Railway Estate State School Newsletter

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Great state. Great opportunity.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are now half way through the 11 week term. At this point in the term teachers are administering ‘mid-point tasks’ which are designed to show student progress in the first half of the curriculum unit and to provide insight for the teacher about the knowledge and understanding that is required in the remainder of the term for each student to be successful. Students are given feedback on the task to continue to develop them to be ‘assessment literate learners’. We have recently set targets for our narrow and sharp improvement agenda of English. These are below. It is important that we work together to reach and exceed these targets. You can support your children by ensuring they are at school every day and that you have high expectations of effort and behaviour. Reading with your children every night will also have a positive impact.

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<th>Year level</th>
<th>% of students ‘C and above’ in English</th>
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<td>85% 87%</td>
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<td>Yr 6</td>
<td>77% 80%</td>
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All year levels - 30% of students achieving ‘A or B’ in English in each year level

**NAPLAN**

Well another year of NAPLAN testing is now over and the students have applied themselves well. The students should be congratulated for their efforts. The hard work of the teachers must also be recognised. An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. We then use this information for school-wide planning and to cater for the diverse range of abilities within the classrooms.

**Date claimer - Athletics**

Our Inter-house Athletics Carnival will run over the last two Tuesdays of the term. The field events will be held on **14th June** for 9 to 13 year olds. The track events for all students will be held on **21st June**. This is usually the day that we get many families attending. As always, we welcome all families and friends to attend this event.

**Date claimer – Family Fun Night**

On Friday **17th June**, we will be having a ‘Family Fun Night’, which will be a fundraising event for the Student Council. We will have all sorts of fun and games! We look forward to seeing you all there!

**RESS Rugby Team**

We are very proud of the dedication and effort of our RESS Rugby team. They are currently training hard with the development officers and Miss Deuble, Mr Inch and Mr McDonald. They will compete against other Townsville schools on Friday **27th May** in the Development Cup.
**Walk Safely to School Day**

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. It will be held throughout Australia on Friday 20th May 2016. Children are encouraged to walk safely to school on this day if practical and safe.

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**Centenary Invitation**

Do you know previous staff or students that would like to attend our Centenary celebrations this year?

Please pass on our Centenary invitation to people who may be interested. You can get more copies from our school office or find it in our document section of our website at: [https://railestass.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx/](https://railestass.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx/)

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**P&C News**

**NEW HATS**

Head on down to The Railway Café and check out the brand new school hats. They are reversible. One side is the school hat, the reverse is your child’s house colour. For just $16 you get two hats in one! Available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from The Railway Café.

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**Citizen of the Week**

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**Our school photos will be taken on Wednesday 8th June 2016**

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to the school.

Envelope orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the RETURN OF CASH & ENVELOPES ON PHOTO DAY.

To place your order visit [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code-SF1 4KM MLC. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that:

1. Sibling/Family photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family photos will be cut off at 12.00am the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

**ALL ORDERS PLACED ONLINE WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL FOR COLLECTION**

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**HOY**

Saturday 21st May under D Block at 2.00pm

**School Resource Contribution**

Please note that the school resource contribution can be paid at the school office. We strongly encourage your commitment to this important scheme. This contribution helps to provide important resources for the students’ curriculum needs, particularly as we do not use textbooks. The contribution is $80 for year levels 1 to 6 and $100 for Prep. Thank you to those that have paid this already. EFTPOST facilities are now available.

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**Cent Sale**

Where: South Townsville Bowls Club, Bell St
Phone: 4772 4204
When: 28th May 2016 starting at 1.30pm
Cost: $2.00 includes free sheet tickets PLUS “Devonshire afternoon tea”
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