



# NEWSLETTER

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Have a great week everyone. Trent O'Brien  
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## P&C MEETING THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 7PM ROYAL HOTEL

### PRINCIPALS PIECE

Hello Everyone,

On Friday, the Regional Learning Fair for Group 3 was conducted in Townsville. I attended to present the approach Hughenden State School utilises with regards to Early Years Levelled Reading (which for our context leads directly into Reading with a Literacy Focus).

Miss Mellon and Miss Bowtell featured in video snippets throughout the presentation where they articulated the purpose of the four lesson sequence, the data they gathered through this process and how they would then use this data to inform the reading intervention required for every student to improve.

Sharon Schimming the North Queensland Regional Director gave testimony to the audience about what a fantastic job our school is doing with early levelled reading and the fortunate position we are in to have 2 graduate teachers articulating their quality teaching so well.

Last Thursday, we hosted a Flinders Shire Council funded community event titled "Proppa Solid." Those in attendance found the performance to be 'hilarious', 'very enjoyable', 'extremely funny' and 'engaging'. This Friday, we have our second Year 6 Transition Day. This day is about providing Year 6 students with an opportunity to experience the day of a high school student in preparation for next year.

We have support services available for students to utilise to further support student learning in classrooms. We have our Homework Centre running on Mondays and Thursdays from 3pm – 4pm. We also have the Support Room open every day from 11.35am – 12.05pm where students can receive support with their learning. It also provides a quiet space if students wish to do some school work in a quiet environment. I encourage all students to utilise these services.

Our next P&C meeting is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Royal Hotel Dining Room from 7pm. I hope to see many of you there.

Our subject selection evening will be held next Monday (October 24) evening. Further details will be provided this week.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Student of the Week award on parade today: Ciara, Tenille and Gracelyn.



### TUCKSHOP

Welcome to Amanda Corney who is our new Tuckshop Convenor and Marilyn Caldwell who is assisting her. Thank you ladies for taking on this important role in our school. We would like to remind you that tuckshop is opened every Wednesday and Friday. Please have orders in by 9am.



### GRANDPARENTS DAY / DAY FOR DANIEL/ WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Next Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, we will be inviting our Grandparents to come along for morning tea and visit our classes. We will also be celebrating Day for Daniel and World Teachers Day. We encourage all staff, students and parents to wear red on this day to show support.

### YEAR 12 FOOTY DOUBLES

Round 3 (#392503) 5(home) and 2(away) unclaimed  
AUSTvsNZ(#392505) 1(home) and 9(away) unclaimed  
Round 10 (#392804) 6(home) and 2(away) unclaimed  
Round 24 (#393502) 3(home) and 6(away) unclaimed  
Round 26 (#394492) 2(home) and 9(away) unclaimed

GRAND FINALS (#394305) 8(home) and 1(away) is unclaimed

Prize money can be collected from the office between 9am and 3pm. **All prize money must be claimed by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.**

### **PROPPA SOLID PRODUCTION**

Last Thursday, our school hosted a FSC funded performance – ‘Proppa Solid’, a comedy performance for the whole family. Created from the ABCs Black Comedy, the performance centred around Australia’s first aboriginal president who had been flung back in time to the present day on a hilarious adventure to discover the true meaning of success. The performance was attended by both our students, staff and a number of community members. Those in attendance found the performance to be ‘hilarious’, ‘very enjoyable’, ‘extremely funny’, ‘engaging’ and ‘the best performance we have seen in a long, long time’. Thank you to the FSC for providing us with this opportunity.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **OCTOBER**

- 20 Prep Transition Day – Half day
- 27 Prep Transition Day – Full day
- 28 Day for Daniel

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 3 Prep Transition Day – Full day
- 9 Speech Night
- 10 Prep Transition Day – Full day
- 17 Prep Transition Day – Full day
- 18 Year 12 Graduation

### **YEAR 6/7 CAMP - PALUMA**

It was a busy 3 days up at Paluma! The days were spent traversing through the rainforests looking at different flora and fauna. This included an analysis of water quality by looking at macro-vertebrates and a night time rainforest walk where we were lucky enough to see glow worms and different glowing fungi! On top of all of this the students got to experience a day full of outdoor activities with Outer Limits which involved slacklining, archery and an amazing race before we finished off the day with the a swim down at Little Crystal Creek! Everyone had an amazing time and learnt a lot about the different environments that exist around us! Thank you very much to our parent helpers and staff members involved!!

