From the Principal’s Desk

Attendance
For the first four weeks of this term, attendance has been fantastic. We have had 97.78%, 100%, 99.28% and 99.28% attendance over that time. This maximises learning and especially makes assessment tasks easier to implement, without having to try ‘catch-ups’. Congratulations to all of our students and families for a great effort. With being so busy already this term on our class work, Melbourne Cup and Halloween slipped under the radar somewhat over the last week. We did celebrate, however, with ‘Disco Tuesday’ at lunch break as a reward for 100% attendance in Week 2. I do hope everybody picked the winner in the big race and that everybody was treated, not tricked, on Saturday.

Dance Performance
Our students very much enjoyed the excursion to see the Emerald Academy of Dance performance of ‘A Night at the Oscars’. The performance was a great experience of the Arts for the children to attend and was a wonderful opportunity for cultural appreciation. The bonus for Gindie SS was that two of our current students were involved in the production, along with one of our future students. Well done to Jessica, Stella and Elsie. We enjoyed looking out for you on stage. Also, well done to the rest of our students for showing how to be an appreciative audience member. The costumes, sets and choreography were outstanding and our students enjoyed recognising some famous movie characters and songs. I think the loudest cheers were for ‘Let it Go’ from ‘Frozen’ (although maybe not from all sections of the audience).

Swimming
Learn-to-swim lessons commence this week which we are very much looking forward to, especially as the hotter weather arrives. Please review the information notes that were sent home last week to ensure that the children are organised and prepared for swimming for the next few Fridays.

Awards Night Trophies
Thank you to those families that have returned trophies for awards night. The date for the night is December 9th. The evening will commence with a light dinner from 5.00pm, under the shadecloth and in the undercover area, followed by our concert items and awards presentations in the upstairs classroom. A flyer has been attached to this newsletter with further details. We would love to see as many people as possible coming along on the evening.

Day for Daniel Morcombe – child safety
By wearing red last Friday on Day for Daniel we managed to raise awareness of Child Safety. We were also able to make a small contribution to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation ‘Keeping Kids Safe’ campaign from our gold coin donations. In a timely visit, our school adopt-a-cop Constable Isaac dropped in on Thursday last week and spoke to the children about keeping themselves safe.

Yours in Education
Peter Teagle
PARENT REMINDERS AND DATE CLAIMERS

Christmas photos order form
If you would like to order Christmas themed copies of our official school photos please ask at the office for the Country School Photos order form. There are several items available to order online.

Consent Forms
There are still a few families who have not returned the blue consent forms which were updated to include our school's Facebook page. *If you do not wish for your child’s photo or first name to appear on Facebook, you will still need to return the form, noting this exclusion in Section 3 “Limitations on Consent”*. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

LOTE Showcase Day
Our LOTE teacher, Pak Sumadi, will be holding a showcase day on Tuesday 17th November, commencing at 12pm. All parents, including those from the junior class, are invited to come along and see what the Year 5 and 6 students have been learning in LOTE, share in some traditional Indonesian food and enjoy some lovely music performed by the students.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday November 6</td>
<td>Learn-to-Swim commences. Continues on November 13, 20 and Dec 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday November 9</td>
<td>BOOK FAIR commences</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday November 9</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting, 6.30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday November 10</td>
<td>PICNIC LUNCH DAY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday November 11</td>
<td>Remembrance Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday November 17</td>
<td>LOTE showcase day. Starts 12.00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday November 27</td>
<td>Springsure District Swimming Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday Dec 1 and Thurs Dec 3</td>
<td>Prep Orientation Days</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday December 8</td>
<td>Report cards sent home P&amp;C Meeting, 6.30pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday December 9</td>
<td>Awards and concert night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday December 10</td>
<td>Open classroom</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday December 11</td>
<td>Last day of Term 4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Brain Teaser
The day before yesterday Sally was 7 years old. Next year she will turn 10. How is this possible?

Quote of the Week:
*It always seems impossible until it is done.*
—Nelson Mandela

Library News
UNDER THE SEA is the theme for Book Fair which will operate in Week 6 of this term. Students will be given the opportunity during Thursday lunch to create artwork which will be used to decorate our library for the Fair. Please remember to bring back all book loans on Thursday so new books may be borrowed and read.
You Can Do It Parade Awards Term Four
Each week, You Can Do It Capabilities. Our Senior Leaders will be presenting weekly awards based on these focuses each Monday on Parade. Senior Leaders look for students displaying the focus capability throughout each week.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Focus</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Breaking down our Core Value of Responsibility</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Breaking down our Core Value of Acceptance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Breaking down our Core Value of Safety</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Breaking down our Core Value of Manners</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Reviewing our Five Core Values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Celebrating our Five Core Values</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

You Can Do It Parade Awards Term Four
Below are the You Can Do It Capabilities. Our Senior Leaders will be presenting weekly awards based on these focuses each Monday on Parade. Senior Leaders look for students displaying the focus capability throughout each week.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Term One</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Organisation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Getting Along</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Confidence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Persistence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Emotional Resilience</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Organisation</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Social Skill Focuses for Term Four
Each week, Social Skills are explicitly taught in our classrooms. Below is an overview for our weekly focuses in Term Four. We encourage you to review these focuses at home with your children.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Term One</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Breaking down our Core Value of Responsibility</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Breaking down our Core Value of Acceptance</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Breaking down our Core Value of Safety</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Breaking down our Core Value of Manners</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Reviewing our Five Core Values</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Celebrating our Five Core Values</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

P&C News

Working Bee
Our new school sign is ready to install! We will be having a working bee on Saturday morning from 8am to put new posts in ready for the sign, and to tackle a few other jobs needing done around the school grounds. We will cook up a sausage sizzle for lunch after all our hard work! Hope to see you there.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday next week, 9th November, at 6.30pm.

