What a busy day for the whole school!! It was great to have lots of visitors on campus to stop by classrooms and check on the learning happening there. It was great to have some new visitors to the campus to have a look at our great school.

Did you see the animal farm? The students really loved the time they were able to spend getting to know the animals. The photos tell the story and for many children they wished the animals were here always. The look of delight on the faces of the children made it all worthwhile.
‘Do you have to do that?’ I pleaded, silently calculating the extra cost. ‘Can’t you just patch it up?’ But the builder was adamant. ‘Unless we go down to the proper depth, the building inspector won’t approve it. The right foundation is vital.’

The right foundation makes the difference between something that lasts and something temporary. Jesus knew that though foundations are invisible, they are vitally important to the strength and stability of the house (Matt. 7:24-25), especially when it is battered by the storms.

Often when we make a decision we can be tempted to take the easy way, find shortcuts, or do things by halves to gain their objectives. Other foundations may be quicker and easier. Building our lives on the right foundation is hard work. When the storms of life hit, houses built on solid values stand firm.

Asking questions of our young people as they grow may be some of their most important character building moments. Discernment is the ability to see things as they really are. To have good reasons for right choices. This is the journey we take in discussing decisions with our children. To help them see the difference and to learn and practice the value of discernment.

Dr D J Faull
Principal

Our Bus
You have probably noticed the school bus is off the road and we have a replacement from Avondale. The bus was recently serviced and a problem developed with the gear selection. The gearbox needed some surgery so the bus has been off the road. We are hoping it will be back in-service early next week.

School Canteen
Our canteen has not been operating this year. The children just love to have the canteen operate one or two days a week – even three!

We are seeking the service of some willing volunteers to come and open the canteen on selected days. It usually involves about two hours a session. To run we need three to four volunteers to make up a roster. Any money raised from the canteen is used to buy student readers. If you see this as your opportunity to shine and put a smile on little people’s faces contact Tammy on 4959 5647.

Staff Changes
As you are aware, Mrs Janese Cameron has been teaching in K-2 for the last 14 months. Mrs Cameron has decided to take up full time study to upgrade her teaching qualifications commencing immediately.

Mrs Cameron is a caring, fun loving teacher who has the welfare of the students in her care always on her heart. We wish Mrs Cameron every success with her study and future challenges!

The children will miss your costumes!!

Thank you
You will, no doubt, have seen our brand new fence out the front of the school. This addition to our school is important as it means that our campus is now much safer for our students. We wish to thank Mr Drury and his helpers for installing the fence. It is looking amazing and we are incredibly thankful to Mr Drury for all his hard work.

Awards

Students of the Week
Pre-Kindy - Charlotte
K-2 - Ioana
3-6 - Sophie

Values Award
Pre-Kindy - Grace S
K-2 - Peter
3-6 - Kanayah

General News
There has been lots of “look” moments in Pre-Kindy this week. Look moments are those special times when children are amazed by something and they want to tell everyone to “look”. On Tuesday we learnt about the letter b. Bouncy Ben makes the “b” sound and we ate some banana, and baked some bread. It was wonderful to smell the bread cooking in the bread machine throughout the day. We spread our bread with butter, and blackberry jam. Yum! Everyone wanted a second piece. We glued buttons onto our cut out letter b too. If anyone has a photo of their fridge at home with all the letters of the alphabet on it, I would really appreciate one for our newsletter. To help teach the letter b, we also went outside and made lots of bubbles. I love watching the children’s faces light up when they realise they have found another word starting with the letter of the day. Building phonemic awareness is an important part of learning to read, and asking children to think of other words that start with the same sound is something you can do at home to help.

We celebrated Daniel’s birthday on Tuesday with some lovely cupcakes. Happy Birthday Daniel from all your Pre-Kindy friends! We also had super fun at the Animal Farm during our Open Day. All those animals to play with was a big attraction at recess and lunch time. The play ground was empty! We have been investigating density in Science and there were ‘look” moments from every child when they made their larva lamps. Simple things delight children, and the wonder of watching the oil change places with the water amazed everyone.

Mrs Thompson bought a new logic puzzle for us to play with. It has little trucks that need to be filled by different shapes. Children enjoyed thinking logically about how to fit the shapes into the trucks, and the feeling of achievement after figuring it out was evident on their faces.

It has been another fun and exciting week in Pre-Kindy. Keep up the good work everyone.

The Open Day animal farm was a huge success and everyone loved petting the various animals that were here. Some children came into class smelling like a mouse!

As you may know, I am leaving to pursue my studies at Avondale College. I would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all the parents and thank you for all your support. I will miss you all and your children. God bless you all and thank you for the opportunity to teach your children. They are precious gifts from God.

Open Day on Tuesday was definitely the highlight of the week. We proudly shared our special item with our parents and visitors at the concert. We also really enjoyed sharing all the wonderful things we get to do in class. Mrs Ryan got us to make autumn trees in Visual Arts. They look great! We even got to share what we do in TCN with our visitors. We are really excited about this year’s TCN program. It was great to have the animal farm visit our school and we just loved interacting with the animals. There were so many amazing animals to see such as lambs, goats, mice, chickens and more. We hope the animal farm can come back and visit us again!

We had another great Bible study lesson with Pastor Brock this week. We really appreciate his efforts with helping us to learn all about God.

What a wonderful week it has been for Years 3-6!
Garden News

On Open Day our class picked sweet potatoes and we found some massive ones. God has really blessed the growth of our potatoes. On Wednesday our class made hot sweet potato chips for the rest of the school. They were delicious as we used coconut oil to cook them in. Yum. Thank you God for making our sweet potatoes grow for us to eat and share. Mr Drury, you are a legend! (K-2)

TCN News

This week in TCN we filmed the news desk segments for Edition 1 of the news. This was the first time we have filmed for the year, and there were many students watching with great interest. It was great to see our experienced TCN team mentoring the new students. It was special to see children starting out in their jobs, giving it their best effort. Well done everyone.
We Value Discernment

School Term Dates 2016

Term 1
Wednesday January 27 - Friday April 8

Term 2
Tuesday April 26 - Friday July 1

Term 3
Monday July 25 - Friday September 23

Term 4
Monday October 10 - Tuesday December 13

Prayer Requests
We would like to encourage our school community to come together in prayer.

If you have any prayer requests, please feel free to let the staff know, so that we can include your request in our prayers.

Office Hours
Monday   Closed
Tuesday   8:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am - 12:30pm
Thursday 8:30pm - 1:30pm
Friday   8:30am - 12:30pm

Uniform Shop Hours
(Cooranbong Campus)
Monday   8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Calendar - Term 1

Easter weekend ......................................................... 25-28 March
Primary Cross Country ..................................................... 29 March
Daylight saving ends ...................................................... 3 April
Primary SWOMP ............................................................... 4-8 April
Gateway Kids Reach Rally .................................................. 9 April
End of Term ..................................................................... 8 April

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