FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“THE BEHAVIOURS THAT CHILDREN DISPLAY ARE NORMALLY MODELLED ON THE BEHAVIOURS THAT ARE OBSERVED, MODELLED BY SIGNIFICANT ADULTS IN THEIR LIFE”

In last week’s Cooee Allan referred to an article in The Sunday Mail dated 3rd November 2013 from which the above statement has been taken. He also made the quote “children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them”. I offer a third quote “a chip off the old block”. I would ask all parents to reflect on the importance and effect they have on how their children will behave and conduct themselves in life.

If as parents and adults you are telling children “school isn’t important”, then they will not see it as important. Language that some Families consider appropriate and use at home could be considered inappropriate when used in the wider community. We are the role models that ultimately have the highest impact on how our children become participants in society. If you are showing disrespect for authority whether it be police, community leaders or teachers then your children will undoubtedly display similar attitudes.

As parents we all display the best for our children but sometimes we forget that what we do, they see and display. Let us hope that what they do imitate are the best possible behaviours that we can model.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Yesterday students in Year 5 and 6, who are interested in being school leaders in 2014 addressed staff, parents and children from Years 5, 6 and 7. This provided each applicant an opportunity to share information about themselves and what sort of leadership aspirations they had for our school.

All students who presented yesterday are congratulated on their achievement. Process will now see all students in Year 5, 6 and staff within the senior area of our school provide their thoughts as to who they believe will make good leaders for 2014. Leadership positions will be announced at the Year 7 Graduation on Wednesday 11th December.

CONTINUING ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

Right now we are beginning the formulation of classes for next year. It is vitally important that we know if your child/ren will be here next year. As always occurs at this time of year, a number of our families return overseas after completion of studies at USQ or may move due to family or work commitments.

If you are returning but will not be here on the first day of 2014, could you also please advise us in writing of your anticipated date of commencement. This helps us with ensuring that adequate staffing is in place for the year.

Sincere thanks for your co-operation in this matter and please feel free to contact the School Administration on telephone number (07) 46 368333 should you have any queries or concerns.

MAKING EVERY DAY COUNT

As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 13 December 2013. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Until Next Week

Mark
SWPBS (SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT) MATTERS
Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4. The Value for this week is “Thinker” and the Focus is “I think about being a positive role model”. During discussions with the students, we stress the importance of “Telling the Truth”. As we get to this time of the year, the pace picks up from fast to hectic. School Staff spend a great deal of time following up on complaints/issues that are received. This time could be better spent if students told the truth when first asked about what happened. It is best to “fess up”, “face the music”, and accept the consequences for the action, so that we all can move on. This is a life long skill that each student needs to acquire.
As I stated in last week’s “Cooee”, in the “Sunday Mail” dated 3rd November, 2013, there was an article written. The following extract comes from this article. Please take the time to read the following as it is quite enlightening.
One of the key reasons kids misbehave is they see it done so well by their parents.
It’s what psychologist Albert Bandura calls the Social Learning Theory: people learn by watching others.
Most parents don’t deliberately set bad examples, but our actions influence our kids.
It can begin with seemingly small things.
We tell them not to lie but make them say they are 11, not 12, to qualify for a child’s discount.
We caution against drugs, but self-medicate with alcohol.
We urge them to call the police if in trouble but we curse the cops if caught speeding.
You get the idea.
Rules are set for the greater good, and while we should question them, we shouldn’t disregard them simply because they might not suit us.
Schools that take a firm stand against poor behaviour have been shown to deliver better educational outcomes.
A positive school environment also can shape character and build self-confidence.
When parents partner schools in their child’s journey—by demonstrating respect for authority, sticking to limits and practising self-control—everyone wins.
All children are free to learn in a culture of safety and co-operation and good teachers are given due respect for a job that demands more patience than most of us could muster.
Any comments (be they positive or negative) can be directed to Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) on Telephone Number (07) 46368333. If you would like to receive a copy of the full article, also feel free to contact Mr Allan Bagley.

