Pilton News

Important Dates:

**NAIDOC Day**  18th July
**P&C Meeting**  22nd July, 6pm
**Emu Crk SS Athletics**  23rd and 25th July
**School Photos**  24th July
**CD Athletics, Allora SS**  4th & 8th August

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!**
Madame Scott-Power 19th and Sam 25th July.

**School Opinion Survey.**
The annual school opinion survey is to occur over the next couple of weeks. The survey is to obtain the opinions of parents, students and staff about a number of important aspects of schooling.

**THIS YEAR, ALL SURVEYS WILL BE CONDUCTED ONLINE.**
I recognise this may cause problems for some families, especially if they have poor internet speeds or no access to the internet at all. Please don’t let this prevent you from completing the survey. I would think the survey would take only 10 or 15 minutes and we can easily set you up to do it at the school. You will receive an information sheet that will detail the website you need to go to. The sheet will also include two unique codes. The first code identifies the school but is different for each person. As these are randomly assigned and your name is not asked for, they ensure complete confidentiality.

We have been quite proud of our survey results over recent years and hope that we have earned just as good or even better results this year. But, most importantly, we need your honest feedback, good and bad, so that we can better meet your child’s needs. And we need it from EVERY family! The survey will open on this Monday, 21st July and close on Sunday, 3rd August.

**Report cards.**
Mrs Heaton and I are working on report cards. But, as I have not been able to commence work on the reports until this week and with the interruptions of NAIDOC Day and the athletic days, I can’t guarantee they will be completed by the end of next week. I hope that will not inconvenience anyone.

**NAIDOC Day.**
Tomorrow, all students will be taken to Clifton to take part in the Clifton Cluster NAIDOC Day activities. This is always a great day and students are really looking forward to the day. Students need to be at school by 8:45am to catch the bus. Ms Stewart and the students have put in a huge amount of effort to create a painting that reflects this year’s NAIDOC theme. NAIDOC this year is particularly focussing on Indigenous people who fought in the Armed Services and our painting reflects this.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge.**
I haven’t had the opportunity yet to catch up with students to see how they are going towards meeting their targets for the Reading Challenge. Please ensure your child is reading regularly and marking down each book read by them or two them.

**Active After School Care.**
This term, we are again able to offer Active After School Care (AASC) on two afternoons a week. As usual, it will run on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:45pm until 3:45pm. For the first few weeks, students will concentrate on athletics on both days.

The coach will be an ex-Pilton student, Nicole Vern. Nicole has had a very successful athletics career representing Darling Downs and Queensland in shotput, discus, long jump and sprints. She also represented Australia in shotput, discus and 100 metre relay. Athletics has not only taken her all over Australia, but she has also competed in Milan, Prague and Christchurch.

**Athletics Carnivals.**
We have two athletics carnivals coming up. The first, the Emu Creek Small Schools carnival, will be held next Wednesday and Friday. You will already have received permission forms for these days.

The Wednesday is only for the older students while all students will attend on Friday. The Small Schools carnival is a great event. Every student is expected to compete in every event open to them. There is also a race for those too young to be at school and is usually the highlight of the day!

Then, on the Monday 4th August and Friday 8th August, we will be at the Central Downs Athletics carnival at Allora State School. Again, only some of the older students will be competing on the Monday with all students attending on the Friday. As we are only able to nominate two students per event, except for the sprints, there may be some students who are not able to compete in every event for their age group.
School photos.
School photos are set for next Thursday, 24th July. Please return your envelopes detailing which photos you require before Thursday. And remember, we know you send them along looking perfect that morning, but we make no guarantees as to how they will look by photo time.
Our photographer has also offered to include whole family portraits, as part of his package this year, for the prices listed on the order form. Interested families can collect an order form from school and be at school by 9am on Thursday 24th July.

Kokoda Challenge.
At 7am on Saturday morning, I commence a 96 kilometre walk as a participant in the Kokoda Challenge. I am walking with Mrs Heaton’s husband John, my niece and my brother. This will be John’s fourth and my third Kokoda. I guess that means we will have to carry the two young ones who are on their first Challenge.
If you are interested, it is possible to track our progress on the Kokoda website. Just go to http://kokodachallenge.com/home. There should be a link to live tracking and just look for our team, Voet Trekkers. It will take us more than 24 hours but we hope to finish in time for a couple of lunchtime beers on Sunday.

