22nd July 2014

**Be Respectful**

**Improving Communication**
In order to streamline and make things easier when communicating between parents and school we are currently looking to email the newsletter to all parents and interested community members. Also we would like to know which of our parents and carers use Microsoft Outlook for their email. We are currently looking to communicate important dates and events directly using Outlook Meetings. This would involve the school sending a direct meeting request for all school events. Microsoft Outlook then automatically adds those dates and events in the users calendar. Please send your email address to the_principal@stlawrenss.eq.edu.au

**Whitsunday Voices**
Students had the privilege of listening to and interacting with a number of authors at the recent Whitsunday Voices. These authors included: Andy Wright, Morris Gleitzman, Mandy Foot, Martin Chatterton, Jacqueline Harvey, Tiffiny Hall and Jacqueline Harvey.

Kimberley’s view – ‘At Whitsunday Voices day I enjoyed listening to various awesome authors such as Morris Gleitzman, Martin Chatterton and Jacqueline Harvey but my favourite author was Tiffiny Hall. She has a black belt in Tai Kwan Do. What I liked most about her was that she was very happy. I also liked her books and I can’t wait until they are available for purchase.’

Ky enjoyed listening to many of the authors. His favourite author was Martin Chatterton.

**Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support**

The behaviour we are looking at this week is ‘Be Safe Going Home’. It is important that our departure from school is calm and students either walking home or to their car after school has concluded.

**Be Responsible**

**Reading – Premier’s Reading Challenge**
The school has taken the opportunity to register all students for the Premier’s Reading Challenge and completed their sheet containing all the books they have read since June. This sheet will be sent home in the student’s homework folder and we ask that any additional books your child reads at home is recorded on this sheet.

**Be Safe**

**School Camp**
School camp for students in Years 4 – will be held from Sunday 2nd November through to Friday 7th November. Students will be departing St Lawrence Station at 11:40pm on the Sunday night and travel by train to Cairns where we will be staying at the Coconut Palm Caravan Park. The specific itinerary for our camp will be investigated and discussed during the upcoming months but rest assured our students will have a marvellous time. There will be opportunities for our students to take on some responsibility towards fundraising for this camp and we are sure the students will take part in this enthusiastically.

**Date** | **Event**
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5th August | School Photos
19th Sept. | Soccer Competition - Marlborough
5th Dec. | Swimming Carnival

Please note that due to students participating in the Rockhampton Sports Carnival today, our school photos will now be held on Tuesday 5th August 2014.

**Maths**
Years 5 and 6 students have been trialing an interactive way of learning Maths online with Capricornia Distance Education Teacher Mr John McFadden. These sessions allow students to learn with a group of other peers and have been most successful so far. Students are keen to take part and Mr McFadden has praised their progress.
Hi everyone,

I hope the kids shared with you their thoughts on being at Whitsunday Anglican School last Thursday. It was a valuable experience for them to be at such a large school and gain some insight into what may lie ahead of them at High School wherever they will be. Negotiating the hundreds of kids, the unfamiliar grounds and buildings and making sure they listened to instructions to avoid getting lost, were all valuable lessons for them and ones that can be built on when preparing for their move after Year 6. I was grateful to be able to share in the experience with the kids.

The meeting with Brad Huddleston last week at Carmila SS was very enlightening and highlighted many of the problems our children (and even some adults) face with the internet and social media. I am trying to secure some of the information sheets that were available to parents on the night. I had to leave the meeting before it finished and therefore wasn’t able to get them but hopefully I will be able to get hold of them from one of the other Chappies so that I can share some of the critical information.

This week I have had to make a change to my roster and will be unable to attend school on Wednesday as I am looking after my elderly mother-in-law while family members travel away for medical treatment. I will, however, try to be at school for a full day on Thursday. Please do not hesitate to ring me if you need to get in touch.

Until next week,

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