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## School Photos 24 March P&C Meeting 23 February

### PRINCIPALS PIECE

Hello Everyone

What a fantastic effort by the Flinders District/HSS swimmers who travelled to Richmond last Wednesday for the Mid-West trials. Their participation earned Flinders District 2nd place in overall points for the day and 3rd place in aggregate points (total points divided by effective enrolment). Congratulations to age champions! Good luck to the swimmers that were invited into the Mid-West Swim team to attend the North West Regional carnival.

The reviews for Queensland State Schools are a key part of the Department of Education and Training's School Improvement Agenda, with every state school, including independent public schools, to have a review at least every four years. As outlined in the School Performance Assessment Framework, the reviews build on the teaching and learning audits and are tailored to the needs and context of schools.

Our school review, from the 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February, will be conducted in a professional manner by reviewers who have been selected and trained by the School Improvement Unit (SIU). The review team will look at our school's performance data and other relevant school information.

The review team, led by Alan Whitfield, will conduct interviews with staff, parents, students and the wider community. The review team may choose to conduct interviews individually, or in larger group sessions. Interviews are conducted in an open and friendly manner, and provide an opportunity for teachers and the school community to give feedback on the school.

The review team will work closely with me and our leadership team during the review, and will keep me informed of their findings as the review progresses. At the completion of the review, the team will present its findings to our leadership team and then the whole staff. A written report will follow with more detailed information to support our school's improvement agenda.

Evidence is central to all of our work. Evidence informs everything we do and helps to continually improve our understanding of effective practices and policies and the Department's new Evidence Framework brings together the elements essential for building better practice.

Mid Term assessments are being finalised so that mid semester progress can be reported. The Australian Curriculum achievement standard describes what students are typically expected to understand and be able to do by the end of a year in a course of study in English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography.

Have a great week

Darrell

*"The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said."*  
Peter Drucker

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students that were presented student of the week awards on parade today:

Natalie, Madison, Amber, Harrison, Lysandra, Jacob, Ricky



### BADGES AWARDED

Today on parade students who were away on Induction parade were awarded with their badges. Kodi - School Captain, Tenille - Churchill House Captain.

### YEAR 1/2/3 CLASS LEARNINGS

Students in Yr 1/2/3 have been very busy observing and exploring the properties of materials. Students have explored materials by conducting investigations which have identified a variety of properties such as, water-proof, durable, flexible, light and heavy.

This knowledge of materials and their properties will also assist students with Design and Technology, where they will be required to select recycled materials to make an object based on a design brief. Thanks for everyone who has brought in a range of materials for us to use!



### TUCKSHOP – MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

Thank you to our tuckshop volunteers for keeping the tuckshop running; they are doing a wonderful job. Friendly reminder tuckshop is now open on Mondays.



### SPORTS NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS SWIMMERS!** –Well done to our swimmers, Tenille, Jessica, Josephine, Linkyn, Kiralee, Danielle, Ty and Dominique who attended the Mid West Swimming trials held in Richmond last Wednesday. Congratulations to Danielle, Dominique & Ty who were awarded Age Champions at the carnival. All students put in a mighty effort. Good luck to Danielle Sladden, Kiralee Naylor and Ty Struthers who were selected into the Mid West team which will attend the North West Regional Swimming trial in Cloncurry on February 24 & 25.



**NETBALL** – There will be netball training sessions on every Friday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm on our undercover court area with Mrs O'Neil. These training sessions are for any interested girls born 2007 to 2000+ and are in preparation of the upcoming netball trials.

**MID WEST SPORTS CLUSTER DAY** - We will be having our Mid West Sports Cluster Day in Cloncurry on Tuesday, February 28 and Wednesday, March 1 for students born 2007 to 2005. Students will participate in netball, rugby league, touch and football (soccer) trials for selection into the appropriate Mid West teams. We will travel up on Tuesday morning, stay overnight altogether in a classroom and return on Wednesday afternoon. Students who are interested in attending this carnival as part of the Flinders District team will receive their paperwork at the end of this week.

### PAULGER PIONTS FROM SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the participants in the swimming carnival, great job keeping up the school spirit and taking pride in your house. The following paulger participation points were awarded to the houses:

**Churchill 30, Curtin 38 and Roosevelt 37**

### CADETS SIGN UP

When- Thursday 16th Feb

Time- 6.30 pm

Where- SES Headquarters

Who- Must be aged 12 and up

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

All students were handed their school photo envelopes today. Please return by 24<sup>th</sup> March to the school office. Family photo envelopes are available at the office.

### CHANGE OF DATE

#### NETBALL – COME AND TRY DAY

When: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Where: DEC

Time: 3:30pm- 6pm

Who: All students aged 5-12years (boys and girls)

Cost: Nil

### CONGRATULATIONS ED

Today, Eddie completed his Certificate III in grounds keeping.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### FEBRUARY

23 P&C Meeting

27 Year 7 Immunisations

28 MW Sports Cluster Day – Cloncurry

#### MARCH

1 MW Sports Cluster Day – Cloncurry

3 NW 14-15 & 16-18yrs Rugby League trials