Picture of the week
Great concentration Adam, Eve and Brock. Keep up the good work.

Date | Event
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28th Feb | Clean Up Australia Day at StL Wetlands
26th March | Marlborough District Cross Country (StL)

News
Our parents’ information session was held prior to the P & C meeting. It was great to share with parents what is happening in the classroom and ways in which they can support their child’s learning.

This coming Friday we will be taking part in the Clean Up Australia day activities beginning with an educational session and following with a walk to the wetlands with Isaac Regional Council staff. A flyer explaining the day’s activities is enclosed together with a permission form for completion and return to the school as soon as possible.

Reading
All students are working on their personal timelines in order to improve their ability to summarise text. The ability to recall and summarise is a key skill in developing reading comprehension.

Writing
We’ve been seeing some great examples in writing over the past week. Some students who have done a particularly great job are Jakk and Kimberley. Jakk has focused very well and Kimberley has made an effort to incorporate the structure of a short story to her writing.

Well done!

Numeracy
Students have had a great time with the new trundle wheel, developing a new training course for their upcoming Cross Country.

Students have been putting their knowledge of measurement in Masterclass this week. Each Thursday, three groups rotate between sewing, cooking and IT.
Hi everyone,
Half way through Term 1 already? Where does the time go?

Last Thursday afternoon Mr Stewart and I presented information on assisting children with reading. If you missed this and would like to go over the ground, I’m more than happy to “walk you through it” on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon (2-3 pm). Just see me or give me a call and we can make arrangements.

Congratulations to the incoming P & C Executive members. I’m looking forward to being able to help out at fundraising activities.

Yesterday I picked up some valuable booklets from a Pharmacy in Sarina on keeping kids healthy at school and I’ll send these home for you on Wednesday afternoon.

As I mentioned last week, I have been attending workshops on Youth Mental Health and the last session I attended was on Anxiety which is the number one mental health issue among the population; especially in youngsters. As our society becomes more and more materialistic and competitive, we must find ways to equip our children with tools to help them deal with situations that sometimes seem overwhelming. In our weekly Kidsmatter sessions, the children are taught to be brave by: standing tall, using a brave voice, making eye contact, trying their best and smiling. None of us like to see our kids fearful of a situation but all the evidence tells us that we need to sensitively help kids to face up to the things they are afraid of because it makes them stronger for the next stressful situation.

If you would like more information on anxiety or any other topic, please don’t hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

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