Welcome to Term 4! I hope everyone enjoyed the time that students were on holidays (and the great win by the North Queensland Cowboys).

We have hit the ground running this week with the beginning of new units of work commencing and the planning for the events that are happening this term in full swing! Some of the highlights for the term include pre-Prep transition activities, heading to camp on the 4-6 November, Fairholme swimming lessons on the 25-27 November and performing at the Pilton Christmas Tree on the 4 December. More information about these and other events will be forthcoming as the term progresses.

Welcome back to Mrs. Bell, who has returned from her leave and is back in the office on Monday mornings, Wednesday and Thursday.

**Term 4 – Read Every Day**
I would like to thank all the parents and volunteer readers that have supported our students all year and encourage everyone to keep up the great work that goes into reading every day. There is no doubt that student learning and overall outcomes from education are greatly impacted by a student’s ability to make meaning when they read. Please keep up the great work, and help students reflect on what they read by checking for understanding as they go.

**All the best to Casee and Shane at the Queensland Athletics Championships**
Next week Casee and Shane will be in Townsville competing in their respective events at the state level athletics championships in Townsville. We are very proud of their great achievement to be involved in this event and wish them all the best! Thanks to everyone for their support and encouragement of these students. Shane’s raffle that the P&C are running to support him in getting to Townsville and competing in the championships will be drawn on Monday next week. Please send back any raffle tickets, whether they are sold or not, and any money collected to school either tomorrow or on Monday so we can get them in the draw.

**Musica Viva**
On 20th October we will be travelling to the F.E. Logan Hall at Clifton to participate in the Musica Viva performance showcasing the musical traditions of Senegal. We have attempted to provide all students with one cultural experience each term this year and I am sure that this final performance will be just as rewarding as the rest. Please return your students’ permission form as soon as you can. All playgroup families are encouraged to join us for this event also if they wish.

**School Chaplaincy Program**
The National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) has been submitted and we have used the community survey responses as well as letters of support from the staff and P&C to support and justify our application. Hopefully we will see continuation of the funding that supports Chappy Karl playing the vital role in our school that he does. Thanks for the feedback that we received from many families.

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**Play Group – Friday morning from 9am – 11am**
We would like to encourage anyone in the community with pre-school age children to come and join us for Playgroup on Friday mornings. Miss Stewart runs a great program that combines our Preps and any younger children together from 9am-10:30am and then we share morning tea together until 11am. With the weather warming up (and not too smoky hopefully!) we will be able to enjoy some time doing outside activities also this term, and I encourage anyone who wishes to attend to drop in on Friday or call us at school to discuss how this could be a part of your child’s transition towards school this term.

**Queensland Museum Visit**
I would like to publicly thank the staff for making the Queensland Museum visit in the last week of Term 3 such a great experience for students. It was a wonderful thing to be able to provide this opportunity to students. I am sure that the experience of travelling into the Brisbane CBD and walking along the Brisbane River was just as novel as the Museum exhibitions were. It was a great day and we were very proud of the way the students behaved and participated on the day.

**Jump Rope for Heart Performance**
I think everyone would agree that students demonstrated amazing skills in their skipping performances at the Jump Rope for Heart day. It was great to see so many parents come up to school and support the students. If we could just have sorted out a decent DJ to control the music it would have been an even more wonderful event!

**After School Sport starting next Thursday afternoon**
Thanks to Sarah for continuing to support our students being active after school this term by running a Tennis program on Thursday afternoons. The program will run for 7 sessions starting next week and finishing on Thursday of week 9 (not during week 5 while we are on camp).

**Military Leave**
I am sure most people are aware that I have previously worked for the Australian Army and am currently still involved on a part-time basis with the Army Reserve. I have been issued with a training notice which requires me to attend my annual obligation to my unit during this term. I will be away from school during week 7 and 8, and have discussed with the staff the best way that we will cover my absence at school. Mrs. Heaton will be acting Principal in my absence and I am very grateful to her for being so willing and capable.

All the best,
Jon Robertson
TERM 4

Prep – 2 Classroom

Welcome back to our busiest term of the year.