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM OUR K-9 FRIENDS
Things that we can all learn from a dog ……..
When loved ones come home, always run to greet them
Run, romp and play daily
Eat with gusto and enthusiasm
Be loyal
Never pretend to be something you are not
Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride
Allow the experience of the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy
When it’s in your best interest, practice obedience
Let others know when they’ve invaded your territory
Take naps and stretch before rising
If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it
When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently
Thrive on attention and let people touch you
Avoid biting when a simple growl will do
On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree
When you’re happy, dance around and wag your entire body
No matter how often you’re scolded, don’t buy into the guilt thing and pout….run right back and make friends.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
“Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.”

2014 STATIONERY LISTS
Sincere thanks to Brown’s Bookstore for printing the 2014 Stationery Lists. By purchasing these stationery items from Brown’s Bookstore, you are ultimately assisting your P&C. A percentage of sales is paid to the P&C and this ultimately benefits all members of the School Community. Stationery Lists have been sent home.
Important dates to remember are as follows:
Friday, 22/11/13: Closing date for orders to be placed on-line
Tuesday, 3/12/13: 8.00am to 9.30am, orders can be collected from the Function Room
Please feel free to contact Mr Allan Bagley (Deputy Principal) on Telephone Number (07) 46368333 if you wish to seek clarification about any of the aforementioned information.
Congratulations to those students in 1J, 3B and 3H who successfully completed the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge.
The students had to read a number of books from a given list to complete the challenge and consequently received a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier, Mr Campbell Newman.
The certificates were mailed out to the school and the students received their certificate this week.
Well done students.

Christmas Craft News

Craft mornings are held on Thursdays in the Function Room.
Everyone is welcome to come along and children are also welcome.
We currently require donations of unwanted leggo pieces, melting chocolate and tea towels.
Thank you

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We are looking for donations of school uniforms. We are in particular need of polo shirts and shorts. If you have old school uniforms that you would like to donate to the school, please bring them in clean condition to the school office.

SWIMMING CAPS

Latex swimming caps will not be available at the tuckshop for the remainder of the year. Lycra caps are available for $8.

COMMUNITY NEWS

• **Outside School Hours Care** - Ph. 4636 8342
• **KIYUA PERFORMING ARTS** Dancing and Performing Arts every Saturday morning in the DHSS Hall from 9am. Call Sheridan on 0412135925
• **Toowoomba Grammar School Cricket Camp**: For all boys aged 10 - 13 years.
  - When: 12 - 14 January 2014
  - Where: Toowoomba Grammar School
  - Cost: $275 Live out or $400 Live in
  - R.S.V.P: Friday 15 November 2013
  - Inquiries: (07) 46872529 or email: w.brown@twgs.qld.edu.au

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**Prep and Year 1 Star Students**

**Prep**
- PW Yousef Alshammari
- PN Brice Grady
- PT Maddison Dorman

**Year 1**
- 1B Mohamed Maryol
- 1J Sedra Salim
- 1S Elisabeth Briggs
- 1M Christina Giddy

**Year 2 Stars of the Week**
- 2D Mohammed Aldekhan
- 2LM Mariam Nafie
- 2V Olivia Cain
- 2M Remas Alhazmi

**Year 3**
- 3H Star Box
  - Hayley Sinnamon

**Student of the Week**
- Natasha Musumba

**3W 100% Spelling**
- Aisha Nafie, Shelby Hooper, Zoe

**3W Students of the Week**
- Abdulrahman Alhuwaydi, Naehal Zarook

**3S Stars of the Week**
- Joy Kisando, Chrispine Wilondja Eussa

**3S 100% Spelling Club**
- Maddison Borey, Nick Gollan, Helen Jukudu, Kaytlyn Kemp, Joy Kisando, Nasur Nur, Jumana Al Siyabi

**3S Most Improved Speller**
- Joy Kisando

**3S 100% Number Facts**
- Nicholas Ardika, Maddison Borey, Nick Gollan, Anjelika Waters

**Year 4/5 Stars of the Week**

**Star Awards**
- 4B Brianna Volp
- 4R Kiranjot Kaur
- 4G Fadi Gorges

**Merit Awards**
- 4B Mohamed Ali
- 4R Mibaraka Ruhiriaka
- 4G William Cooke
- 5P Jahrem Richardson
- 5V Yahya Khushaee

**Student of the Week**
- Zain Carr
- Laiba Shahzad

**SEP Awards**

**Merit Awards**
- Jerrell Binge, Deacon Williams, Ryan Barlow, Jessica Bryde

**Star Student**
- Zulaikha Nowrozy