Railway Estate State School
Newsletter

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Great state. Great opportunity.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thanks to all the parents and caregivers that attended our meet and greet session on Monday after parade. My apologies for not being here due to illness. I was looking forward to catching up with parents, and discussing the positive start to the year. Please feel free to touch base with me any morning before school, as I’m usually out and about on duty from 8:15. I’m also out Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons for after school duty. I love to hear the positive feedback and also offer support where required. However, if you have classroom based concerns, I request that you first discuss any issues with the class teacher. Please keep us informed of any issues or concerns, as we pride ourselves on being able to respond to issues and keep our school the safe and supportive environment that it is.

D. Broadfoot
Principal
9th February, 2017

School Leaders Conference

Today our school leaders are attending the GRIP Leadership Conference. They will be learning some great strategies to help them with their leadership roles this year. Our school leaders for this year are:

School Captains: Montana; Madeline
Vice Captains: Billy; Aiesha
Sports Captains: Castle: Grace; Whillo
Elliot: Cameron; Jazmyn
Stuart: Tukia; Angelia
Student Council President: Gracie
Student Council Vice President: Bella

Student Council Treasurer: Isabella; Jacob
Student Council Secretary: Mikaeli
Student Council Photographer: Zowie
Student Council Artist: Ciana

Class Representatives:
3J Kloe
3J ****
3/4D Rena
3/4D Sean
4/5M Dimity
4/5M Ngairinga
5/6 Dylan
5/6 Haylee
6I Shyanne
6I Crystal

CAFÉ Reading – Whole School Program

This year our whole school will be continuing in a reading program called CAFÉ reading system. The CAFE system, based on research into the habits of proficient readers, is an acronym for Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expanding vocabulary. The system includes goal-setting with students in individual conferences, posting of goals on a whole-class board, developing small-group instruction based on clusters of students with similar goals, and targeting whole-class instruction based on emerging student needs.

Reading goals will be sent home very shortly which will be focusing on a goal based on the CAFÉ strategy that your child needs to further develop. Please support your children’s reading by listening to them read every night and discussing how they used their strategy.

Meet and Greet

Thanks to all the parents and caregivers that were able to attend at this time. We appreciate that not everyone could attend due to work and other commitments, but we encourage you to meet your child’s teacher if you haven’t already done so.

Swimming Trials

Next Thursday 16th February we will be having our school swimming trials for students. Eligible students (from 2005 to 2009 year of birth) have been provided with
notes and permission forms to be sent back. It is sure to be a great afternoon.

**New attendance requirements**

Education Queensland schools are now required to contact parents/caregivers on the day of absence if the school has not been notified. We will soon be transitioning to an SMS/text message system. In the meantime we will be ringing parents, which can take a large amount of administration time. Therefore, please remember to call the school on 47208333 or email admin@railestass.eq.edu.au early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child’s absence can be recorded correctly. Also, please ensure contact details are up to date so that phone calls/text messages are reaching you.

**P&G News**

**The Uniform Shop**

We open the Uniform Shop each day from 8.30am – 9am only. If you need uniforms outside these times please email us at pandc@railestass.eq.edu.au or call Rachel on 0408 635 998. Polos $28, Shirts $38, Dresses $45 and Hats $16.

**The Railway Café**

The Railway Café is open 5 days and the Term 1 menu will be going home shortly. If you have any special dietary requirements or any ideas you’d like to share with us pop in and see Sandy.

**SCHOOL KIDS BONUS IS FINISHED!!!**

Do you have children at School now or starting Prep in 2018?
Are they involved in Sport or The Arts?
Did you struggle with Back to School costs this year?
Do you have an expensive school trip to pay for?

PREPARE NOW TO RELIEVE 2018 BACK TO SCHOOL STRESS!!!

Would you like $500 to help pay for school uniforms, books, sporting fees and equipment, music lessons, camps and excursions, or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings for education costs dollar for dollar, up to $500. Wouldn’t it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the Saver Plus Program!!

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year, or be attending vocational study yourself
- have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or yourself may have part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment, can also be child minding, ironing or mowing a lawn
- have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information please contact:
Nikki Storey, Saver Plus Coordinator
Call OR SMS your name to - 0418 201 533

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