Thank you.
I am grateful for the support given me by all the parents I have caught up with since I returned to work. And as I enjoy teaching, I have really appreciated returning to the classroom and working with your great kids.

Regards,
Stuart Fuller

Jump Rope for Heart
We will once again be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser and our jump off day will be Friday 19th September (last day of term 3) at 10am.
Sponsorship forms are attached.

BOOK CLUB
Catalogues are attached and orders are due Monday 28th July.

P&C NEWS
Hi all,
Welcome back and hope you had a good break. The next P & C meeting will be held next Tuesday the 22nd of July starting at 6.00pm. It would be great to see you there, new members always welcome.
Thank you
Jacqui
**Red Day.**

On the last day of Term 2 we had a Red Day. Chappy Karl made pancakes. Miss Stewart made scones for morning tea and the P&C gave us hot dogs, fruit, poppers and lollies for lunch. Everyone got to wear their pyjamas all day and we cut up egg cartons and made red noses. We painted them and decorated our own. All the students gave a gold coin donation which we will send to the Sids and Kids fundraising people. It was a really fun day and thank you to everyone!

**National Tree Day**

Today, the 16th of July 2014, Mr O'Brien, Melanie, Peta and Shania from Gatton came to help us plant many different types of trees and plants for National Tree Day. All the students got to plant something and we all enjoyed the day. By Clayton, Jordan and Charlie.

This Friday is NAIDOC Day and Pilton SS is going to enter a canvas painting. This year’s theme is about how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have served their country in the military through the years. Miss Stewart helped us with the design. We drew jigsaw pieces, coloured them to represent the Army, Navy and Air Force and showed how they all fit together to protect Australia. We all used the computers to find lots of photos showing Indigenous people in the armed forces and put them around the edge of the canvas as a border. The shadow of the soldier is to show that they are always on guard and the poppies we made out of crepe paper are for remembrance. We really enjoyed making the canvas and we all learnt a lot about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the wars. By Levi and Billy-Rose.
Due to changes in the wording of EQ procedures regarding administration of medications at schools, below is the updated. A copy of the Request to Administer Medication at School form is attached for any student requiring administration of medication at school over a long-term.

**MEDICATION**

Administration of all medication (routine, emergency, over the counter):
- **Request to administer medication at school** to be supplied by the student’s parent/carer for chronic (long-term) medical conditions requiring the administration of medication at school
- a written request in the form of a letter to be provided by the student’s parent/carer for short-term management of an acute medical conditions
- ensure prescribed medication is provided in the original container with an attached prescription pharmacy label which constitutes a medical authority, and includes:
  - student name
  - dose
  - time the medication is to be taken
  - any other relevant directions for use e.g. whether medication is to be taken with food.
- ensure medications administered at an extended school activity, such as a school camp or excursion, are administered under the same conditions as at school. Where possible, tablet medication is to be supplied in a blister pack for the purpose of safe administration on a school camp.

for those medications where doses may vary, clear instructions provided in the student’s Individual health plan or letter is to be provided by the prescribing medical practitioner, outlining the conditions in which the dose is to be varied and the correct dose when those conditions are present (e.g. sliding scales for insulin, asthma puffers etc)

Administration of over-the-counter medications (including paracetamol, ibuprofen, naturopathic, herbal and homeopathic preparations and pharmacist-only medicines at school):
- the medical practitioner is to provides a written request for over-the-counter medication to be administered or co-signs the **request to administer medication at school** accompanied by clear instructions as to the dose and specific times required at school
- the student must have received the medication on one or more previous occasions and suffered no adverse reactions (this is to be documented by the student’s parent/carer)
- information is to be provided on the possible adverse side effects and any management required
- the authorised over-the-counter medication and the equipment needed for the medication to be administered are to be supplied by the student’s parent/carer.

Self-administration or assisted administration of Medications:
- parent/carer provides a written request, with guidelines and procedures from the medical practitioner for the student to be responsible for administering their own medication
- principal determines if it is appropriate for the student to assume this responsibility at school if appropriate, principal approves student’s self-medication on receipt of information and written authorisation from the parent/carer and medical practitioner

- student, parent/carer and the school agree on where medication is stored, and where and how it is administered however it is preferred that Medication be brought to the office as soon as the child arrives at school and collected from the office when the child is going home (with the exception of asthma puffers).