We have a great few weeks to start off term 3. Students have started new units of work in all academic areas and are working on building their skills and knowledge in the reading, maths and spelling programs that we run throughout the school. We reflected on the progress of students recently and are excited to see how many capable and positive learners we have at our school. We have a busy term ahead of us so please take note of the upcoming dates section of the newsletter to keep track of the great opportunities that we provide for students at school.

School Camp 2015 – 4-6 November
In accordance with the direction that was decided on at our first school P&C meeting this year, we will be heading to the coast for our school camp experience this year. The best option I have been able to find for a suitable experience with value for money is a 3 day camp at Tallebudgera at the Gold Coast Sport and Recreation Centre. We will be heading down on Wednesday and be back on Friday in Week 5 of Term 4 (4-6 Nov). The camp offers us full accommodation in a single building with four standard rooms with seven beds, ensuite, table and chairs in each and one leaders’ room with four beds. This would give great security to us as we would not be sharing a building with any other groups and it would allow an adult and six students of mixed ages to be in a room each and help each other with being in a new environment (especially our little ones). The facility would also provide instructors for 2 x 3 hour multi-age beach activity sessions with qualified staff and one night time session. They will also fully cater all our meals from lunch on Wednesday to lunch on Friday. School camp is a very effective way of providing students with new experiences and broadening their horizons. I have taken students on similar camps at Tallebudgera on many occasions and am confident that all students who attend will have a great time and create fantastic memories. Finally on the Thursday while at camp we have secured entry to Sea World for all students including a behind the scenes experience learning ‘How to train your seal!’ The cost for camp will be about $100 per student and we are happy to work out a payment plan with families over the next six months in order to help meet this cost. Please contact me to discuss any questions about the camp and the ways we can work to make it a great time for all students, and return the form to Shelley with four beds. This would give great security to us as we would not be sharing a building with any other groups and it would allow an adult and six students of mixed ages to be in a room each and help each other with being in a new environment (especially our little ones). The facility would also provide instructors for 2 x 3 hour multi-age beach activity sessions with qualified staff and one night time session. They will also fully cater all our meals from lunch on Wednesday to lunch on Friday. School camp is a very effective way of providing students with new experiences and broadening their horizons. I have taken students on similar camps at Tallebudgera on many occasions and am confident that all students who attend will have a great time and create fantastic memories. Finally on the Thursday while at camp we have secured entry to Sea World for all students including a behind the scenes experience learning ‘How to train your seal!’ The cost for camp will be about $100 per student and we are happy to work out a payment plan with families over the next six months in order to help meet this cost. Please contact me to discuss any questions about the camp and the ways we can work to make it a great time for all students, and return the form to Shelley attached to this newsletter so we can plan knowing an indicative number of students who will be attending.

Hermitage Science Competition
Pilton State School has once again been invited to attend the Schools Plant Science Competition awards day and agriculture science expo for 2015 at the Hermitage Research Facility at Yangan near Warwick. We are very excited to see what happens on the day (18 Aug) and see the recognition that we receive for the great work that the students have completed. Congratulations to all students and the school staff that have continued to create these great learning opportunities for students at our school.

Music and Dance
This term for our Art lessons on Friday we have commenced learning music and dance. It is our intention to provide students with opportunities to access learning of music and dance skills and knowledge from the Art curriculum and also prepare students for performance opportunities at the end of the year. We are allowing all students in the upper class to be involved in some basic instrumental music lessons and are very happy with the way that this has been received. If there is anyone interested in volunteering to help with this on Fridays please come and let us know.

School Opinion Survey – Closes Tomorrow 31 July 2015
It is the time of year that the school collects valuable information from students, parents and staff about our school through the School Opinion Survey. A letter was sent home last Thursday that contained a unique and anonymous code for parents to log on to the online survey and provide feedback to the school through the survey questions. If anyone would like assistance with this survey or needs internet access in order to complete the survey, please come and see me at school and I will be happy to assist with getting you logged on to the survey. We are genuinely interested in the opinion that parents and carers have of our school, as we continue to work on providing the best education to students at Pilton State School that we can.

