Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school is scheduled for a school review from Monday, 14th March to 16th March. The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

All schools have a review at least every four years. A report from the review is made available to Parents and the community on the school’s website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver quality education for students.

Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office or email the review team at SIUMB@dete.qld.gov.au.

Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: schoolreviews.eq.edu.au

As I am sure many have heard that our school will be a fully air-conditioned school by the June/July holidays, this of course means that there will be disruption with nearly all of our classrooms as Capital Works procedures doesn’t allow students to be in the building wherever there is an air-conditioner being placed or refurbished. A plan is being organised on where and approximately when these changes will need to be made.

Recently our trees have been given a check-up by an arborist through our maintenance program. Unfortunately it has been decided that there are a number of trees that either through disease or their limbs dropping due to their brittle nature will have to be cut down. This is a workplace health and safety necessity. It is easier for us to grow the appropriate kind of tree in our playground than replace any humans who may accidently be seriously hurt. This work will occur over the upcoming weekend.

Congratulations to our new School leaders and Sports Captains who were voted in by their peers, year 5 and staff.

School Leaders: Kayden McLaren, Emily Collins, Lindsay McFarlane and Alexander Vollert.

Sports Captains: Ty Lynch-Simmons and Jemima Polkinghorne – Tandara

Vice Captains: Mathew Serra and Malikah Barton - Tandara

Sports Captains: Colt Gowan and Rachel Close – Tinaroo

Vice Captains: Kevin Elliott and Imogen Cook – Tinaroo

The badge presentation to the above students and our student councillors will be on Wednesday, March 2nd at 9.00am in the undercover area. All are welcome to attend.

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Dear Parents/Guardians

2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Developed annually for Years 3 to 12, ICAS offers meaningful assessments which challenge students to demonstrate their skills, and provides teachers and parents with feedback necessary to build up strengths and target weaknesses. In this way students are able to continually improve and move closer to achieving their personal best.

In 2016 ICAS has developed a Spelling assessment for Year 2 to fill the need for an introductory formal assessment of spelling in preparation for NAPLAN in Year 3.

These external assessments will be available through the school. It is a minimum of 3 entries for the test to be administered. Please indicate on the table below which assessments your child would like to complete. Please consult with your class teacher before paying for your child to participate.

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Student Name: _________________________________________  Class:_________

I give permission for my child to participate in the above competitions.

Return to the Office by Friday, 18th March, 2016 with payment.

Signature of Parent/Carer: _________________________________________

Parents/carers we try really hard at school to ensure that all members of our community are safe or able to seek assistance when required. Please continue to talk to your children about their day, the good things, the not so good at times and the everyday things. If you are concerned please ring your child’s teacher for advice. Both the Deputy Principal and I are also available to talk, sometimes an appointment is required for all of us. Ms Johnston is covering any behaviour issues for the Prep to Year 3 cohort.

Parents, in March the Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Citizens Committee will be taking place. Positions on the committee are open for all people to nominate. If you would like to have a go please come to the meeting and nominate. Of course if you do not want to have a position please come to the meeting anyway – we love to see our parents participate.

As this is only a 9 week term the end will be on us very quickly. Don’t forget that the last day of the term is when we have our Easter Bonnet Parade for Preps to 3.

Regards,

Kayleen Wright