Picnic Lunch
Picnic Lunch is on next Tuesday, 10th November. Anke and Natasha will be cooking up something delicious for our children, assisted by Jocie. Please send along $5 with your child for lunch, dessert and poppa.
News from Miss Fearnley

Our Juniors have been working very hard considering and developing their opinions of the characters from two different versions of the same fairy tale. There seems to be a solid writing trend where the boys have chosen Three Billy Goats Gruff (compared to Three Kangaroos Gruff), and the girls have chosen other classical tales such as Cinderella, or Sleeping Beauty. It’s really shaping up to be quality persuasive writing with well-considered sentence structure, engaging adjectives to describe, and a wide variety of reasons justifying why their choice is the best. We will finish this unit this week, and next week will begin exploring creating our own narratives (stories).

Tomorrow will be the last lesson of Drama this term, with us wrapping up our skits, team games, improvisation and accepting the fiction. The P-3s have been great creating and representing stories and messages through their bodies and voices. The 4-6s have been highly engaged developing their characters in a team of spacetroopers, reacting quickly to pretend problems! It has been a really enjoyable subject to teach. Media will be taught for the rest of term.

As it is half way through the term, I’ve been busy testing the reading levels of the Juniors, and have been impressed by their improvement! During learning time across the school week, formal and informal reading is ingrained in our learning and lessons. It is great to see that between school and home reading, we’re all making steps forward.

I’m very impressed with the high levels of attendance in the classroom, keep it up guys!

Miss Fearnley

News from the Senior Room

This week will see the conclusion of our current units of work in English. The Year 5 and 6 students have already started their assessment task of completing a written comparison of the film and book versions of ‘Storm Boy’. They will use their knowledge of film techniques and authors’ writing styles to explain a point of view about texts and try to persuade their readers as to the validity of their opinions. They will explain how language features, images and vocabulary influence interpretations of characters, settings and events (phew!). The Year 3 and 4 students will write and present a persuasive text, stating their point of view on a topic of their choice. They have been learning how to be convincing in expressing their ideas and opinions. And you thought they were already good in an argument!

In Science and Technology we have been investigating simple machines and the students will design, create and analyse a simple machine of their own. Already, some of their ideas are very creative. We will see how practical they will be.

Preparations have started for Concert and Awards Night items. The Year Sixers are compiling their presentations and the other students have had a few practices of our concert performances. We are looking forward to swimming on Fridays.

Peter Teagle
### Week 1
**Newsletter**
- 5th October: Labour Day
- 6th October: LOTE
- 7th October
- 8th October
- 9th October

### Week 2
- 12th October
- 13th October
- 14th October
- 15th October: ANZAC Day
- 16th October: P&C PICNIC LUNCH
- 16th October: P&C Disco & Movie Night

### Week 3
**Newsletter**
- 19th October: Student Free Day
- 20th October: LOTE
- 21st October
- 22nd October
- 23rd October: Excursion: Emd Academy of Dance “A Night at the Oscars”

### Week 4
- 26th October: Swimming permission and information notes sent home.
- 27th October
- 28th October
- 29th October
- 30th October: Teachers Day
- Daniel Morcombe Day – Child Safety

### Week 5
**Newsletter**
- 2nd November
- 3rd November: LOTE
- 3rd November: Melbourne Cup
- 4th November
- 5th November
- 6th November: Swimming

### Week 6
- 9th November: P&C Meeting 6.30pm BOOK FAIR
- 10th November: P&C PICNIC LUNCH BOOK FAIR
- 11th November: Remembrance Day BOOK FAIR
- 12th November: BOOK FAIR
- 13th November: Swimming BOOK FAIR

### Week 7
**Newsletter**
- 16th November
- 17th November: LOTE
- 17th November: LOTE Showcase 12pm
- 18th November
- 19th November
- 20th November: Swimming

### Week 8
- 23rd November
- 24th November
- 25th November
- 26th November
- 27th November: District Swimming at Springsure

### Week 9
**Newsletter**
- 30th November: High School Transition day
- 1st December: LOTE
- 1st December: High School Transition day Prep Orientation Day
- 2nd December
- 3rd December: Prep Orientation Day
- 4th December: Swimming

### Week 10
- 7th December
- 8th December: Report cards sent home
- 8th December: P&C PICNIC LUNCH
- 9th December: Awards & Concert Night
- 10th December: Open Classroom
- 11th December

---

**Answer:** Today is January 1st. Yesterday, December 31st, was Sally’s 8th Birthday. On December 30th she was still 7. This year she will turn 9, and next year she will turn 10!
The Country Music Group are looking at holding a Christmas break-up during the day on Sunday 29th November. They are considering having a Santa visit on this day, but would like to know community interest in this event. If you would like to attend, parents would need to supply a gift for Santa to present to their child. Please contact Ian Marshall if you are interested in attending, on 4984 4941.