ENGLISH
In our classroom this term we are going to be learning all about Fairytales and Fractured Fairytales. The children will be reading and listening to a variety of different Classic Fairytales and then comparing them to a more modern Fractured Version of the Fairytale. The first Fairytale will be Sleeping Beauty and the Fractured Version is called Snoring Beauty. The children will be exploring the structure of these stories and comparing the characters. Towards the end of the unit, students will be writing a persuasive piece to explain why they prefer a particular Fairytale.

MATHEMATICS
In Maths this term, the Preps have started working on an investigation about equivalence (balance). They are working through balance involving weighing things, and will then investigate how to balance numbers. The year ones and twos have begun working on 2D shapes and 3D shapes. They are investigating the properties of these shapes and their nets.

3-6 Classroom News

ENGLISH
This term in English Year 4-6 students will be conducting a final unit of writing that evaluates the different types of texts we have studied during the year, and express how author’s use different text types to meet specific purposes. We will be continuing to push forward with reading comprehension and spelling.

MATHEMATICS
In Mathematics we will be consolidating on our number facts and operations for the year. We will be specifically focusing on measuring and solving problems with time, understanding factors and multiples and solving problems based on chance and data.

TECHNOLOGY
We will be completing design tasks in Technology and many students have brought in USB sticks that allow them to take home some of this work in order to keep working on their animations and computer based design tasks.

SCIENCE
In Science the students will be working with Mrs. Bazley on a chemistry unit that sounds like it will be very engaging and exciting! The reactions and composition of different materials will be tested and I am sure that everyone will enjoy learning about chemistry this term.
Thanks to everyone who has purchased an Entertainment Book. We have only got 3 more to sell and we make a profit for the P&C. (At the moment it is cost neutral, but it would be great to make some $$’s to add to our fundraising this year!) $65 per book, filled with great cost savings. Remember they make great gifts! Contact Rebekah if you are interested in purchasing one.

We have finished round 2 of the Pilton SS Lottery. Congratulations to Sally Shine #17; Jacqui Gill #44 and the Brady Family #22, our lucky winners in the past 3 week’s Pilton Lottery. **We are going to play again, if you would like to win $45, you will get 5 chances with a $10 entry fee. Once we have 45 players, we will start again.** This fundraising is going towards school camp in November. To play, please let Rebekah, Jacqui or Brooke know that you are interested and/or send $10/number in an envelope (marked with your name, contact details) to the school’s P&C letterbox. We are also planning on contact the players from last time to see if they would like to play again and keep their last number.

We are also having a stall at the Allora Community Christmas Carols, Saturday 5th December. Selling drinks, treats and glow sticks. If you have an idea to contribute, and can help on the evening, please inform one of the P&C members.

Thank you,
Rebekah

Hi everyone,

Thank you to those who have volunteered to work at Bunnings on Sunday. If you could please wear your hair tied back if it is long and wear closed in shoes, not sandals. Here is the roster:

8.30 - 11.30
Fiona, Gary, Debbie and Brooke

11.30 - 2.30
Leanne or John, Jon, Kelley, Bek and Brett

2.30 - 4.30
Sarah Summers, Luke, Mary-Ann and Jacqui

Thanks again and please call me if you have any concerns.
Brooke

Hi everyone,

As you would know by now, the P & C meeting was cancelled last night due to the fire in the local area. A note will be sent out soon with details about the next meeting.

Shane for Queensland Raffle
The raffle for Shane will be drawn next Monday the 12th of October. If everyone could please have the sold tickets and money back to the school by Friday, it would be much appreciated.

Thank you
Jacqui

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P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Toowoomba 11th October 8.30am to 4.30pm
Sporting Schools (Thursdays 3-4pm) Tennis 15th October
Student Free Day 19th October
Musica Viva 20th October
Prep Transition Half Day 29th October
School Camp 4-6th November
Darling Downs Zoo Visit / Prep Transition Day 13th November
Swimming Lessons at Fairholme College 25,26 and 27th November
P&C Stall at Allora Community Christmas Carols 5th December