Shared Reading, Working with Letters/Words, Self-selected Reading and Writing. Teaching and learning experiences are structured across each block every day so that students are given a variety of different experiences in which to develop their literacy skills. There is also a heavy emphasis on promoting enjoyment and engagement in and through literacy every day.

Unit work

Each term students study an additional unit of work; History, Technologies, Geography or The Arts. These subjects form part of the Australian curriculum and are taught to all students in a way that reflects their educational needs while also meeting curriculum requirements. Teachers endeavour to plan and implement units that are engaging and link to real world experiences and learning.

In Term 2 Primary, Middle and Senior students studied a Technologies unit focusing on one of the two subject areas; Design and Technologies or Digital Technologies. Many of the classes did a very interesting and hands-on look at farming and milk production while other classes focussed on the use of digital technology in everyday life.

During Term 3 Primary, Middle and Senior students will be studying Geography. Teachers have written a variety of Geography units that explore diverse topics such as physical landscapes, environmental issues and map reading skills.

In the Transition classes unit work is drawn from the Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority Subject Area Syllabuses (SAS). This semester their unit of work is called ‘Legally, it could be you’ and explores legal rights and responsibilities and also looks at legal systems and legislation in a way that develops an awareness of the law and to encourage responsible attitudes and behaviours required for effective participation in the community.

Individual Curriculum Plans (ICPs)

All students accessing the curriculum at a higher or lower year-level than their same-age cohort require an Individual Curriculum Plan (ICP). An ICP documents intended curriculum, pedagogy and assessment provisions for the next reporting period. Decisions are based on collaborative analysis of student achievement data and in consultation with the student’s parent(s).

Over the next couple of weeks, teachers will be requesting a meeting with you to discuss your child’s progress and seek your valued input with the development of your child’s ICP.

Book Week date changer

This year’s book week runs from 20th-26th August and the theme is Australia! Story Country.

On Friday 26th August at 9.30am there will be a whole school assembly and students will dress up in the costume of their favourite character and a Character Parade will be held. Families are welcome to join in the fun.
We have a great bunch of staff and students in Senior 3 this year. We all love to learn by using our senses and engaging in sensory play.

Top left: Cody loves Intensive Interactions sessions with staff
Above: Amanda could spend all day looking at books in the sensory cave
Left: Zac enjoys making our letters of the week from different materials

The focus for our students is to develop ways for them to communicate. We use different types of technology to assist students in communicating their needs and wants.

Left: Amanda likes to have time using the eye gaze technology. Courtney loves doing switch cause and effect activities – especially when they involve music!
The QSchools app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Emergency announcements and push notifications, such as information about natural disasters and school closures, can be published by the department.

All Queensland state schools are searchable via the app, however only schools who have upgraded their school website with Websites for Schools will benefit from all the features of the app.

Parent and Community Engagement Framework alignment

The QSchools app is a useful tool for schools implementing the Parent and Community Engagement Framework to facilitate:

- better communication with the school community
- community collaboration
- encourage participation in the school community.

Benefits for parents, carers and families:

- access the latest school news, newsletters and calendar events
- receive emergency announcements and push notifications
- follow multiple schools
- search for the nearest school by current location, postcode, school name or suburb.

Compatible with the following devices:

- Android
- Apple
- Windows

Encourage your school community to download for free via the Apple iTunes Store, Google Play and Windows Stores.
**QSchools**

**mobile app**

1. **Download or update the QSchools app**
   Compatible with the following devices:
   - 📱 Android
   - 🍎 Apple
   - 🎈 Windows 8

   To receive automatic updates, you will need to ensure that QSchools push notifications are enabled in your phone settings.

2. **Search for your school**
   The QSchools app allows you to search by:
   - School name search
   - Map search
   - Schools near your current location

3. **‘Favourite’ your school to receive updates**
   By favouriting your school, you will:
   - Have access to school information, newsletters, reports and more
   - Automatically receive important updates and push notifications from your school
Women aged 50 - 74

This is a special invitation for you to
Attend the FREE
BreastScreen Rockhampton Service

numerous appointment times are available
no referral is required
and it only takes 30 minutes

To make an appointment, phone

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(Women aged 40 – 49 and over 75
are also eligible for a free breastscreen)
FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2016
NO-ONE MISSES OUT
BEACH DAY OUT

DATE CLAIMER