Happy Mothers’ Day

Flowers, chocolates and a lazy lie in on a Sunday morning signify the gifts that most of us have shared with our mothers on this very important day. Why is Mothers’ Day so important? Are we celebrating the commercialization of another family day or is it that we want to reward our mothers for the love that they show, the care that they take and the support that they give us every day?

In an attempt to thank our mothers for the care they have given, this year as a part of the Chaplaincy Program in the school, students have planted seedlings to be purchased as a gift for their mother. There are a couple of profound messages that go with this gift. Some of the seedlings were planted before the Easter break so the children have had to care for them for some weeks. They’ve done this with the help of the Chaplain and their teachers. Once the plants are purchased and taken home the children will continue to help their mothers care for them and in doing so provide an opportunity for them to strengthen and brighten the days of those who look at them or use them in their kitchen. Isn’t this what we hope for our own children – for them to grow tall and strong and brighten our days no matter how long it takes?

The love that each mother and child show when caring for the plant reflects their own love. Love is something that is given unconditionally. That means it is given without counting the cost. As a mother, that is the most wonderful gift you can be given – the unconditional love of your child; the knowledge that when you look into their eyes your child knows that you are there for them. It is also the most wonderful gift that you can give. When your child knows that there is no one more important in your life. What a special feeling that is!

What’s happening in classrooms?

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Year 3, 5 & 7 students will all take part in their NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN testing provides us with a snapshot of evidence of your child’s learning. However, it is the one test in which all students in Year 3, 5 & 7 across the nation are involved. To help your child have the best possible opportunity for success please ensure that they have a good night’s sleep and a substantial breakfast before coming to school prior to the testing each day.

As a staff we have been reflecting on the resilience of our children. The following link highlights the importance of resilience: I Love My White Shoes by Eric Litwin.
OUR P&C

What a fabulous job our P&C members do each year! The countless hours they spend at P&C Meetings, setting up for fundraisers, attending fundraisers and cleaning up afterwards are hours spent away from their own families in their own time. Just this week, Selina Stewart and her helpers have organised and baked for the Mothers’ Day Stall. This has been an outstanding success and will be followed by a similar stall in time for Fathers’ Day. On behalf of the students and staff, thank you for the great job you do each year.

Congratulations and thank you everyone for the terrific contribution you make to our learning community.

Michele

CHAPLAINCY MEETING

Our next meeting is Friday 17th May at 9.30am. All welcome.

P&C NEWS

The Mother’s Day stall has kicked off with a gleaming start. It is great to see how excited the children are at wanting to provide a big thanks to their mothers.

The school tuckshop requires support from parents and families. June Lewis (Conveyor) will be on a well deserved holiday to the UK and volunteers are needed to keep the tuckshop open.

If you can provide some help please contact June Lewis or contact the P&C Secretary (email below). Dates requiring support are 31st May – 7th, 14th & 21st June.

The P&C is a Committee a voice that represents the whole school community and last year fundraising contributed to the new climbing equipment. The Committee ask the students and families to provide feedback to the Committee on what further improvements they would like to see for the school. If you have an idea or would like to raise anything with the Committee please contact the secretary - msspcsecretary@gmail.com

Enjoy Mother’s Day and be kind to yourself, a mothers work is never done.

Kind regards

Sally Gassner
P&C President

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting will be held next Wednesday 15th May commencing at 7pm. If you haven’t attended a meeting before you are most welcome to come along.

HATS

Broad brimmed hats are also a part of our school uniform as Mooloolah is a Sun Safe school. Every child is expected to have a broad brimmed hat, the same colour as the school uniform that they wear to school each day. Each day, it appears that the same students are arriving at school without their hat. As a Sun Safe school, the policy is “No hat, no play.” As a person who has had 5 melanomas removed from her skin, I strongly advocate that policy. I know that hats are the most purchased item from the Uniform Shop. There are some students who would have at least 5 hats. Please help us to keep your child sunsafe by ensuring they have their hat in their bag before they leave for school each day.

GIANT BOOK COVERING DAY

TOMORROW FRIDAY

To all adults in our school community

PLEASE…… HELP!

Drop into the hall anytime during the day. Cover just 5 books.

Help us reach our target of 1000 books in one day.

Let’s get these new books ready for the children to read.

Free tea/coffee/lollies for everyone who contributes.

It’s easy. See you there.

