Hello Linville,

This time of year always feels the busy and the last fortnight has been no exception. I have to start off by thanking Krys Carey (correct spelling this time) for his help in moving the 24 cubic metres of sand we had delivered at the school, with his skid-steer loader. I also need to indicate my great appreciation to the Carseldine Crew who helped on Saturday 30th May wheelbarrow sand around the playground, fix-up and prepare the long-jump pit, prune some trees and place a Staghorn Fern back up in a tree. Many thanks to you all for giving up your time to do those jobs.

I also had the pleasure of being at the Toogoolawah Show over the long weekend and saw the hard work that goes in each year to run the canteen over by the saleyards and arena gate. Everyone looked relaxed and everything was running smoothly, I found it difficult to secure a job. We look forward to hearing how well it went as the proceeds raised from this effort go straight into buying resources for students at the school. In other words time + effort = benefits for my students.

So for all the sore feet, arms and backs we thank everyone who participated, supported and helped out in the canteen. Those extra efforts go towards improving our student’s experiences and opportunities at our school.

Our Best Always

NAME:

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Harlin-Linville Sports Day - 12th June
- Readers Cup - 19th June
- NAIDOC Day at Cooyar SS - 24th June
- Year 6 Sports Day at TSHS - 26th June
- June School Holidays - 27th June – 12th July
- Start of Term 3 - 13th July
- Cooyar Sports Day - 16th July

Term 2 Week 6:
Student of the Week: Rebecca Jesse
Classroom Awards: Jordan, Mali, Chloe, Quineeta, Rebecca, Georgia, Kaitlyn, Aidon, Taylah, Josh, Jack, Shanleigh, Holly, Jordan, Claire

Term 2 Week 7:
Student of the Week: Juelz Beau
Classroom Awards: Riley, Michelle, Mali, Jordan, Quineeta, River, Rebecca, Shanleigh, Euan, Josh, Claire, Jordan

Linville State School Improvement Agenda 2015

- Reading – Everyone reading, everyday
- Behaviour – Better behaviour, better learning
- Differentiation – Meeting the needs of everyone
ARRR - Sports Day
Our sports day versus Harlin State School is on Friday. It is also Pirate Day which raises funds to support brain cancer research for children. Make sure you let out a mighty ARRRR during the sports day! You have to wear your school uniform, but pirate eye patches or hats will be acceptable as accessories.

This year we are running all of the Track and Field events on the one day. This makes for a very full day for all of our students. A general program was sent home with the last newsletter. The day will start promptly at 9.00 am, to ensure that everything fits into the schedule.

We will start putting equipment out around the oval and set up the shade structure at 8 am on the 12th June. Please feel free to attend all or part of the day with family who may be keen to support our school as well.

I also need to point out that due to the change in Queensland’s smoking laws anyone who needs to smoke will be required to move a distance of 6m away from the schools boundary fence. I ask for your support in following this law change on the sports day.

NAIDOC Day
We have been invited to join with Cooyar, Tanduringie and Benarkin State Schools on Wednesday 24th June to celebrate NAIDOC Day this term. While the final timetable and list of activities is being finalised, I can tell you that this will be a whole school excursion to Cooyar State School for this event. NAIDOC is a celebration of the indigenous cultures of Australia. As part of this excursion our students will get to experience dance, art, hear from elders, boomerang throwing, bush tucker and beading. We will be travelling to Cooyar School by bus, leaving at 8:30am. A permission note and more information is attached.

New Computers
We have recently received at school our new computers that were purchased to replace computers that were at their five year replacement life. This means that once again the junior class has five fully operational desktops and two laptops in their room and senior class is has five new laptops + five desktops + 6 older laptops = 16 for 17 students! Now if we could fix the internet speed then that would be brilliant (keep watching this space for news on that front).

End of semester Report Cards
Semester One Report Cards will soon be provided for all students attending Linville State School. These written reports are a culmination of how a child has achieved in their academic studies over a school semester.

The report cards contain the following information:
- An overall academic achievement for each subject
- An effort achievement and
- A comment

Education Queensland implements a uniform reporting process in all schools using a consistent 5 – point scale as follows:

- Prep – Year 2 : Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring, Becoming Aware
- Years 3 to 7: A, B, C, D, E

An important point that deserves clarification is that the 5 point scale has some subtle differences these days and that when we see a “Working With or C” on our child’s report card it means something a little different to what it used to on our own report cards, many years ago.

