Junior Journal

Hi everyone,

Welcome to 2016! We have 5 new students in our school; I welcome Amber, Hailey, Malcom, Ethan and Shelby to our school.

Homework has gone home this week; Preps need to bring their homework back on Friday and the 1-3’s are required to bring it in everyday. If you student has concerns over the homework please get them to come to me the next day.

Thanks for a great start to the year.

Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Dodson.

Senior Stories

Welcome to 2016 everyone!

I hope you all had wonderful, safe holiday breaks and your minds are ready and refreshed for another year of learning! Firstly, welcome to Mac, Sammy and Haylie - our new Year 4 students in the Senior Room. I hope you have a great year with us.

Homework has started this week. Students will use their homework books to complete a worksheet, spelling and multiplication activities as well as nightly reading. The students will read between 1 and 4 books per week depending on their LitPro level and length of the books they choose.

Student Diaries and other materials: Thank you to those students who have families who have already purchased and sent in these items. I apologise for the oversight in not having them on the booklist. Could everyone please have their diaries by this Friday if possible.

Centenary shirts are in stock and they look amazing! If you ordered one, please send payment in to the office to receive your shirt.

Ms Thompson and I are excited to be back and look forward to working with you all in 2016.

Mrs Bradey and Ms Thompson.
Returning to School Behaviour:

Now that your child has returned to school, they will be learning new things and facing new challenges that can be difficult and distracting. To help with this adjustment, here are some tips to choose and trial. See what works best for your family.

- Have a predictable routine after school that involves healthy food choices and an opportunity to wind down.
- Home work – have clear expectations, rewards and consequences e.g. TV is turned on when homework is finished.
- Practice social skills at home, talk about being a good friend, taking turns in games and activities, asking what others might like or do.
- Have realistic expectations for yourself and the kids. Trying to be perfect can set us up for frustration and disappointment. The pushing of boundaries and new emerging behaviours is natural at the start of the school year.
- Swearing, lying and cheating are fairly common behaviours in school-aged children. Talk to your children about family values, rules and fairness.
- Be Firm, Kind and Consistent to make it work.

For help/ideas chat to your Parenting Promotion Officer: Jolene 0488321605 F everyfamilycassowarycoast

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**Goondi Scout Group.**

Goondi Scout is open to new members aged 6years – 15years. Scouting offers an educational program for all ages. Scouting is the largest youth organisation in world teaching life skills and survival skills. With outdoor activities e.g., hiking, canoeing, bushwalking and camping. See you at the Goondi Scout Den in Wattle Street, Friday nights 6pm for 6-10yrs 7pm for 10yers and over, closed in shoes to be worn.

More info call GL. Elizabeth Seymour. 40616220

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**P&C Membership 2016**

All parents are welcome and encouraged to join our School P&C.

Membership forms are available upon request.

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**Centenary News**

We are officially in our Centenary year! It’s amazing to think that our school (in one form or another) has been educating students in the area for 100 years. The centenary committee is now gearing up to be busier than ever and we need your help! Please keep an eye out for updates on committee meetings, go and like our ‘South Johnstone State School Centenary’ Facebook page (and our school page), encourage past staff and students to join the mailing list by getting them to contact the school or emailing Nina at nbaso3@eq.edu.au and Save the Dates: 25-26 June, 2016 to come and help us celebrate!

We will be sending home a Volunteer form for everyone to fill out in the next newsletter so if you can spare some time for manning a fete stall it would be greatly appreciated!

Many Thanks - Nina and the Centenary Committee.