Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Is your child reaching their individual reading goals sent home earlier in the term? Will your child meet the end of year reading benchmark level? As the term and year come close to an end it is important to know your child’s reading progression in comparison to school and regional benchmarks. We have been working hard to help children progress towards year level benchmarks in reading to ensure that all students are successful throughout their education. These are aligned to EQ regional expectations. It is critical that teachers and parents work together to ensure children are reaching these benchmarks. The school has had an enormous focus on reading this year to improve progression in reading achievement. Students have been bringing home reading goals each term that will give an indication of their current level and their target level. If you are unsure of your child’s reading level, please ask the classroom teacher. Below are the benchmark levels for each individual year level. Parents need to know these so that they understand the level of reading necessary, and so that they can work with their children and the teacher to attain this level or beyond. Please endeavour to know your child’s reading level and talk with your child’s teacher about how you can help.

Please continue to listen to your child read every day, even through the holidays. Unfortunately children usually go back down reading levels when they start school, largely due to not reading over the holidays.

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End of Term 4 Reading Benchmarks:
Prep: level 9; Year 1: level 17; Year 2: level 21; Year 3: level 25; Year 4 – 7: Reading age matches chronological age, within 6 months at time of test.

New start date for 2016
Please note that school begins on Wednesday 27th January, 2016, not Monday 25th as previously advised. This was a change announced by the Education Minister recently.

Prep Information Night
We will be having another information session for 2016 Prep parents that were not able to attend our first information session. This will be held in the Prep room on Thursday 3rd December at 5:30pm.

ARE YOU MOVING?
Please ensure that you inform the school if your children will not be back at school on the first day (Wednesday 27th January) or if you may be moving. This information is essential for planning classes and for staffing planning for 2016.

ENROLLED FOR PREP 2016?
We also need to enrol all Prep students immediately to ensure we can adequately prepare for 2016. If you have children eligible for Prep in 2016, please call the office to arrange enrolment.

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAYS
High School transition days have been occurring over the last week or so. It is great to hear the positive reviews from our Year 6 students. It is a big step for many of them!!

2016 Class Lists
Class lists will be on the noticeboard under ‘A Block’ from 12:00 on Friday 22nd January, 2016. A great deal of time has been spent by all teachers and administration staff organising students into classes so that each student has an opportunity to do their best.

Report Cards
Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday 9th December. Report cards will not be available before this time.

Joyful Day – MONDAY
Joyful Day will be held this Monday, 30th November. This is a day in memory of the late Joy Donnellan, who was a teacher and Guidance Officer at RESS. On this day we will have fun novelty activities on the oval at lunchtime. Students may also wear brightly coloured clothes. A gold coin donation will be collected by the Student Council and then donated to the Joyful Foundation, who then provide support for students in Townsville with high needs.

Principal’s comments…

D. Broadfoot
Principal
26th November, 2015
P&C NEWS

Xmas Stall
Don’t forget the Xmas Stall is on Thursday 3rd December. Presents will range in price from 50c to $5. Donations are still being accepted so if you have anything you would like to bring in please drop it into the Railway Café.

Back To School Supplies
We are trialling a Back To School stationery order for 2016. This will save you the hassle of shopping around for your stationery supplies and we have been able to secure good prices to help you save money. More information will be in the note going home but if you have any questions please call Rachel Cook on 0411 562 700 or email pandc@railestass.eq.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to check lost property if your child/children has lost something. There are quite a few items from the school camp that are still unclaimed. All items not collected by the end of November will be donated to charity.

Important dates:
26th November – Graduation and Awards Night
30th November – Joyful Day
3rd December – Prep Parent Information Session
3rd December – Prep Open Day
3rd December – Christmas Stall
3rd December – School Play
5th December – School Play
9th December – Rewards Day
11th December – Last day of school

Breakfast Program Donations
The Breakfast Program is asking for donations of milk and honey. If you are able to donate please drop items off at the tuckshop any weekday. Thank you.

The Uniform Shop
School Uniforms are available for purchase from The Railway Café. New uniforms are $25. The best days to catch us are Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings before school but if you need a uniform outside these times please let us know at The Railway Café.

Citizen of the Week

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Railway Estate School Centenary
Save the date: Saturday 27th August 2016
Do you have any photos or memorabilia that you would like to share?
Please package and label items clearly with name and number OR scan and email to centenary@railestass.eq.edu.au by Thursday March 24th
Families and community groups are encouraged to support our centenary celebrations by sponsoring a page in our Centenary Book from $40.

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TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KRISTINA MOORE 0400 721118 EMAIL: kmoore.saintsnetball@gmail.com

Hoy
Saturday 5th December 2015 2.00pm under D Block. This will be the final Hoy for 2015.
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