Welcome back to school for the beginning of the second semester. We have certainly had a flying start to the term and it is only getting busier in the next few weeks. The visit from Costa was a wonderful way to start the term. It was fantastic to have such a passionate, enthusiastic and knowledgeable guest to come and talk with the students about the importance of looking after our environment and gardening.

It was a real treat to see the students of Funlantis get to spend so much time talking with Costa about their garden designs and discussing the features they have included and why. I would like to thank Chappie Ronnie and the Tin Can Bay Fishing Club for organising the visit from Costa. It is greatly appreciated and everyone who came certainly enjoyed the afternoon.

I would also like to thank the P&C for supplying cupcakes and coffee for the students and guests.

**Cooloola Small School Athletics Carnival**

We will be hosting the Cooloola Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Monday July 25. The events will be hosted at school and at the oval on Kurrawa Road. The day will begin at 9:00am with events starting at 9:15am and presentations concluding at 2:30pm. It would be great to have as many families as possible cheering on our athletic champions as they take on the best students from Kia Ora, Wolvi and Gympie East State Schools.

**Book Week and Book Fair**

This week we are celebrating Book Week and hosting our Book Fair. Our annual Book Fair Dress Up Day will be on Thursday 21 July. The theme this year is ‘Australia: Story Country’.

This week and throughout the term we are hoping to invite parents and community members to come up to the school and read aloud to the students. If you are keen to share a favourite story or author from your childhood we would love to have you come up to the school. Reading is such a fundamental life skill that we all use each and every day, but it is also an enjoyable past time that many of us use to relax and unwind at the end of the day. It is important for our students to see reading has a purpose outside of school and the learning environment and what a better way than through seeing the joy a good story can bring to someone especially when they share it.

**Reading Tips**

As parents, we have an important role in the development of our children’s reading and literacy skills. The following tips are easy ways that we can engage our children through reading:

1. **Read aloud every day**
   10 minutes of reading aloud every day makes an important difference to every child’s language and literacy development.

2. **Make reading fun**
   Read stories with enthusiasm! Change voices for different characters and alter the volume of your voice to build excitement.

3. **Talk, play and tell stories to your children**
   Tell your child stories every day about your day, their family, exciting things you’ve seen or
Reading, storytelling, talking and play helps your child listen and develop social and language skills.

4. **Read anywhere**
   Read in a variety of places to your child. Read outdoors - in the park, at the beach and on the bus. Just like adults, children enjoy reading in different contexts and times of the day.

5. **Read anything!**
   Storybooks and picture books stimulate imaginations and foster a love of literature. But read recipes, newspapers, brochures, maps and other texts to support your child’s literacy levels in all aspects of their life.

6. **Listen to and praise your child reading aloud**
   Listen to your child read. Consistent reading aloud improves children’s reading and confidence. Wait patiently and let your child work out more difficult words. Praise them when they succeed and for their reading effort.

7. **Ask questions**
   Encourage your child to ask questions about what they are reading before, during and after reading. Ask them what happens next, why something stated is important, and discuss their feelings about events and opinions in the texts.

8. **Discuss the language in the texts**
   Move your finger under the words from left to right as you’re reading. Encourage your child to do the same when they are reading. Stop now and again and discuss a particular word. Ask what it means and what other words are like it.

9. **Don’t forget the pictures!**
   Focus on, celebrate and explore the visuals that go along with the text. These can be illustrations, maps, photographs or graphics and often help your child understand the book or text being read.

10. **Be seen reading!**
    Model reading to your child. Let them see you reading for entertainment and information. Ask them to join in when reading the newspaper, measuring something from a recipe, or viewing a text message.

**Dad’s: Becoming a Reading Legend in Your Family**

Did you know that the home environment plays a powerful role in encouraging children to read?

Being read to at an early age is critical in terms of a child’s social, cognitive, emotional and language development, and their overall well-being.

*Dads Read* was developed following recent research that highlights the importance of dads reading to their children during their early developmental years, before they start school.

