From the principal’s desk... Term 2 week 10 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Report Cards
A reminder from last week that Report Cards will be sent out by mail on the holidays. I thank staff for their commitment and efforts in preparing these for parents and students.

Theebine School Excursion
Tomorrow our school is going to Theebine State School with Woolooga and Gundiah State Schools to listen to ‘Kops in Kilts’ and to participate in testing our ‘Bridge Building’ technology skills. This term, our students have researched different styles of bridges and were given a task (design brief) using certain materials to build a model of a bridge and then to test how much weight it can hold. After that the older children are playing a game of soccer. Some students have asked me if they can wear soccer boots and the answer to that is no. Students will be required to wear closed in runners like the ones they wear to school.

Attendance
Our attendance rate for Term 2 was 91.2%. Parents and guardians let’s try and get our attendance rate to 95% for Term 3.

Holidays
I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday; it’s been a busy Term. School resumes Monday the 11th July. There is no student free day on that day.

Darren Sengstock (Principal)
EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY, ON TIME, LEARNING AND ACHIEVING!
June:
- Wed 22 - Pie Drive Delivery
- Thurs 23 - P&C AGM
- Fri 24 - Police Pipe Band at Theebine SS
- Fri 24 - Last Day of Term 2

July:
- Saturday 2nd Federal Election
- Monday 11th First Day of Term 3

**Award Winners**

Congratulations to our award Winners for this week!

**Keith, Zahra and Riley**

For
- Being an Active Learner.
- Being Respectful
- Being Responsible
- Being Safe

Well done both of you!

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**School Opinion Survey**

The School Opinion Survey will be available to fill out online from the 11th July to 29th July 2016.

If you are unable to access the internet at home and would like to participate in the survey, please see Mr Sengstock or Mrs Harding for a time to come in and access the internet at school.

Thank you

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**Early Childhood Program**

Do you have a child that is of before school age?
Do you think that they have all the necessary skills that they need to begin prep?

Every Monday, Gunalda SS conducts an Early Childhood Program that is available for all children from 0-5 years of age. The program is open for all families from the surrounding area and will run every Monday from 9-11am.

The program aims to expose the children to educational components such as literacy and numeracy, while providing a supportive environment for parents to interact with their children and with other parents.

The program is run from the school library and focuses on a range of skills that will greatly benefit children when they start school. Target areas include alphabet and number awareness, social skills and appropriate school behaviours.

Parents are required to remain with the students during the session, but are welcome to have a cuppa and bring and share a morning tea each week. If you would like for your child to attend, please contact the school to register your interest.

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**NEW OFFICE HOURS - 2016**

Please be advised that Ms Cooper is now available hours these school hours:
- Monday 10:45am ~ 4:00pm
- Wednesday 8:15am ~ 3:30pm
- Thursday 8:15am ~ 3:30pm

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**GUNALDA SS P&C**

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 23rd June at 3.15pm.

Please come and support our school by being involved.

All welcome!
We made compost in PET bottles. We used food scraps, dry hay and leaves. We layered them in our bottles. We will have beautiful compost in 4 weeks time to grow more seeds.

Last week we cooked pizza. We used fetta, pumpkin, mushrooms, capsicum and spinach. It was delicious. We also made apple crumble. Yum yum!

Do you want healthy productive plants?

**Worm Tea is now available!**

Grow bigger, healthier, disease resistant plants. Enjoy larger blooms and sweeter fruits with 100% organic worm tea.

Students are now selling worm tea for $1.00 per litre. If you are interested in purchasing some worm tea please see Danielle or Tanya.
Our newly established Kitchen Garden has been established and operating for only three weeks and already we have been harvesting herbs for our cooking sessions. We have seen amazing growth in our vegetable seedlings since planting them out thanks to the hard work of the children who have been busily watering and fertilizing the seedlings. We have been using worm tea to fertilise the plants produced in our very own worm farm which has been lovingly tended by our irreplaceable volunteer Mr Luke.

As part of the Kitchen Garden Program, the children have been cooking every week using fresh healthy produce. It is hoped that eventually the produce required in our cooking sessions will be supplied entirely from our edible garden. As yet we are not producing our own eggs and would really appreciate donations of these if any of our community has some to spare.

The children are enjoying this process immensely and are developing skills across the curriculum especially in science, health, mathematics and literacy not to mention life skills.

We are all looking forward to watching the garden develop and are expecting a bumper harvest of zucchinis, tomatoes, carrots, lettuce and spinach to mention a few when we return after the holidays.

Jo Leonard