



"Peek and Find"

Railway Estate State School

Newsletter



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Great state. Great opportunity.



Principal's comments...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 4! I trust that you had a great time with your children over the holidays and now we are ready for another great time with them this term! A few highlights will include the Halloween disco, Railway's Got Talent, Rewards Day excursion to Kirwan Aquatic Centre, Writers' Camp, Year 6 Awards and Graduation night, Smart Start money workshops, AFL program and the Christmas parade. There is still an enormous amount of learning to do before the end of the year and it is critical that all children are at school and on time every day. They only have 45 days of school before moving to the next year level...(and to high school for our year six students)! Let's continue our great work together to ensure they have an outstanding end to the year!

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D. Broadfoot

Principal

5th October, 2017

Reading

Our number one school priority is reading. We are very pleased that our students are progressing well in this area. The term 4 reading benchmarks are: Prep: Level 8; Year 1: Level 16; Year 2 – Level 20; Year 3 – Level 24; Year 4 – 6 – Reading age equals chronological age. If you are not sure what your child's reading age is, please look at their reading goal (due home by the end of week 3) or see the teacher.

Please work with us to help your children achieve the set reading goal, by ensuring that they read every day. If your children are still learning sight words, please work especially hard with them to complete their levels so that their reading can progress. Our data shows that there is a direct improvement in reading when sight words are learnt.

Student Free Day - Monday 16th October

Please note that Monday 16th October is a mandated student free day. This day will be used for staff professional development. Our focus will be around a number of areas, including collaborative analysis of our progress towards our achievement targets and school priorities, followed by further class and whole school improvement planning.

Prep Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2018 have now begun and we are filling up fast again! If you have a child that is eligible to start Prep next year please pick up an enrolment pack from the office. Please pass on this information if you know of another parent or caregiver that will be enrolling their child in prep at RESS next year.

Date claimer:

Year 6 Awards and Graduation Night

Parents and caregivers of Year 6 students are invited to attend the 6 Year Level Awards and Graduation evening on 30th November. More information will be sent home shortly.

Date claimer:

School Disco

We are looking forward to a great Halloween disco, on Friday 3rd November. The final of Railway's Got Talent will also be held. More information will be sent home closer to this date.

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is Friday 27th October for Queensland schools. We are looking forward to celebrating the great work that our teachers do. It is a great opportunity to give your thanks too!

Students leaving

Please ensure that you inform the school if your children will not be back at school on the first day in 2018 or if you may be moving. This information is essential for planning classes and for staffing planning for 2018.

Student leaders for 2018

Students interested in school captain, sports captain and student council positions will have an opportunity to attend meetings next week to begin the selection process. A student leader policy and procedure booklet will be provided to each student that wishes to nominate for a position. The process and timelines are documented within this booklet. We highly encourage students to speak with their parents about nominating themselves if they meet the criteria outlined in the policy.

Writer's Camp

In week three, we have four Year Five students attending a four day fantasy writer's camp at Paluma Environmental Education Centre. These students were selected through analysing academic achievement in English and NAPLAN. We are excited to be able to extend these students through this opportunity to work with students from other schools. Miss Lester will be attending the camp for two days, then Mr B will attend for the other two days.

Rewards Day

Term 4 Rewards Day will be held at the Kirwan Aquatic Centre on the 6th December. The cost is \$8 per student and can be paid at the school office between 8am and 4pm. The last day for payment will be Wednesday 25th October. A flyer with more information will be sent home next week.

P&C

**Next meeting: 10th October
5.00pm
Music Room**

The position of P&C Treasurer is currently vacant. If you are interested in the position come along to our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 10th October. If you are unsure what is involved in holding a position with the P&C and would like further information please contact Rachel on 0408635998.

SCHOOL CAMP

Well, it's another year down and another camp done and dusted. The 2017 Daradgee EEC camp was a fantastic success. Students got to test themselves on numerous climbing challenges

got to learn a lot about the environment through their farmyard interactions. Constructing catapults and team challenges gave students new ideas about working together to achieve goals. RESS would like to thank Shiona Hargen, Kylie Beldan and Sylvia Brimelow for their tireless efforts to keep the kids safe and make the week enjoyable. A special thank you goes to Shiona and Kylie for four years of support and sacrifice to ensure that the kids have a great time. With all their children leaving the RESS fold they will be sorely missed. Thanks Mr Mac and Mr B for your assistance throughout the week. Next year we look forward to a new adventure at The Kinchant Dam Outdoor Education Centre.

Mr Inch

School Dental Service



The school dental van has arrived at Railway Estate SS. The service will be offering an examination and treatment (if required) to your children. Please return the completed consent form to the school office. Spare forms are available from the office if required.

Citizen of the Week



<i>Week ending 8th September, 2017</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Week ending 15th September, 2017</i>
Kaylah	PREPMM	Kaylah
Kysha	PREP/1W	Sonny
Shaquille	1P	Hunter
Frankie	2E	Daisy
Dusty	2M	
	3J	Kloe
Kody	4/5M	
Hannah	3/4K	Storme
Ashley	5/6F	Charlize
Alicia	6L	Tyrone

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fun!**



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