Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

This week we acknowledge the valuable contribution our teacher aides bring to our classrooms and school each day. It is Teacher Aides Day on Friday and it is timely to recognise everything they do in supporting students and teachers. Thank you in appreciation to our very own teacher aides, Karolyn, Janice, Carmen, Amanda and Bonnie.

QSR (Quadrennial School Review) Thank you to the parents who have given their time and expertise to be part of a working party to review and update school policies and contribute to the school’s direction for the next four years. Please have your say on homework. Thank you for returning parent surveys. Students in Years 3–6 have also had their chance to have a say with a student survey.

Achievements: ICAS Spelling Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a Participation award in the recent ICAS Spelling competition: Hamish, Harry H, Mary, Yana, Chloe-Ann, Abigail and Eva. I extend special congratulations to Nathaniel and Brendan on achieving a Merit in Spelling.

We wish Danielle and Trai well for competing at Darling Downs Track and Field next week.

Curriculum As part of our response to the School Review recommendations of students taking ownership of their learning and knowing their achievements, we have been discussing and exploring the concept of ‘Growth Mindset’. This is where students are praised for their perseverance and effort when learning, rather than attributing learning to intelligence only. We use questions to encourage students to reflect on, and grow in their learning.

Everyday learning tip: With your children, discuss new and unusual words or phrases and explore these through print and electronic dictionaries.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible This week’s focus has been on the saying ‘Kindness makes a person beautiful’. Students have been encouraged to practise being kind to others.

Special Parade will be on Tuesday 13th September from 8:45am. Special Parade gives the students the chance to present to the rest of the school and their parents, things they have learned over the term.

Sporting Schools AFL will finish next week, Tuesday 6th September. Thank you to Mr Young for running this program. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our bid for volleyball this term.

The AFL Carnival will be held on Thursday 8th September 9:30am for selected students. This will be held at Bridgman Oval, Pittsworth. A permission form is being sent out.

P&C The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Wednesday 7th September at 3:30pm. Movie Night was great fun! Thank you to our wonderful helpers. The next fundraising event is the Tractor Pull on 10th September. Money raised from the recent St Anne’s cake stall was $659. Money donated from the last Tractor Pull was $2 500. These have been excellent fundraising opportunities. The P&C will be running a Father’s Day Stall in the library tomorrow, for the students to purchase an edible gift for dad. Please send in $5 for their ‘shopping experience.’

Centenary Preparations Our next working party meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th September at 6pm, after the P&C meeting.

Staffing While I am at Pittsworth State School for Week 10 of this term, while Mr Young will be acting principal in my absence.

Staffroom for Improvement Get on board and start voting! http://www.staffroomforimprovement.com.au

Please consider donating your TRC plant card for free plants to the school, if you don’t intend to use it. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind Regards, Sharon

The Oakey Child Health Nurse, Judy Cribb will carry out the Prep Year Screening on Tuesday 6.9.16 at Biddeston State School. Prep School Screening involves hearing and vision screening.

If parents have concerns about children in other classes and would like their hearing or vision assessed:

Hearing Assessments are done free of charge for children under 18 years of age at Unana Community Health Centre located at the Toowoomba Hospital in Peachy Street Toowoomba. An appointment is necessary and can be made by phoning Child Health on 4616 6812.

Vision assessments are free of charge to Medicare Card holders and can be done at any optometrist of your choice.
HELP PLEASE! We need…..
- empty sauce squeeze bottles AND cylinders from plastic wrap, alfoil, baking paper, paper towel

Please deliver to Mrs Shaw. Thanks in anticipation!

P & C ASSOCIATION
The monthly meeting will be held on
WEDNESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER at 3:30pm

AGENDA:

P&C Contacts:
President: Max Strasser 0423 281 897
Vice President: Oksana Sims 0459 791 989
Secretary: Melinda Clarke 0402 783 626
Treasurer: Sarah Watson 0427 134 657

General:

Uniforms
For any uniform orders, please text Belinda Strasser to arrange suitable time for fitting and pick up. Belinda will be at school Friday mornings.

Belinda Strasser 0421 774 599

Fundraising

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INFLUENZA A

At present Influenza A is quite prevalent in the Darling Downs region and more specifically in many of our schools. The Public Health Unit has suggested that if you are advised by apparent /s that their child has been diagnosed with Influenza A that you provide the following information to all school Parents / Care giver. This information comes from the Qld Health Influenza A fact sheet. You should also ensure that the information listed below is practiced in your school during this flu season.

Prevention:
- Good hygiene is essential to protect yourself and others:
- stay home when you are sick
- wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand gel
- wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- use a tissue, or the inside of your arm, when you cough and sneeze
- throw tissues away immediately and wash hands
- don’t share items such as cigarettes, cups, lipstick, toys or anything which has come into contact with the mouth or nose
- stay at least 1 metre away from people who have flu-like symptoms
- clean frequently touched surfaces regularly, such as door handles, taps, tables, benches and fridge doors.

Influenza (The Flu) – Queensland Health Fact Sheet

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