We have had some very excited students at school this week, and with camp starting tomorrow who can blame them! We are looking forward to having a great time and are grateful to all families for supporting us by allowing all students to be involved.

**School Camp**

I would like to remind all families that we need students to be at school by no later than 8:30am tomorrow (Wednesday 4th Nov) and we will be back by 4:30pm on Friday the 6th Nov. Finally, if all students bring some morning tea in a disposable bag we will be stopping for morning tea on the way to Tallebudgera on Wednesday morning. This will make it a quick and simple stop for us. All food from lunch on Wednesday until we return is provided through the camp facility. I hope parents enjoy the break as much as I am sure the students will enjoy their time away.

**Action against flies in Pilton District**

We are also very excited about the news that the P&C were successful in receiving a grant to target the fly population at school and in the general district. We are very grateful to the P&C for the hard work that has gone into setting up the grant application and the subsequent action that will commence shortly. We are using this opportunity to include the students in the real-life scientific trial on the effects of the introduction of a specific wasp and dung beetles on the fly population at school. Thanks to Amy Tait, who has provided the following information about the wasps, that confirms that they are harmless to people, and all animals other than flies:

‘Every two weeks over the next three months we will be releasing a tiny wasp to help reduce the fly problem that we have at the school. The wasp is known as the ‘Spalangia Endius’ and is only 2-3 mm in length. It is not harmful to any other insect (other than the fly) or vertebrate (including humans). Once released the wasp seeks out a fly pupae in the dung of the cattle, lays an egg which in turn kills the fly. If you would like any further information on the wasps please refer to this website – www.bugsforbugs.com.au or contact Amy Tait on 0428674528.’

**Play Group and Prep Transition Days**

It has been great to see so many families at Play Group and I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Stewart for the special activities she has organised for students to take part in. If you have children younger than school age please feel free to come along and enjoy this great time together. It is a chance for children to spend time together, get comfortable with the school environment, and also a great chance for parents to catch-up. If you have any questions about Play Group please contact us at school.

A reminder to all families that we will be away this Friday at camp and so there will be no playgroup.

We had our first Prep Transition half-day last Thursday 29th Oct from 9am until 1pm. It was great to see the four prospective Prep students for 2016 engaging with each other and this year’s Preps. We are very lucky to have them enrolling with us for next year! I would encourage parents to have a go at some of the ‘chatterbox’ activities with our transitioning students before they start at school next year.

The next Prep Transition Day will be on Friday the 13th November. On this day we encourage parents to stay with us for the morning as we will be visiting the Darling Downs Zoo together. This is a chance for the students and pre-Prep students to enjoy a fun excursion together and get a chance to know everyone at school better. A big thanks to the Darling Downs Zoo for supporting us in this way. After we return to school, the pre-Prep students will be staying for the rest of the day and will be involved in the school routine for a Friday. If anyone has any questions about Prep Transition please contact me at school when you get the chance.
End of Year Activities

The school will be performing at the Pilton Hall Christmas Tree on the Friday the 4th of December. We will be putting on a small performance and singing a traditional Christmas Carol on this evening. We have also been asked to perform a song as a school in the Allora Christmas Carols on the 5th of December. We understand that this means back to back nights out for our students, and understand if not everyone can make it to both events. Needless to say it would be great to have as many students as possible for these events. If anyone has any queries about the traditions of gift-giving to children at the Pilton Christmas Tree or the carols we will be singing please contact me at school.

More details about these events, the Picnic Day and a farewell for Mr. Fuller will be forthcoming as the term progresses.

Rural Fire Brigade Visit

After the recent fires we have experienced it would come as no surprise that the fire season is here! As a part of building awareness and helping students to understand fire-safety we will be having a visit from the Rural Fire Brigade on Monday the 9th of November.

All the best,
Jon Robertson

I would like to say thank you to everyone who bought tickets in my raffle so I could go to the Queensland Athletics Championships. Dad, Kelly-Lea and I went on a plane from Brisbane to Townsville.
It was a lot of fun and I really loved flying. I ran in the 100m, 200m, and 800m races and I also threw the shot put.
We went up Castle Hill which is very steep and saw a lot of people walking up the hill. On Tuesday we went to the beach and had a swim.
Thank you very much for helping me have this great trip.
Shane.

Garry would also like to convey his thanks to everyone who supported Shane’s raffle which made the trip to Townsville possible for their family.

Coming Events

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Hi everyone,
I hope you are all having a great week and have enjoyed the lovely rain. Thank you to those who attended the meeting last Tuesday night. A special thank you to Joan Field for coming to the meeting and becoming a member of the P & C. It was great to have a member of the community there, and I would also like to invite other members of the community to join the P & C.

We had lots of items on the agenda at the meeting. A change of uniform was discussed and it was voted unanimously that we have polo shirts custom-made in the current school colours of black and gold in order to create a more ‘uniform’ appearance in our student group. The remainder of the uniform will be unchanged, with parents still to buy generic black shorts, pants and skirts. We are currently obtaining quotes, but can safely guarantee that the cost of a shirt will be under $25.00. Next week there will be 2 designs displayed in the library for parents to vote on. Please place your vote in the appropriate box along with any feedback regarding the new shirts. We will collate the results the following week and notify of the ‘winning’ shirt. This will then go to the next P & C meeting; parents will be informed of costs and asked to place orders so that we can start 2016 with the new shirts. Please feel free to ask Brooke, Rebekah or myself should you have any questions about the uniform.

A farewell for Mr Fuller will be held in the last 2 weeks of the year, the exact date and arrangements will follow shortly. If you would like to contribute some money towards a gift for Stuart, please place money in an envelope with his name on it, and drop it in the P & C box at the school (outside the office upstairs).

I would like to thank Chris and Phillip Moar for donating lettuce seedlings to the school and to the Ranger family for supplying us with the soil to top up the vegetable garden.

Finally, on the behalf of the parents, I would like to thank the staff for being so brave as to take our kids away on camp. It will be such a wonderful experience for them and we appreciate that you give up your own time to attend camp. We know we can trust you to look after their every need, so thank you for that.

That's all from me.
Thank you
Jacqui

We are selling numbers in the PILTON LOTTERY, if you would to win $45, you will get 5 chances with a $10 entry fee. Once we have 45 players, we will start again.

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Casee and Shane competing at State Athletics Championships in Townsville