

SNIPPETS NUMBER 2. MARCH 2009

Dear Parents and Tutors,

Visits: Quite a number of visits have taken place this term and I hope they have been of great value to those who have received them. There are one or two more to go before the end of term. Currently we are using a hire vehicle whilst awaiting repairs to the back of the school vehicle. One of our staff inadvertently reversed into a tree and caused some damage. Hopefully the vehicle will be back in operation by the start of term 2. There are many variations to visits and we use a lot of these variations. So far this term we have used the traditional visit to homesteads as well as working with families in town. Next term we hope to have one or two activity days out there.

Classes: We have added an extra teacher, Eloise Jansen, along with current teachers, Nahdia Lewendon, Ashleigh Currie and Karen Ward to the year 1 to 4 classes. This will allow us more flexibility in lesson delivery and programming. I am also having another look at the year 5-7 grouping with a view to focussing on Mr Parson's expertise and employing other staff in a supporting role.

Assessment and reporting: The Support Teacher Learning, Mrs McQuie, assists me in reading all set reports written by teachers. This helps us monitor the progress of all students and review their programs and the way those programs are being implemented by teachers and then assisting teachers to make changes to those programs when necessary.

NAPLAN: National Literacy and Numeracy assessments will take place between the 12th and 14th May. The STL, Mrs McQuie will coordinate this process. Teachers of years 3, 5 and 7 will have worked through some previous material with students so that they are aware of what the assessment process looks like.

P&C : A meeting is listed down for 7th April at 12:30 pm.

Assemblies: The Year 6/7 assembly is on the 3rd April and the year 3/4 assembly is on the 9th April.

Home Tutor Seminar Evaluation: If you have not sent this in please do so. From all accounts so far everyone who attended really enjoyed our seminar.

Fees: Fees for 2009 are due. Thankyou to those who have paid.
1 child \$9.00; 2 children \$15.00; 3 or more children \$18.00
Computer \$ 100.00; P & C \$50.00

SCHOOL ENDS FOR TERM 1: 9th April.

SCHOOL BEGINS FOR TERM 2: Teachers 28th and Students 29th April.

Gerry Keegan
Principal