Congratulations to all Gold Award Winners:

| Andrew Berris | Charlie Sheehan | Jai Dixon |
| Aston Tighe  | Jye Williams    | Nick Deasy |
| Axel Stewart | Ieasha Stephens | Cooper Lee |
| Jet Belling  | Wil Gillespie  | Dok-My Joseph |
| Matthew Kitchin | Khiana Henricks |
CLASS ROOM NEWS

YEAR 1/2CC
This week we have been working on writing our book character descriptions and I am seeing some beautiful samples of writing and illustrating, some fantastic creativity in the writing and many WOWs being given out for these efforts.
Well done!

Don't forget we have visiting speakers and art in action happening tomorrow and parents are most welcome to join in and view these activities during our open classroom for Education Week.

Please also note that Under 8s week is approaching and we are looking for parent helpers on Thursday May 23rd for Fun in the Park. Please return your notice slips as soon as possible. Thanks, Catherine.

YEAR 4JO
Year 4 has been busy looking investigating fractions and using these to solve problem. In English we've begun planning our traditional stories and are looking forward to writing these and then sharing them with our buddies. In History we've been looking at the early exploration and settlement of Australia from the perspective of both the Europeans and the Indigenous inhabitants.

YEAR 5/6/7 CL
Week 4 term 2, time is really flying. Each day seems to be packed with activity and movement as the students go about their daily routines. In mathematics this term we have focused on decimals, fractions, number sense, place value, converting measures, areas and perimeters, 3D shapes and patterns and algebra and revised basic operations as well as prepared for Naplan testing which begins next week. The Emeralds group are really flying along and the Rubies group have been really switched on during lessons which is great to see. In Science we are studying electrical circuits and energy usage. The grade sevens have just begun an independent research unit on sustainable energy. In technology the year fives have begun to build a land surfer after a couple of lessons designing while the year 6 and 7 students are completing smaller technology tasks which require faster thinking challenges.
It is a very busy term. Next week Naplan. May 29 some students will be representing our school in a mathematics challenge at Beerwah State School and reports are not very far away. Congratulations to Chad Stewart who made the Sunshine Coast rugby league team which I know is not an easy feat. My class has also been focusing on goal setting this term and Chad definitely achieved one of his. Thanks for your continual support and the work I know you do with your children at home. All the best Chris Lowe

RESOURCE CENTRE
This has been a busy couple of weeks getting all the new reading books ready so that they can all be covered tomorrow at the GREY BOOK COVERING DAY.
My thanks go to Fran Blight, Jenine Raddatz, Pam Day, Kaylee Jones & Kerry Fillo who have all helped with this huge task. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow at the hall. Don't worry no experience is necessary it will be lots of fun.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR - MON 20TH - THURS 23RD MAY
Once again I am asking for parents to help run the Bookfair. Please let me know if you can help mornings 8.15 - 9.00am or afternoons 2.45 - 3.15pm.
We can not run these Book fairs without parents help and the school gets commission on all sales.

BOOK CLUB
Book club was ordered this week so should be back early next week.
Thanks to Lisa West and Karen Cormack.

Happy Reading

Jenny Wilson

RI EXCURSION
DATESAVER 26TH MAY 2013
In our RI lessons we are always looking at creative ways to educate students about faith matters. During our lessons this may take the form of games, songs, craft, music, science experiments and even illusions! We look into aspects about God, Jesus teaching, and delve into the historical, geographical, cultural and archeological aspects of many cultures too.

Whilst church is still an integral part of our society, it is not always an experience everyone has had so we thought it could be interesting to have a church excursion!

Glasshouse County Baptist Church at Beerwah have offered to run an educative church experience for RI classes, holding a normal church service with a difference. Each part of the service will have a short explanation helping students understand the relevance and significance of each aspect. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions afterwards.

This will be on Sunday 26th May and is an open invite to all students and their families. More coming soon, so watch this space. Have a blessed term
Fiona Cran - RI Coordinator

MOOLOOLAH AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Term 2 for Active After School Care brings two new activities of an afternoon. On Wednesdays we have Hip Hop Jazz in the school hall and on Thursdays we are being taught professional Hockey skills down on the Oval. For both of these fun days it doesn't cost Parents any extra except for the Afternoon at After School Care. We have some places left so please book in on 54947491.

Thanks Belinda

MAT PILATES CLASSES
First class FREE. Tuesday nights 6pm at Church on the Rise building, 68 Peachester Road Beerwah, $10 per class (no eftpos). For more info, phone Deb Evans 0414 820 879 or email debseecchange4life@gmail.com

WOOLWORTHS PROMOTIONS
Once again Woolworths are promoting Earn & Learn for schools. For every $10 you spend you receive a sticker, so today with the newsletter you will get a sticker card which if you happen to shop at Woolworths you can fill with stickers and return to school. We can then use these to claim equipment for the school at the end of the promotion.