



"Peek and Find"

Railway Estate State School

Newsletter



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Great state. Great opportunity.



Principal's comments...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is a perfect time of year in Townsville and it's been great to see the students being so active and enjoying the outdoor activities. The court has been a buzz in the mornings and at lunchtimes with so many students practicing various skipping routines, which is the PE focus for many classes. Handball has also grown exponentially – as have the modern handball rules! Bring back the 'old school' handball, I say! It's been fun to get back out and enjoy some time with the students before school and during lunchtime games. Red Track training has also been in full swing as the students prepare for their interschool competition on Monday. Good luck to all the students that are competing!

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D. Broadfoot

Principal

2nd August, 2018

NAIDOC DAY

We had a great NAIDOC Day last Wednesday, where we officially opened our new Yarning Circle. This will be a great meeting place for groups and classes. There will certainly be some valuable conversations held in this area, using traditional protocols of respect, equality and honesty. We also had Uncle Russell sharing traditional stories about our local area, which had the students totally engaged. Thanks also Miss Christine, our Indigenous teacher aide, and also to Jamal, Lila, Kyesha and Leniah for presenting speeches around the 2018 NAIDOC theme, 'Because of her, we can.'

Challenge Games

Well done to the students that attended the Challenge Games this week. This event caters for a range of students with a disability by providing fun centred games and competitions. It was a wonderful day and the students had a fantastic time.

What is your child learning?

All students should now have brought home their class newsletter and information about what the class is learning this term. We highly encourage you to engage with your children about what they are learning, so that you can play an active part in their learning. Reading goals should also have been sent home now. Please ensure that your child is reading every night for at least 15 minutes with a focus on their reading strategies.

HELPING AT HOME WITH WRITING

Children begin writing from their first day at school and are invited to write on a whole range of topics throughout their school life. It is important to encourage and praise all attempts from an early age, even if it looks like scribble in a foreign language to you. Children will soon get the message that written language conveys a message that can be kept, and shared with others.

You can support your child at home with writing by:

- Providing a range of materials for them to write with. Think about chalk, crayons, textas, pencils, glitter pens, biros, novelty pens, paint brushes, charcoal, sticks in the dirt.
- Encouraging them to write at home: write their own shopping lists, jobs to do, letters on the notice board, emails, cards and letters to friends and relatives, signs and labels around the house, instructions to games.
- Talking about and modelling the different types of writing you do at home such as writing application forms, emails, letters, lists and cards.
- Praising all attempts at writing and encouraging them to have a go at new words before giving them the correct spelling. Don't always tell them how to spell a word or they will rely on you every time they want to spell a new word.
- Playing word games with them like scrabble, hangman, I spy.
- Reading to, and with, them regularly.
- Using a word processing program with them and allowing them to experiment with fonts, sizes and colours.
- Being interested in what they write, even if it makes no sense to you at all!

Happy writing!

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

On 13 August, we have inter-school Athletics Carnival at the Townsville Sports Reserve. Our Railway Estate team is made up of 31 students from 7 years old to 12 years old. Congratulations team, we are all very proud of your achievement and commitment! Training will continue Week 4 Monday Morning Tea and Tuesday at 8:30am.

LOTE NEWS

Congratulations to Haylee in 5/6F who represented Railway Estate at the recent Townsville and District Japanese Speech Contest held last Monday. Public and private schools gather at the Ryan Catholic College each year for a Japanese speech and speaking competition. Our own Haylee managed a commendable 3rd place (out of 27 entries in the Year 6 Division)! Several Japanese ladies commented on her performance and were not surprised at all that she gained one of the top places. Haylee had given up many of her own lunch breaks to practise and it was

pleasing to see all those months of work payoff. Shinako Mc Donald coached Haylee and was extremely happy with her performance. Well done Haylee!



STEM CHALLENGE

A number of Year 4 students will be attending the Town High STEM Challenge on Friday the 17th August at Townsville State High School. If your child is one of these students can you please organise transport to and from Town High on the day and make sure they have morning tea, lunch, drink bottle, pen and notebook.

J Inch
BSET Teacher

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart is a great way to keep our hearts healthy while learning lots of cool skipping tricks. But it's also a way for us to help the Heart Foundation save lives. So how can we help them with this? The Heart Foundation is a charity, which means they get all their money from people like us. Sponsorship forms were handed out last week, you can also sign up for online fundraising by going to the following URL. Thanks to the students who have already signed up!

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Jump Rope practice is on Tuesday Morning Tea, we have fun skipping and making new friends, learning new tricks and we also have a 'Minute Wall' of fame. All year levels are welcome to join in! Final jump-off is on 11th September 2.30pm to 3.00pm.

School Opinion Survey

The annual *School Opinion Survey* will be conducted 31 July – 24 August. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey* will be sent home with today's Newsletter. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and school computers will be available after school if needed.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday 14th September

5.30pm TO 8.30pm. Rides and food. Railways Got Talent Final at 6.30pm. Unlimited ride bands \$20 prepaid at the Tuckshop or \$25 on the night.

Design a Quote

Design your own awesomeness quote to brighten your friends' day. You will need to: Share a quote that makes you smile. Write your quote on a piece of paper and give to Miss Paterson by Friday 10th August. Winning quotes will be announced at parade on Monday 13th August.

Citizen of the Week



| Week ending 20 th July, 2018 | Class | Week ending 27 th July, 2018 |
|--|--------|--|
| Albert | PREPMM | Jaxx |
| Pary | 1W | Sharna |
| Brock | 1/2P | Jasmine-Rose |
| Bryce | 2E | Buster |
| Storme | 3/4M | Sasha |
| Frankie | 3J | |
| | 4L | Cooper |
| Breearna | 5/6F | Bobbie-Lei |
| Jack | 5/6M | Sina |



Railway's Got Talent sign-ups open soon!

This is your chance to show Railway Estate what you can do! Your audition is only limited by your imagination.

Can you sing? Can you dance? Can you act or tell jokes? Can you entertain us with your wonderful and fabulous talents? If so, then we want you to join us in RAILWAY'S GOT TALENT 2018! You can come in groups, pairs, or on your own.

Audition sheets can be found in your classroom. Don't forget to write your name/s, your act, and the song you need. GOODLUCK!

Guess who is coming to visit Railway Estate?

The Life Education van (a.k.a. Harold) will be visiting our school from 31st August – 4th September. Life Education is about prevention through education – providing children with important knowledge, skills, confidence and self-esteem to help them live a healthy, safe life. Please provide payment of \$4 per student to the office as soon as possible if you wish your child/children to attend.

HOY 2018

11th August under D Block at 2pm



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