Monday 23 February, 2015

From the Principal:

The weather certainly impacted our college and our valley, but not as significantly as some other parts of Queensland. Many thanks to our local SES for keeping me informed of imminent bridge closures throughout Friday. For those parents who responded to our text message after advice from the SES, I really appreciate your being able to be contacted. Keeping your mobile phone details up to date with the college, is so important, as this event reinforces for us.

Many staff live at some distance from the college and as waters were rising they also had to make their way home safely. The wet roads were quite dangerous. Thankfully, even though two staff were involved in different road incidents on their way to work last week, everyone is safe, if a little battered and bruised and shaken.

Thanks to all parents who attended the AGM of the P and C committee last Monday. It was wonderful to see so many new faces at the table. Our committee for this Year: President – Phoebe Geltch; Vice President – Doris Adams; Secretary – Rachel Adams; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Mel Ford; Treasurer – Kelly Bailey; Tuckshop Convenor – Anne-Maree Robertson; Uniform Convenor – Ashley Hayward.

Each year, the P and C provides a bottle of hair conditioner, a nit comb and some instructions on how to effectively use the conditioner and comb to combat the ‘nit’ problem by weekly use and as our reminders note – Sunday Night is Nit night is a great routine to establish. These products are being given to the youngest in the family, along with today’s newsletter.

A band of volunteers – Vanessa and Ashley and Anne-Maree have spent some time last week, getting the tuckshop ready for operation again this year. Volunteers who are able to help out for a few hours on Wednesdays should get in contact with Anne-Maree, by leaving a name and contact details at the office. Hopefully there will be enough people to organise a roster for once every three or four weeks.

Anne-Maree is currently working on the menu, which will hopefully be finalised for publication next week, with the tuckshop open either Wednesday 4 March or Wednesday 11 March. In working within the “Smart Choices” guidelines, home baking donations will be restricted to either a savoury muffin or fruit muffin using the recipes provided. The savoury muffin fits within the “green” food category and the fruit muffin within the “amber” food category. These recipes are published later in the newsletter.

Information has been received from Don Creevey that the Borumba Dam bus run is not currently able to operate, with water still over the road in places and some damage to the roads at various creek crossings. Hopefully, students from this area will be back to school soon.

On that note, the bus committee meetings are planned for Monday 2 March at 7 pm in the administration building. Each bus run should have a committee to support the operation of the run. If your child travels on a bus, you are encouraged to attend and perhaps take on one of the roles.

Stay safe this week.

Jenny Kent, Principal
From the secondary campus

The rains that arrived late last week and over the weekend, no doubt impacted all the families in our local area. They also had an impact on the staff in the secondary campus on Thursday and Friday, when we were down two staff members. I would like to commend the secondary students on their resilience during this time, with changes to not only classroom teachers but also classrooms. I was really impressed with the behaviour that all our students demonstrated during this time and their commitment to still getting work completed. I would also like to congratulate Darcy O’Sullivan and Rachel Brennan from year 7 for winning the Hi 5 award for the week.

With the changes to curriculum this year at Mary Valley State College, the first assessment period is approaching fast. Today all students in the secondary campus were provided with an assessment calendar. It provides students with all the assessment dates for each subject area. This will allow students to organise their time and make sure that they complete all assessment tasks by the due dates. Please support you child in managing their time and assisting them where possible to make sure that they meet these due dates.

Miss Watson Acting Head of Department

Leadership Investiture

The investiture of the 2015 school leaders has been postponed until Friday 6 March, when a whole school assembly will be held in the Neil Mahony Building at 9 am.

Thanks to all students who nominated for positions and put in the time and effort to complete the questionnaire and to those who were asked to prepare speeches. The quality of the applications and speeches was outstanding.

Congratulations to this year’s leaders:

School Captains:
Rayne, Angela

Rattlers Captains:
Jack M, Harrison L

Bullets Captains:
Rachel, Nathaniel

Student Welfare Ambassadors
Starlia, Jera

Primary / Secondary Liaison Ambassador
Sage

Sustainability Ambassadors
Darcy, Ginja

Library Monitor
Nagella

P & C News – Recipes for home baking for the tuckshop

Apple and Cinnamon Muffin
Ingredients
(Serves 12)
Wholemeal plain flour ¾ cup
SR flour ¾ cup
Baking powder ¼ tsp
Ground cinnamon 1 tsp
Brown sugar ¼ cup
Egg 1
Milk, reduced fat ¾ cup
Vanilla essence ½ tsp
Canola oil ⅓ cup
Tinned pie apples (chopped) 220g can
Cooking spray and paper patty pans

Method
Preheat oven to moderately hot (170 degrees). Place a paper patty pan in each muffin case and lightly spray. Sift flours and baking powder together into a bowl. Mix through cinnamon and sugar. In a jug, whisk together egg, milk, vanilla essence and oil. Make a well in the centre of the flour mixture and pour in egg mixture. Stir gently, and then fold in apples. Place mixture into patty pans and bake in oven for 20-25 minutes.

Savoury Carrot and Corn Muffin
Ingredients
1.75 cup White self-raising flour
0.5 tsp Curry powder
1 each Carrot, peeled and grated
0.5 unit Corn kernels, drained (420g can)
2 tbsp Grated Light cheese
2 unit Eggs, beaten
2 tbsp Vegetable oil
1 cup Low fat milk

Method
Preheat oven to 190˚C, lightly spray muffin tins with oil and set aside.
Sift flour and curry powder into a large bowl. Fold in carrot, corn and cheese.
In a separate bowl mix eggs, oil and milk.
Pour wet mix into the dry flour mix and lightly combine, being careful not to over mix.
Spoon mixture into muffin trays and bake for 25 minutes, until golden and firm to touch.
Cool on a wire rack and serve/ can be frozen and reheated.

Safe, Respectful, Responsible
FACEBOOK

Our college facebook page is ready to publish live, however, we were hoping to post pictures of our students engaged in learning activities and we can’t do so unless parents return consent forms. Obviously parents are entitled to withhold that consent or only allow us to publish with certain restrictions, but without returned forms, it will be a facebook page that is face-less.

About twenty forms have been returned. You may return one form for the entire family if the consent conditions are the same for all siblings. These forms are printed on yellow paper and were due for return on Friday of last week. Given the torrid weather conditions, you may have overlooked completing and returning the form. Please do so ASAP so we can put faces on our facebook page.

Community notices

Come and join us for this evening of fun to help Centenary Scouts  
Where; Sovereign Cinema, Monkland Street, Gympie  
When; 28 February 2015 18.20  
How much; $12.00  
Call Sandra for your ticket 0458279683  
Or buy on the night!  
Find us on Face Book: Centenary Gympie Scout Group

Nearby flooding

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, a number of staff travel some distance, from many different directions, to make it to work each week day at our College. I am sure many of you have seen enough of your own real life flooding over the last few days, but I thought I would share with you some of the pictures taken by Mr Reed, of the road just near his house, which rises and falls quite dramatically when there is rain in the hinterland. Recently some hi-visibility road signs were installed to indicate the edges of the roadway. One of the signs has been bent horizontal by the force of the water and the one of the opposite side of the roadway has been washed away.
Congratulations to all our award winners

**Week 4 Awards**

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