Principal’s Report

Hello and welcome back to term 4! It doesn’t seem like three terms ago I was welcoming people back for the start of a new school year.

Congratulations to Jasper Franklin who was part of the Clarence Small Schools rugby league team who played South Grafton Primary on Wednesday afternoon. This was the final of the Westlawn Shield which was being played as a curtain raiser to the high school Daily Examiner Shield. At the end of regular time the score was 12 all but unfortunately South Grafton scored first during extra time. Jasper played an outstanding game at dummy half and was on the field, and in the action, for the entire game!

Next Tuesday evening is our monthly P&C meeting which begins at 6pm in the staff room. Please make the effort to come along as we will be discussing ideas for our upcoming 3 year plan. The plan determines the direction for our school and identifies school community priorities, programs and initiatives that are to be put into place to maximise your child’s learning outcomes. Come along and have your input.

Thank you to everyone who came in to school over the holidays to water our veges. The gardens are looking great and soon the kids will be able to eat more of the food they have helped to grow.

Mrs Simkus is away for the next 6 weeks on leave and she will be replaced by Ms Tami Parnell during this time. I’m sure you all join me in welcoming Tami back to our school.

We are finalising our numbers for next year and need to know of any preschool age children who will be seeking placement at our school for 2015. If you know of any children who will be enrolling in kinder next year, could you let Rhonda know just in case we don’t know about them yet.

Cheers,
Andrew

Copmanhurst Ball
Saturday, 15th November 2014
Cost: Adult single:-$12.50, Family- $30
Doors open at 7.00pm, music begins at 8.00pm
For bookings, phone Sandra Fahey 6647 3136

LOST PROPERTY: Parents at the moment there must be at least fifty items of lost clothing lying around the school without a name. As we do not have the space to house these, they will be packed up and sent to Saint Vinnie’s, if they are not collected within the next 2 weeks. Anyone who would like a jumper/s to wash and put away for next year you are welcome to come in and go through the pile.

Coming Events
Oct 14  P&C Meeting
Oct 17  Years 4/5/6 Kayaking fun day
Oct 30  Jacaranda Thursday – ½ day holiday
Nov 5  Kinder Orientation  9.15-11.30am
Nov 5  Parent Helpers Morning Tea 11.00-12.00
Nov 19 2015 Kinder students 1st classroom visit
Nov 26  Parent Interviews – Kinder 2015 students
Dec 8  Year 6 Farewell
Dec 11  Presentation Night
Dec 17 Ulmarra Pool – fun day

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 4
Oct 13  Paula Clausen & Casey Williams
Oct 20  Kelly Beneke & Kate Knight
Oct 27  Kerri Stone & Renaye Knight
Nov 3  Rick & Liz Heilers
Nov 10  Paula Clausen & Hayley Death
Nov 17  Tara Newman & Callie Bulman
If you are available to help in the canteen one day per Term please

FREE KITTENS!
Contact Kristie Franklin
66 473333
During the last week of term 3 students in years 5 and 6 and I attended the Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreation camp along with students and the principal of Tucabia school. Once again I am bursting with pride with the way our kids behaved themselves whilst away representing our school. Our instructor for the week told me at the end of camp that when they see Copmanhurst is coming to camp the instructors all argue over who will be allocated to us. He said this year’s group were a terrific bunch and just what they have come to expect from Copmanhurst kids! After a week of early starts and late nights with days packed full of activities, I’m sure the kids were looking forward to the holiday as much as I was.

Next year our senior students have the possibility of attending an excursion to Brisbane late in term 3 with students from Tucabia, Nymboida and Cowper.

In addition, year 6 students are being given the opportunity to attend the Young Leaders Conference in Brisbane in March (1 day) and all primary students (3-6) will have an overnight camp to the beach sometime in term 1.

Excursions provide many great opportunities for children to learn outside the classroom, experience new challenges and activities and develop their independence and social skills. We try to keep prices to a minimum and far from the school making any money by charging for excursions, we usually subsidise the cost. As an example; the Lake Ainsworth excursion cost was $250 per child due to a P&C contribution and next year’s Brisbane excursion is likely to cost around $400. Although I enjoy the activities and get a great kick out of spending time with the kids and watching their confidence soar as they master new challenges, it is a week away from my own family where I am also ‘on – call’ and responsible for the kids’ welfare 24 hours each day. It is exhausting and contrary to what some people may think; I don’t get paid any overtime!

I’m happy to keep on organising and supervising excursions for your children because I see the great benefits they provide. Each year I ask parents if they wish for me to organise a major excursion for the following year and generally I am able to give parents close to 12 months notice in order to pay the cost in instalments.