- 50% of our language is learned by three years of age. [www.literacytrust.org.uk](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk)
- When fathers are involved with their children’s literacy education from a young age, their children demonstrate increased cognitive abilities, higher self-esteem and greater social competence (Ortiz 2000)
- There is evidence to suggest a strong link between engaging fathers in literacy activities and their sons’ progress (Zambo & Brozo 2009)

**School Opinion Surveys**

Last week you would have received a letter about completing the School Opinion Surveys for 2016. These surveys are an important piece of feedback for our school to see how you as parents think we are travelling in all aspects of the schools operations. Your feedback is highly valued and I would encourage every family to complete the survey before the survey period closes on July 29.

*Mr Micheal Grogan*

Principal
YEAR 1/2 CLASS NEWS

Our writing and reading focus this week has been on understanding the form of a narrative. The children have also begun to write introductions as well as a character description. We have chosen the Australian Story Possum Magic to support our focus. If you haven’t read this national treasure you really should!! It’s written by the talented Mem Fox.....just ask your child! Here are some of our clever writers’ attempts at writing a character description.

GRANDMA POSS
By Lily Irving
Grandma Poss was ageing. She is kind. She is plump and she wears glasses. Grandma Poss can make magic. She can turn kookaburra pink and make dingoes smile and emus shrink. Grandma Poss reads magic books. She was determined because she wanted to make Hush visible again. She is cute and fluffy and makes Hush feel safe!

GRANDMA POSS
By Ashton Purnell
Grandma Poss is old and wise but plump. She rides a bike around Australia. This old possum likes to read magic books. She gets worried when she can’t make Hush visible again. Grandma Poss becomes confused about which food Hush needs to eat!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT “STUDENT OF THE WEEK” RECIPIENTS
GRANDMA POSS
By Jahli Parton
Grandma Poss looks old and chubby but she still looks beautiful! Grandma Poss can make magic. She can read and she rides a bike around Australia. She is kind and friendly. Grandma Poss is jubilant when Hush becomes visible!!!

GRANDMA POSS
By Jimmy Bergin
Grandma Poss is plump and round and old and wise. She can make magic and she rides a bike around Australia!

GRANDMA POSS
By Murphy
Grandma Poss looks warm and cuddly. She looks chubby. She looks magical. She wears magical clothes she is old. She rides around Australia. She is reads magic book and makes Hus invisible. She is a clever Possum. She is soft and cuddly. She never gives up on Hush.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lawler

FUNLANTIS CLASS NEWS
The Funlantan Garden Design Competition was decided in the last week of school by a team of expert judges. Thankyou to Walter Dobkins, Tosh Milner, Nithya Gowda and Michael Donnelly who had the difficult job of selecting some stand out designs. Our judges have backgrounds in architecture, urban planning and landscape design. Congratulations to Seth, Luxie-Leigh, Rose, Tia and Ella F whose designs were selected as winners.

The quality of all designs was outstanding. This fact was reinforced to the students with the attention that Costa gave the Funlantans last Monday. It was wonderful to see the value that he gave each persons ideas. The competitions success was also highlighted by its mention on ABC Radio Widebay. This is available to listen to at https://soundcloud.com/abcwidebay. I am very proud of all my student’s efforts.

Mr Mileson

YEAR 5/6 CLASS NEWS
What a fantastic start to term 3 it has been. We would like to welcome the new members of our class – Abi, Dennis, Paige, Jasmin and Summer and we will all help them out to ensure they settle in quickly to their new school environment. Homework this term will form part of our technology assessment and will be marked accordingly. It will be very important that all students complete their homework tasks in order to achieve a satisfactory mark for their technology unit. Student will be sent home with further details on their project throughout the following weeks. We would all like to congratulate the Funlantins on their wonderful 3D garden designs. Our class really enjoyed looking at the hard work you have been doing and appreciate the effort you put in. Well Done Funlantins!

Ms McColl and Mr Grogan
P & C NEWS

Thank you to all our loyal volunteers who braved the weather on the weekend to help out with the “Pig Day Out” festivities. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Running Club and Brekky Club will start next Thursday 28th July (Due to the special “dress-up parade” for Book Week). Running Club will be starting at 7am and Brekky Club will be on again from 7.45am.

