Hi everyone,

Our camp was fantastic; the students enjoyed all the activities and were able to see a Croc. We travelled by boat into Innisfail and had morning tea in the boat on the river. The food was amazing and students did not go hungry. We had a bonfire and roasted marshmallows. Thanks for delivering and picking your children up from Daradgee. The students have expressed their opinion to attend Daradgee again in 2017.

Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Dodson.

Senior Stories

Hello all!!

Happy Mothers Day to all of our beautiful mums, step mums, grandma’s, aunties and guardians out there. I hope you had a wonderful day!

NAPLAN - Hannah, Riki, Pheobie, Rhiannon, Olivia, Matty and Steph; I wish you all the luck in the world as you tackle the next 3 days of testing. Please know that I am so proud of you for trying your hardest and doing your best, regardless of your result at the end.

Camp - Last week I sent home expressions of interest regarding fundraising for the Camp. I hope you all had a change to review these. Please send them back as soon as possible so we can begin fundraising. Thank you to those families that have already returned theirs. The chocolates are going to be ordered by the end of the week and should arrive shortly after. I will send home rosters for the BBQ’s and Car Wash closer to the dates.

Gardens - A parent came to me recently asking about buying plants for their students’ garden. If you have “school friendly” plants at home then please feel free to drop them in. Ms Murray and I do not expect parents and families to purchase plants. If this is something you discuss with your children and wish to contribute feel free but do not feel obliged. Mrs Cunningham has already donated 1 plant to each team and has invited us out to view the nursery and turtle rehab centre as well as pick out some more plants for our gardens.

School Leaders - Don’t forget to wear your Centenary Shirt and badge on Wednesday for photos please!

Till next time.

Mrs Bradey and Ms Thompson.

Centenary News

Please see our newsletter insert for more detailed information and a fascinating recount from the 1980’s.

MISSING PHOTOS.

We are missing the following photos. If you or anyone you know has these, can you possibly bring them in to school for Dr to scan.

2013 - Year 3-7
2005 - All years
2004 - All years.

CentSale and FeteStalls - we are now calling for donations for the cent sale and fete stalls. There is a full list of items in the newsletter insert needed for fete stalls.

Donations for the cent sale are greatly appreciated. Please see Mrs Bradey if you have any items you believe would be suitable for the cent sale. Products must be unused and sealed in good condition and in their original packaging if possible.

Thanks so much!
SJSS Centenary Committee.

SLOW DOWN IN SCHOOL ZONE’S

40km/hr is the acceptable speed limit around schools during drop off and pick up times. This is a busy time of day for all schools, staff and parents.

Please remember to be cautious and drive sensibly. Our students safety is our first priority. Please make it yours as well. Thankyou.

I had the privilege to attend the prep to grade 3 camp at Daradgee Environmental Centre along with Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Dodson last week and can say it was a very eventful 3 days. I was so impressed to see the display of maturity and independence of the students considering their age, as they tackled certain challenges and tasks asked of them throughout the duration of the camp. Some highlights of the camp included a boat ride down the Johnstone River all the way to the wharf of Innisfail, whilst the students practiced their photography with their own individual cameras and snapped up the many sights along the way. Some of the more interesting pics taken included an old shipwreck built over 100 years ago and part of a rusty steam tractor but the most exciting pic of all was the huge saltwater crocodile sunning itself on the mud bank, mouth open, just waiting to take the spotlight and giving the students a lasting memorable moment.

They showed off their climbing skills and some proved to be young mountain goats, on the long rock wall back at camp. Two day old chicks were held by all and hard to give back at the farm and geese, chickens and a huge python were well photographed. In the afternoon a huge slip and slide brought plenty of fun and laughs to all. At night the children were treated to a campfire and of course the marshmallows were present.

I’m sure on the 2nd night at bedtime the children were sprinkled with angel dust as they were all in bed and asleep by 8:30 pm without any complaints as the events of the day proved to tire all out including the teachers.

From Chappy Sharon
Student Conflicts at School

Students who have conflicts with other students at school should approach the Principal, Teacher or Teacher-Aide to address the problem if they are unable to solve the situation.

If your child approaches you in regards to an issue or if you have witnessed anything in the playground please send the child or children to one of the teaching staff. We can then address the problem to ensure an amicable resolution.

When children are at school, conflict issues need to be addressed by Teaching Staff not parents.

NAPLAN

Good luck to the year 3 and 5 students who are completing NAPLAN Tests.

GARDENS

The students as part of their Science Assessment are working on all the gardens in the school. Ms Murray invited Yvonne Cunningham to help the students identify poisonous and school friendly plants.

We will organise an excursion to Violets and Lace Plant Nursery for Yvonne to show the students her nursery and also to select plants we can use in our gardens.

WORK CAMP

I was able to access personnel from the prison to carry out some much needed pruning and cleaning of the concrete at the school on the 2nd May. These men will be in attendance at the school on the 22nd May to complete tasks that I have outlined. STUDENTS ARE NOT TO ACCESS THE SCHOOL GROUNDS WHEN THESE MEN ARE HERE.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S PEN.

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Dates to Remember

10 - 12 May  NAPLAN
Year’s 3 & 5

May is Domestic Violence Prevention Month

Mrs Chris Pascoe
Principal