Message from the Principal

Welcome to everyone as we settle into 2014. We have had a busy start to the year. The school has 319 students enrolled which is a large increase from last year. Attendance is currently 80%, which is also a significant improvement on last year. These increases are largely due to the hard work of the new Attendance Officers under the “Remote School Attendance Strategy”. Class sizes are, however, bigger as a result and we hope for an increased allocation in teaching staff to help manage our changed circumstances.

A warm welcome to the following new staff members Jen Cadzow ST1 Secondary, Leigh Mullin ST1 Primary, Kristi Johansen, Sabrina Chaffey.

I continue to encourage all parents and carers to be actively involved in the school. You are all welcome as visitors and volunteers in your child's classroom. Teachers appreciate a close working relationship with families. Evidence demonstrates that educational outcomes are improved when this the case. Please also consider attending School Council meetings, particularly the AGM coming up on March 4th.

I look forward to another great year

Graeme Matthews
Principal

All parents who have Centrelink payments coming out for school lunches will need to go to Centrelink and restart the payments. Lunches will no longer be provided for students without funds.
FIRST SCHOOL DAY

PRIMARY
I like dragonflies best because they are cool and can grow quite large. They hover like helicopters and can even fly inside your house. They lay their eggs in ponds and only get wings when they are adults. Dragonflies are really quite wonderful!
By Jake Keighran

My best animal is a brown snake. I like it best because it is colourful and strong and powerful. It is very fast and can travel around the world. They even climb up trees and under logs. I love Australian animals so much. My snake is so poisonous. It is one of the most poisonous snakes in the whole wide world. Can you imagine that!!!
By Mikayla Rory

My favourite animal is the koala. This is because it is so cute and furry. They climb the trees and eat leaves. They even like climbing trees as much as I do. They only live in cold places but, so they don't live in Borroloola. Borroloola is way to hot. koalas hardly ever drink water. They are sleepy funny old things. Koalas are my very best animal!
By Petrina Te Hatu-La

My best animal is not an animal! My most favorite is Mr. Phillip. He is strong and pretty and silly. And he calls us all the champion!
By Tobias Charlie.
Miss Charmaine's Grade 1/2 Class

Our class has been reading and writing about stories that have a beginning, middle and end. The stories also tell us descriptive information using the following prompts where, who, when, how, what. The students were talking about what happened using words “in the beginning”, “next” and “at the end” by using these pictures and placing them in order of “The Gingerbread Man.”
NOTICE BOARD

School Council Meeting

Tuesday March 4th 2014
At 11.00 am
In the teachers resource room at the back of the school library. This is the School Councils AGM. Members of the public are welcome.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

When: 26th Wednesday & 27th Thursday.

Where: School Oval.

Who is involved: For all primary & secondary students.

Time: 2:30pm -4:00pm

Active After School Sports will continue each week, every Wednesday for the duration of the term. Depending on the weather.
Students will be taken home by bus, (after sports have finished) to Garrawa 1 & Garrawa 2 camps only.
The bus will not take students home to Campbell or Devil Springs.
Please **do not** send more than $5 per child for canteen purchases. Fridays only!

**HEALTHY FOOD IN SCHOOLS**

- NO SOFTDRINKS
- NO LOLLIES
- NO JUNK FOOD

_EAT WELL, BE ACTIVE AND BECOME STRONG_

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2014**

**MARCH**
10-14 SECOND BLOCK MRM FOR APPRENTICES

**APRIL**
7-13 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
14 FIRST DAY TERM TWO
18 GOOD FRIDAY
21 EASTER MONDAY
25 ANZAC DAY

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Every Morning from 7:30 to 8:30