

# Newsletter

28 /2/2014



## Date Claimer

**24/2/14** P&C

Meeting

**24/2/14** Leaders

Induction

**14/3/14** School

Photos

## Reading – No 1 Priority

**Does your child  
read at home  
every day?**

**Or (for littlies):**

**Do you (or  
someone in your  
family) read to  
your child every  
day?**

**Please make  
reading a part of  
your afternoon  
routine and help  
us achieve  
amazing results  
for your child.**



**P & C Meeting  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February**

**4pm in School  
Library.**

**All Welcome.  
Come along and  
join our  
Community.**

## Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please join us at the Buffs Club tonight for the Community Raffle. All money raised will go to P & C and of course these funds are then returned back to the school and the children will ultimately benefit.

Since the first newsletter we have had two new staff appointed to specialist roles. Meghanne Kake is our Special Education Teacher and will work with children in the Special Education Program on Wednesdays. Ange Trotter is now our Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy and we are very fortunate to have her working with children every day of the week. Megan Sibley and Vicki Nicholson have been appointed to work as a general teacher aides and Stacey Corporal has been appointed as a teacher aide to work with our Indigenous students. Marg Janetzki, Caroline Thwaites and Jenn Ventura are continuing in their teacher aides roles. These staff are a very important part of our team, who provide valuable support to the teaching and learning of the children.

## Reading - The Number 1 Priority!

A very committed team of staff reviewed our decoding and comprehension strategies. Seymour the Central book worm will once again help children to learn the decoding strategies. Vic Lafferty created a great new character for the comprehension strategies and Connie Comprehension (Seymour's friend) will help children learn

comprehension. The Guided Reading program began again this week and I am looking forward to monitoring, with the teachers, the progress of every child in our school. I know that we will get amazing results because we have amazing staff and parents/carers!

## Enrolment

Current enrolment is 224. This is 9 above the predicted number for 2014. Fortunately there will not be any changes to classes. The additional allocation we received from the increased numbers was used to provide a Support Teacher in Literacy and Numeracy.

## Meet & Greet

The parent teacher relationship is such an important one for the children's progress. Please take every opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to build a great partnership over the coming year. If you were unable to attend the meet and greet and you wish to meet with your child's teacher please contact them and arrange an appointment. If you would like to meet with any of our specialist teachers (Health and PE, Music, Japanese) please contact the school to arrange an appointment.

## Swimming

Swimming started very well despite some issues with securing a bus and a driver. On Tuesday there was also a slight hiccup for some classes, when they were picked up late by the bus. Thanks to everyone

concerned, (teachers, teacher aides, bus driver and parents) who quickly responded and ensured that the children were well supervised while waiting. I am sure that next Tuesday will run without any hiccups! Swimming is a curriculum area and all children are expected to swim unless there is a medical reason why they cannot. I look forward to all children swimming next week. If there are financial reasons preventing your child from swimming please contact me as arrangements can be made to pay weekly or otherwise by arrangement.

Kind regards

Kathy King  
Acting Principal

### **New Telephone contacts**

Please note the new telephone numbers for our school.

Administration office 44 37 3222

Student Absence Line 44 37 3266

### **New Staff**



**Chris Ford**  
**PE Teacher**



**Vicki Nicholson**  
**Teacher Aide**



Hi everyone,

My name is Graeme Foster, I'm the new chaplain at Central State School and I'll be here from Monday to Wednesday. SU Qld Chaplains or "Chappies" provide spiritual and emotional support to school communities. Chaplains are in the prevention and support business helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness, to drug abuse, depression and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in school communities. I'm located in the Positive Learning Unit in the school. I am really looking forward to being part of the school community and meeting families. Please come and see me anytime I look forward to meeting you.



**Graeme Foster**  
**Chaplain**

### **Guided Reading 5/6F**