Next week’s Brekky Club Menu: Cheesy Scrambled Eggs and toast! Cereal, milk and fruit.

We are after some helpers for Running Club (even temporary volunteers if you can’t do every Thursday) - please talk to Fiona. Any donations of cereal, butter or fruit are very welcome!

Our next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 17th August, all parents and community members are welcome. Please come along and join us in the RBSS Staff Room at 2:45pm.

P & C Committee

CHAPLAIN NEWS

EXCITING TIMES IN THE SCHOOL’S KITCHEN GARDEN

If you didn’t get along to the school last Monday to hear Costa Georgiadis of ABC’s Gardening Australia, you missed out on a treat! His passion for the environment, gardening and encouraging young people to dream big were very evident as he spoke to students, staff and visitors.

Trudy Leigo of ABC Wide Bay made the journey from Bundaberg to cover Costa’s visit to the school and her story and interviews with Costa, Jasmin White and Rose Vicic can be heard on the ABC Wide Bay website: www.abc.net.au/widebay

Students from Mr Milesen’s Grade 3/4 class had their 3D garden designs on display and Costa was delighted to see the originality and thought that had gone into each design. He made sure that he spoke to each student about their creation and the different elements that had been used. The next step following on from the landscape design competition will be to combine the most popular and achievable ideas of what the students would like to see in their garden into one design. This will then become a plan to be used as the basis for the implementation of the different elements of the new garden area. Features such as a windmill, aquaponics, sundial, cubbyhouse, seating and a pizza oven are just a few of the fantastic ideas the students have come up with.

If any retired builders or handymen would like to donate a few hours in the school garden to make the students’ dreams become a reality, please contact the school office.

We are also looking for donations of PVC piping, spring water bottles, form ply, mini orb sheeting, spoons, pots, pans, fencing wire, framimg timber, stainless cable, screws, nuts and bolts for the Grade 5/6 garden project which is to make garden instruments from recycled materials. Instruments being considered are bucket drums, a thong-a-phone, chimes, xylophone, washboard and maybe even a guitar or harp. Again we would welcome any assistance from parents and if you have hammers, drills, vices, hacksaws, handsaws or screwdrivers that you could bring along, it would be much appreciated.

Chappy Ronnie
Book Fair - 2016 is the 70th Anniversary of the Book of the Year Awards. The theme for book week this year is

**Australia - Story Country.**

To celebrate book week this year, we are holding a scholastic Book Fair in the library this week from Monday 18th July till Friday 27th July, and you know what that means.........

**DRESS UP DAY!! Yay!!**

There are so many talented Australian authors who have given us such wonderful characters and stories unique to our country and culture.

Finding an Australian character to dress up as should be extremely easy for everyone.


So start planning your costumes to help make this an outstanding Australia: Story Country celebration.

Come along and have a look at our beautiful Australiana Library!

Well done Mrs Dargusch!!
PROPOSED SCOUT GROUP FOR TIN CAN BAY

Scouts Qld is looking at the possibility of forming a Scout Group in Tin Can Bay and wants to hear from adults who would like to be leaders as well as young people who would like to be involved. Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of youth and adults in Australia and around the world for more than 100 years. It is the biggest and most successful youth organisation in Australia with approximately 15,000 boys, girls and adults aged from 6-26 involved in Queensland. Scouting is great fun and it prepares young people for life in the adult world by teaching them responsibility for their own actions and learning through outdoor adventures. Camping, abseiling, caving, horseback riding, fishing, rock climbing and diving are just a few of the exciting experiences that a Scout can be involved in.

Scouting challenges young people's minds as well as their bodies. Scouts can enjoy activities linked with the internet and amateur radio and awards linked to citizenship, community service and personal spiritual development.

If you are interested in being a leader or have a child who would like to become part of Scouts Qld, please contact Karl Lingard, Region Development and Support Officer on 0409 573 900 or via email rdso3@scoutsqld.com.au or Chappy Ronnie on 0413 135 867 or via email ronniet@chappy.org.au

For further information check out the website: www.scoutsqld.com.au