- The best description is that a “Working With or C” means a student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be – A “Working With or C” is ON TARGET or AT YEAR LEVEL STANDARD.
With this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or a “B” than it used to be. These grades are no longer awarded simply to the top students in the class; they are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria for their year level.

Some points to remember as you read your child’s report.

- The “Effort” grades are a really important reflection of whether your child is achieving the best they can.

- An “A” for effort and a “C” for achievement indicates that your child is “On Target” for their age and “applying their best effort”. This grade should be celebrated with students because they have worked hard to be where they need to be.

As mentioned previously the end of semester report card is a culmination of your child’s results over the semester. With parent teacher interviews being offered to all parents at the end of each semester, parents will be well informed of their child’s academic progress.

It is important to note that not every aspect of every subject (English, Maths, Science etc.) is assessed and reported on each semester or term. This means that the result students receive on their end of semester report is indicative of the content that has been taught and assessed during that semester, and not necessarily indicative of the entire subject content. This means that a student’s results may vary from semester to semester, because they are being assessed and reported on different aspects of the subject/curriculum.

As always if you have any concerns about your child’s progress please see your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Readers Cup
And the team is ............................................................... (long drum roll as the suspense builds)

Claire Lord, Jordan Yip, Beau Carey, Kyle Lawton, Jesse Davis with Holly Carseldine as the reserve (in case of illness or injury). Team members have been chosen based on their scores in a wide range of assessments and having read most or all of the books. They will now begin practice quizzes in the lead up to next Friday’s competition. We have high hopes based on last year’s spectacular success – Go Linville!!!

Responsible Behaviour Plan - RBP
Every State School in Queensland is required to have a Responsible Behaviour Plan that is accessible and available to the school community. After a drafting process we are releasing a draft Responsible Behaviour Plan for parents and students to give us feedback on.

A consultation plan was tabled at the last P & C meeting. The plan simply states that parents and students will have time to read and view the new RBP. It will be implemented in Term 3 with opportunities for feedback via P & C meetings and other means. The RBP will then be finalised for the start of Term 4 and be in effect from 2015 until 2019.

The draft is included with the newsletter today. Please take the time to read through it and if you have any questions or points that need clarifying please ask. This document affects everyone who comes into our school and their experiences at our school. It will become a foundation stone for how we will support students as they learn and grow at Linville State School.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mac.
Kanga Class Writing

Sentence Writing with nouns, adjectives and verbs.

Guess what! Have you seen the yellow duckling swimming in the dark deep pond at night? What if something came along?
By Riley Yr 1

Splash! Went the yellow, fluffy, cute, little duckling when she was in the lake swimming.
By Quineeta Yr 1

P & C News

The next P & C Meeting will be on Wednesday 17th June 2015 at 9:00am. All welcome!

Community News

Save the Children Mobile Playgroup

The Mobile Playgroup run by Save the Children is at Linville State School on Thursday mornings, from 9-11 am. It is a free service for anyone with children in the pre-school (0-5 years age range). The facilitator will bring a fully equipped van with activities and morning tea for everyone who comes along. The van will park in the school grounds, on the driveway near the stairs to the senior classroom. If you know of anyone in the community who has pre-school children please pass on this information about the playgroup to them.

Chaplaincy News

Supa Club
The days for Supa Club in Term 2 have been changed to Thursdays and will be:
18th June
Thanks Catharina Kusay
Ph: 0428820430 email: catharinak@chappy.org.au
First Aid /CPR Course
On the Saturday, 13th June at 9:00am the First Aid /CPR course will be going ahead.
This will be held at Linville SS class room. Cost will be $95 for both First Aid and CPR or $55 for CPR only.
Payment can be made by cash or cheque or an invoice can be sent to you and payment made after you have completed the course.
All participants (First Aid & CPR) will need to complete the online component following this link
CPR only participants will not need to complete any online learning.
There are 8 confirmed participants and 1 needing to be confirmed. If you are interested, contact Sharni on 5424 7005 or 0418 827 965. Time is running out to book.
This course is Accredited and certificates will be awarded on completion.

Please contact Sharni 0418 827 965 or A/H 5424 7005 or for more info
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