Dear Parents and Community Members,

The countdown is really on! Only four weeks to go. The students are working hard at their songs and sounding beautiful. Coming up soon, we have the swimming carnival, awards night and graduation.

**Kindy Pilot**

This week has also been a busy one with the Brisbane School of Distance Education Kindy teachers providing advice for the Thargo teachers and teacher aides. The feedback was positive and we are continually looking to improve our delivery of Kindy to our younger students. To this end, Trish will be observing age appropriate pedagogies at Benowa State School next week. Bob Perry, the leader of the Remote Kindergarten Pilot Assessment joined us for a teleconference for further advice and once again, the feedback was very positive. We look forward to the new students who will be joining us next year.

**Congratulations**

Our heartfelt congratulations to Blair, who was selected for the first Queensland sub junior (under 12) polocrosse team to play at the Australian Junior Classic in Albury next year. Blair has played in representative teams before and we are very proud of him for his commitment.

**Grandparents’ Day**

Students welcomed grandparents into school today. After parade, grandparents joined the students in making a family tree and finishing off the visit with morning tea. The visit included a tour of our art gallery – artworks produced by the children which included Picasso heads and clay monsters. We thank the grandparents for their time in coming to visit classes today and hope that they enjoyed it as much as the students.

**Attendance**

Our attendance rate this term has been fantastic! The main factor in achieving positive educational outcomes is attendance - in order to learn, students must be in class. Students are gearing up for their final assessments and all are on track. Gains have been noted, in particular, in reading and comprehension. Parents are encouraged to ask children what their weekly guided reading lessons are about. The 3 – 6 group has been reading about Elizabeth 1 – and really enjoying it! Their capacity to retain information and ask probing questions is amazing!

**Friday night rehearsals**

A big thank you to all parents who have brought and picked up the children for Friday night rehearsals. Thanks also to the teachers and teacher aides who have committed their time to the musical.

**Awards Night**

A friendly reminder to everyone to RSVP to our Awards Night by the 18th November. We need to know numbers for catering purposes.

Anja
30th October 2016

Kaitlin Collins—For displaying a positive attitude every day! It is wonderful to see, keep it up!

30th October 2016

Hayden Ferguson—Well done on an excellent week with SSP. Keep up the hard work!

3rd-6th CLASSROOM NEWS

Welcome to week 5! More than halfway through the term now! Not a lot from me this week as we had a short week last week and a public holiday Tuesday! I would just like to thank the students for their wonderful behaviour during their art sessions last Tuesday and Wednesday when Raw Art visited from Brisbane. The students made some amazing art pieces! I was really taken aback and impressed with the job they did!

To the right is a photo of Akasha’s ‘energy’ science experiment set up ready for action.

Carmel

SECONDARY SCHOOL UPDATE

It’s been another busy fortnight in the secondary learning centre with all the subjects the girls do requiring so form of assessment or monitoring task to be done. Amity and Jacinta have done quite a long unit around the life and deeds of Ned Kelly and they are completing a piece of persuasive writing on their reasons why Ned Kelly was a villain. They completed a maths assessment on Monday as well as a powerpoint presentation about our seasons and the effect on our weather. Very busy girls. Akasha has written a short story, completing a geography assessment and undertaking an ag science assessment about the grasses and weeds we find in south-west Queensland. Akasha recently completed a science experiment after a unit on force and its characteristics and she received an ‘A’ for this. So as you can see it’s full steam ahead for the girls as they have just 4 weeks of school left.

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BEDE’S MODEL CITIZEN OF THE WEEK AWARD

30th Oct 2016

Henry Collins

Congratulations and thank you for being great role models for your fellow students.

4th Nov 2016

Charlie Roberts

CONGRATULATIONS

Henry Collins & Libby Otaola for getting 50/50 on your multiplication sums.

GREAT EFFORT!