Playgroup & African Drumming
This Friday we would love any of our playgroup families to attend the African Drumming performance that we will be going to at the Allora State P-10 School hall commencing at 9:30am. Next week we will not have playgroup due to the Central Downs Athletics Carnival and look forward to having some great opportunities for the playgroup to meet regularly with the Preps and Miss Stewart as the term continues. If anyone would like more details about playgroup please contact us at school as it is wonderful way to make the most of the school as a service provider in our community.

Jump Rope for Heart
It has been fantastic to see all our students using the start of each morning to enjoy skipping as part of the Jump Rope for Heart program. We are using the time that would normally be spent doing our Daily Physical Activity (DPA) so as not to interfere with our learning. Students are enjoying learning new tricks, skipping to the beat of some great music and working in groups to create skipping performances. At the end of term we will be putting on a Jump Rope for Heart performance to celebrate the fund-raising and physical activity that we conduct through the program this term.
**Museum Excursion – 17 Sept 15**

We are heading to Brisbane on the last Thursday of Term 3. This will be a full day excursion to the Brisbane Museum where we will be visiting the standing exhibitions as well as a current exhibition called Dinosaur Discovery. Not only is this a great opportunity for students to build on the learnings they have in Science and History, but would be a good opportunity for our younger students to have a bus trip and big day away, before they head to school camp next term.

Finally, I’d like to thank the volunteers that came to help on the National Tree Day planting day and despite the late start to the activity it was great to see the students engage with this environmentally focussed activity. We planted a number of native plants including blue flax lillies and look forward to watching them grow.

I look forward to the P&C meeting on Monday night and will see many of you there.

Jon Robertson

P.S. Sorry for writing such a long novel in the newsletter this week, but we have a lot of great things to share with our community!

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**Coming Events**

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**Reminder!!**

Please place your stickers in the box in the Y4-6 classroom.

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**Book Club orders are due back by Friday 31st July.**
Thank you to everyone who supported the Pie Drive. The P&C has made a profit of around $280 from this fundraising event… and the pies are a delicious meal on these cold winter’s nights! I hope everyone is enjoying their selection.

We have started our Lotto Draw. Week 1’s Winner: Robert Parkinson (18/7….with Number 3) and Week 2’s Winner: John Beard (25/7 ….. with Number 7). Congratulations to you both, our first lucky winners. Two more draws to come for this round of the Lottery Draw!

Financially we are under budget for fundraising and P&C Family contributions. We are hoping to support the school camp this year, so if you can help us reach our financial goals with a fundraising idea you’d like to run with, or if you have forgotten what our contribution fee is, please give me a call.

Thanks,

Rebekah

Next P&C General Meeting Monday 3rd August, 2015 at 6pm. It would be great to see you there, new members are always welcome.

1. Brady Family
2. Bek Turkington
3. Robert Parkinson
4. Duggan Family
5. Amy Tait
6. Simon Gill
7. John Beard
8. Janette Frahm
9. Cameron Cooke
10. Adam Summers
11. Brady Family
12. Robbie Dewar
13. Duggan Family
15. Graham Dau
16. Sternbeck Family
17. Sally Shine
18. Jan Ward
19. Leanne Heaton
20. Duggan Family
21. Ken Gill
22. Brady Family
23. Russell Turkington
24. Trevor and Jan Ward
25. Brooke Stepanoff
26. Sternbeck Family
27. Brett Turkington
28. Deb Stewart
29. Caldwell Family
30. Des Dessaix
31. Kellie Saville
32. John Heaton
33. Stuart Fuller
34. Brady Family
35. Duggan Family
36. Madonna Bell
37. Sarah Summers
38. Cathy
39. Trevor Ward
40. Gary Wormington
41. Duggan Family
42. Maureen Gill
43. Samantha Flanagan
44. Jacqui Gill
45. Alex Heaton

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Kids Corner

National Tree Day.
Helping our environment.
Making our garden beautiful.

Art entries submitted for Hermitage Science competition and Charlie working hard on his competition experiment journal.

Please watch this space for our exciting awards results.