AUGUST 19, 2016 TERM 3 WEEK 4

DIARY DATES:

- 22 Aug – Blessed to Bless - Kim Mukuka coming for whole school devotion
- 22-26 Aug – Book Week
- 23 Aug – Dress up day for book week.
- 23 Aug – ASSEMBLY @ 9:30am in Library
- 23 Aug – OPEN NIGHT @ 7pm
- 7 September – Association Meeting & Board Meeting at 7pm
- 21 Sept – Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 23 Sept – Last Day Term 3 & Assembly at 2pm

"But the Lord has been my defense, And my God the rock of my refuge”.
Psalm 94:22 NKJV

Class News Edition

Infants Class (Kindergarten to Year 2)

We have had a great week learning more about the Olympics, the importance and uses of water, expressing ourselves in Dance and thinking of some ideas for writing a class book. Just a reminder that library will be on Friday every week. Please ensure your child has a library bag for this day to ensure the books from the school library remain safe. Students will be able to borrow this book for one week.

A note will come home in the next week or two about costumes for recording the Daniel play.

Lower Primary (Year 3 & 4)

This week stage 2 has started making wire sculptures of bicycles in creative art. Students have been thinking about the parts of the bicycle as well as different designs and have now started to construct their own sculpture. Students started by designing the wheels for their bicycles and will move on to the frame of their sculpture next week.
Upper Primary (Year 5 & 6)
This week we have been looking at historical diary entries in English. Each student has researched a historical event from their lifetime and writing a diary entry which includes facts about that event. It has been a week focused on research, with the students learning computer researching skills in Geography as they learned about Brazil.

High School (Year 7-10)
As a part of the science week the High School students have designed a solar cooker. As it turned out it was a beautiful warm, sunny and cloudless day and ideal conditions to conduct our experiment on marshmallows. Surprisingly the temperature in some solar cookers reached the mid-fifties. It was good to see students enthusiastically participating in these activities.

Currently the High School Students are learning about various ecosystems. At the end of each unit the students will be tested on their knowledge about the topic and in particular how well they can apply concepts to everyday situations. We will be starting a new chemistry unit on atoms and molecules and the different reaction types next week.

Homework and assessments
The high school students have been given a homework booklet and are strongly encouraged to finish one activity every week. They have also been told that if the unable to finish the homework help will be provided either during lunch or recess. The homework activity given should not take more than 20 minutes to complete and hence trivial excuses will not be accepted. Students have been advised that failing to submit assessment tasks will result in a 0 grade being awarded and a warning letter sent home.

The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, But the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness. Proverbs 15:14 NKJV
Welcome to this week’s edition of the newsletter

Congratulations
Well done to all students who participated in the Primary School Chess Competition last week at Griffith. Two of our teams were placed first and second and other teams did remarkably well meaning that our school took out the honours of the best school at the meeting. Teams are also competing at Griffith this week and we look forward to their news on how they went.

Naplan Results
A copy of your child’s results is being sent home today. These results are a snapshot of your child’s achievement in literacy and numeracy. As a snapshot it describes how they performed on the day and gives students, parents and the school an idea of how they are going. It is not helpful to try and make direct comparisons between students as it is a big picture analysis rather than what they can do in every aspect of the curriculum. As a school we have done exceptionally well with the school averages significantly above or equal to the national average in the various areas of literacy and numeracy. So it is a well done to all for this achievement.

Great personal effort
Congratulations to Lugaidh who came 10th in the 12-13 years’ boys 200 metres of the State CSSA (Christian Schools Sports Association) Athletics carnival. His time was better than his personal best which he achieved at the Dubbo zone event this year.

The following is an update on activities planned for next week as part of Book Week.

Monday Morning
Kim Mukuka will be us for Devotions and the Christian Living lesson with the High School students. Her theme will be books in mission work.

Tuesday Assembly
The assembly will commence at 9.30 with students and staff in Book Week Theme costumes. Stage 1 will lead the assembly. There will be a parade as part of the assembly. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend. There will be a morning tea after the assembly.

Tuesday Dress-up
While celebrating Australian Books and Authors will be out theme students and staff are encouraged to dress up in a character from any book. Students are encouraged to bring the book of that character if they have it. A special request is that there be no sporting characters this year.

Friday Reading Day
Friday is set aside as reading day. High School students will be reading to their primary colleagues through the day.

Everyday
Students are asked to read to their parents each night for at least ten minutes each.

God bless you
John Clark