30th Oct 2016

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DATE CLAIMERS:

18th Nov
School Twilight Swimming Carnival
3:30pm start

20th Nov
Awards Night/Restaurant

26th Nov
Salvation Army Carol

30th Nov
Year 6 Graduation

2nd Dec
Christmas Tree & School Musical

3rd Dec
Tibooburra New Year’s Eve Bikokhana & Rodeo

27th Jan 2017
Australia Day Awards

18th March 2017
Campdraft/Rodeo Ball @ Eromanga

April 2017
Chanel Country Challenge

2nd June 2017
Hungerford Biennial Field Day

8-9 July 2017
Thargomindah Polocrosse Carnival

12th Aug 2017
Fundraiser Ball for Beyond Blue @ Noccundra

12-13 Aug 2017
Nockatunga-Toompine Polocrosse Carnival @ Toompine

16-17 Sept 2017
Thargomindah Motorbike Gymskhana & Enduro Ride

30th Sept 2017
Hungerford Horse & Motorbike Gymskhana

30th October 2016
Class Dojos is our positive behaviour awards system within the class-rooms. These students have shown 95% or above positive behaviour this week. Keep up the good work everyone!

/class dojos

4th November 2016

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 2016

ALL PPCM Members and interested persons are invited to attend the 2016 AGM of Paro-Contact Children’s Mobile Inc. at the PPCM Office in Warraaring, or via teleconference, at 8:30 PM (AEST) on Friday 18th November 2016.

In addition to standard AGM agenda items, and election of the Management Committee, the future of PPCM will be discussed.

1. The Future of PPCM
   Committee, staff and families were invited to contribute their thoughts on the future of PPCM in participating in a SWOT analysis of current options. As a result, the Committee acknowledges that due to the ongoing success of PPCM and the services it provides, the continuation of PPCM is vital to the community. The success of PPCM is due to the support of community members.

2. Staff Accommodation
   The Office of the Executive Officer acknowledges that the closure of PPCM in 2016 may be inevitable, unless teleconference can be continued. More support is needed to continue teleconferencing and retaining Committee members.

3. Only current financial members of Paro Contact Children’s Mobile Inc. are eligible to vote or accept Management Committee positions.

MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES, APPLER, or RSVP if attending, either in person or via teleconference (location details will be sent closer to the AGM) to the Secretary (Kylie Boty) or Director (Debra Leigo) at parocontact@bigpond.com or phone 0407 744 0126

KINDY PILOT NEWS

What a fun couple of weeks we have had! Last week we had a visit from RAW Art. We also had Eulo and Yowah students here too. The students made both a bird and monster out of clay. They got to make a collage robot and paint it, a turtle in which they used chalk to colour it and in between, we had stories, play time and so much more.

We also had a visit with Julian and Di from BSDE. The Kindy students keep them very busy in the kindy room with drawing, playing instruments, singing a long songs with puppets, pretend play with the kitchen making cakes, cookies for a picnic.

It was a rather quiet week this week with only two of our kindy students here, but they had a great week and we got to do some fun and exciting things.

Week 8 will be our Induction into Prep week for the Kindy students!

Kitsa

The students having fun with RAW ART

P-2 CLASSROOM NEWS

With such a busy term, it is always good to stop and reflect on where we started the year and how far we have come. I say this every newsletter - our children have moved and are doing so well. I am very proud of everything they are doing in class. At this stage, I want to pay my sincerest gratitude to Anja, Deslie, Kitsa and Amy L for all they do in the K-2 classroom to support not just the kids, but me too. Thank you! Remember it takes a community to raise a child and that’s what we are doing.

Last week the children participated in Raw Art workshops. This workshop introduced the children to various forms of different art. The art pieces that they have produced are on display in the classroom and will be sent home with the children in the coming weeks. The feedback was that they loved playing with the clay and making monsters.

Over the next two weeks we will move towards our final assessments for the year. The children are well prepared and should do well. With this in mind and being the end of a big year, it would be of great help if the children can have a good night’s sleep each night and a big hearty breakfast. This will help them focus during the day. A reminder that fruit needs to come pre-cut for fruit break as the children don’t get to eat a whole apple in 10mins and then it is wasted.

Thank you to those Grandparents who were able to attend our Grandparents’ day. The children were so excited to share what they have done and be able to make their family tree.

Presentation night is coming quickly. Just a reminder, please RSVP by 18th November with your meal choice to help us cater for the night.

Thanks Trish