

TERM 3 WEEK 8

From the Principal

MS POLLARDS LAST WEEK

As you are aware I am 38 weeks pregnant and am due to take my maternity leave. I will officially start my leave on Monday of next week (7th September). Tonimaree Brown has been involved in a number of transition meetings with Sam and myself and will continue in this role while I am on leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank the students, staff, P&C and wider community for their continued support over the past 6 ³/₄ years and wish everyone all the very best.

It was lovely this morning at parade giving out a Year 7 Student Achievement Award for independence. We had a little chuckle about this being our goal when children leave their primary years. They arrived in Preschool (some just 4 years old) struggling to:

- ✓ wipe their bottoms
- ✓ find their own bags and eat their own lunch (not someone else's)
- ✓ not cut other people's hair
- ✓ find the correct toilets
- ✓ and generally settle into school

and it is a wonderful opportunity to share the next 6-7 years with them as they transform into independent, responsible and mature young adults.

Enjoy these years and your time with your 'precious little people'. I know I do. I always have a story to bore the staff with about our home life.

Again, good luck to everyone while I am away and all the best to the children and families moving on while I am on leave.

Have a great week

Rebekkah (alias Ms Pollard)

UPCOMING EVENTS/CHANGES

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| <i>Thursday 3rd September</i> | Northern Highway Principal's Cluster Meeting 9-3pm |
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KINDY

Last week saw the initial community engagement meeting for the Seaforth Kindergarten. There were a number of invited guests from P&C, Seaforth Kindy, Seaforth State School, C&K, Office for Early Childhood Education and Care, Regional Facilities Manager, Infrastructure Services Division, etc.

The outcome is that Seaforth is one of 6 schools in the state to have the trail Kindy under the first phase of the 240 Kindergartens under the Towards Q2 Initiative. What this means is by mid 2010 they hope to open doors on the new accredited 22 place Kindy facility at our school.

Our proposed site is the vacant blocks behind the school (next to the 10 car parks, behind the houses and B and G Blocks). However, the Department is now in consultation with the developer as to how this will happen.

The Kindy program will cater for children 3½ -4½ years old. More information will be available in the coming months as the planning and consultation continues.

| <i>Class</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>For</i> |
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| <i>Prep/1</i> | Rhys Parker | Excellent "word" knowledge |
| <i>1/2</i> | Jackson Seimer | Being a polite and considerate class member |
| <i>3/4</i> | Chelsea Cooke | Her neat, well presented work |
| <i>4/5</i> | Tristan Paris | Working hard on his story writing |
| <i>5/6</i> | Corey Fulcher | Working hard on maths operations |
| <i>6/7</i> | Luke McKenzie | Working well independently |

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Student Council will be running a Father's Day stall this week commencing Wednesday. All gifts are \$5.00 with proceeds going to Student Council.

Worm Farm

Worm juice can still be purchased any time, \$1 for 1 litre, from Mrs Atkins. Remember, no onion, no citrus, no meat. Thanks!!!

Class this week is 1/2

MUSIC CORNER 31.8.09

Well only 3 weeks till the September holidays and it is great to see so many students being consistent with their homework. Congratulations to some of our newer students who have joined in and are quickly catching up with all the other students. Last week's champion recorder players were 3/4 Steven Little, Sunita Long and Tanah Mayes, 4/5 Ryan Park and Jazmin Blaik, 5/6 Zoe Nielsen and Ryan Rasmussen, 6/7 Ryan Atkins, Alannah Curry and Aimee Doumergue. Well done to all these students and I hope you enjoy this week off homework!

Yours Mrs Stablum

OPTI-MINDS 31/08/2009

On Saturday students from Seaforth State School competed in the regional Opti-minds Challenge. We originally had 5 teams involved but unfortunately, only 3 teams were able to perform on the day. All teams did extremely well and as usual represented Seaforth to the best of their abilities both in skill and in behaviour. Our teams which performed on the day were Team 1 Einstein Peoples – Isaac Weiss, Tahana Mayes, Montana and Alessandra Byrne, Tempani Thomas and Rachael Lennox. (Alannah Curry was absent). Team 2 Chillax'n lol group – Darie Cahill, Zoe Nielsen, Megan Little, Katie Shea and Chloe Martin. Team 4 Opti-Dragons – Bronte Gage, Jazmin Blaik, Isabella Sullivan, Tyson Yule, Kayne Zammit, and Shauna Windsor. (Tyrell Mason was absent on the day). Team

3 and 5 did not present on the day. The challenge which the students chose to present a solution to was in the Science/engineering section which was the most popular section of the day with 22 teams presenting in that section alone on the day. The problem involved students explaining how they could lower the carbon footprint in a residential home in a given environment and demonstrate this through building a model of the house. All participating teams were presented with participation certificates on the day and Team 2 received "the spirit of Opti-minds" award. For more details and perhaps a peak at some of our students presenting watch Win News tonight at 6pm.

I would also like to thank all the parents who gave up their valuable time to help. Without you this even would not be possible.

Yours Mrs Stablum

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Just a reminder there will be no basketball this Thursday 3rd September. Basketball will recommence next week.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

All unsold chocolates and money is due back to school by this Friday. Thanks to everyone for your tremendous support during this fundraiser.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ryan Atkins who was selected in the Mackay District schoolboy's cricket team last Thursday. Ryan travels with the Mackay team to Gladstone in the last week of this term to compete for a place in the Capricornia Team. Best of luck Ryan.

P & C NOTICES TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop helpers

We are getting a lot of foreign coins, could you please check money given to tuckshop as the Bank will only accept Australian money.

There are some price changes and new food items this term so please check new menu.

Mango OKF Drinks is no longer available.

Fruit Tingle Playwater is available this term.

Could you please ensure that your children's tuckshop order has their proper class room number and also note if the order is for 1st or 2nd break. As the tuckshop

is run by volunteers, not all are familiar as to what child is in what class. It would help save some time. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Uniform Prices

There has been an increase in some of the costs.

Shirts \$25.00 each

Hats \$11.00 each

Heavy Duty Chair Bags \$10.00 each

Pencil Cases \$7.00 each

Next P&C Meeting: Monday 26th October 2009.

PUBLIC NOTICES

St Anne's School Art & Craft Spring

Festival

A TOUCH OF ORIENTAL

Saturday 5 September 2009

9.00am – 4.00pm

at the Sarina Cultural Hall

Entry - \$6.00/person, Pensioners &

High school students - \$4.00,

Primary children – free.

NORTHERN SUBURBS CRICKET CLUB

We are looking for players born between 1st September 1997 and 31st August 1998 for our junior under 12 cricket team. We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in playing this wonderful sport. Please contact Nea Ridley, Junior Co-Ordinator, Northern Suburbs Cricket Club. Phone 49547033 or 0419278250.