We want to share with you
Principal’s Message

In a Better Homes and Gardens article titled “Laugh Your Way to Good Health,” Nick Gallo made an observation that echoes what Solomon wrote thousands of years ago: “A merry heart does good, like medicine”(Proverbs 17:22). Gallo said, “Humour is good medicine—and can actually help keep you in good health.” He quoted another doctor, Will Fry, who describes laughter as “inner jogging” and says that it’s good for a person’s cardiovascular system.

Comparing laughter to exercise, Gallo pointed out that when a person laughs heartily several physical benefits occur. There’s a temporary lowering of blood pressure, a decreased rate of breathing, and a reduction in muscle tension. He said that many people sense a “relaxed afterglow.” He concluded, “An enduring sense of humour, especially combined with other inner resources such as faith and optimism, appears to be a potent force for better health.”

Christians, above all others, should benefit from laughter because we have the greatest reason to be joyful. Our faith is firmly rooted in God, and our optimism is based on the assurance that our lives are under His wise control. Don’t be afraid to enjoy a good laugh—it’s good medicine. He who laughs, lasts.

‘A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person’s strength.’ Prov 17:22

Enjoy the news for this week!

Dr David J Faull
Principal

General News

Athletics Carnivals

The Years 3-6 Athletics Carnivals are being held next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. A letter has been sent home about these events. Permission notes need to be returned to school by Monday, please.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The teachers have been busy writing reports for the K-6 students and we plan to send them home at the end of next week. Your child’s report will be placed in a sealed envelope and sent home. Please check your child’s bag for their report when they return home from school.

We are giving you the opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress on Wednesday, 29 June 2016. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held 4pm-6pm. We want to encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and contact Mrs Allan in the office to make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher.

We look forward to meeting with you on Wednesday, 29 June 2016 to discuss your child’s progress.

School Bus

Parents of students who travel home on our school bus are asked to ensure that they are waiting at the bus stop when the bus arrives. Students must not get off the bus unless their parents are present. Thank you for noting this important safety procedure.

School Fees

Thank you to those that have made a contribution to their school fees this week. As the term is drawing to a close we would appreciate your attendance to this matter.

Awards

Students of the Week
Pre-Kindy - Daniel
3-6 - Nicholas

Values Award
Pre-Kindy - Amelia
3-6 - Riley
Pre-Kindy

It is always an eventful week in Pre-Kindy! This week we explored how to use ten frames to make big numbers. Sebastian made 30 using 3 tens frames. At news time, Logan enjoyed bringing two old skulls from his family’s farm. They sat under the teacher’s desk until news time!

Our alphabet sounds are progressing nicely, with lots of children adding more sounds that they know to their alphabet chart. This of course means more children are able to sound out words at reading time. It is very exciting. Tom was able to spell the word ‘vet’ on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed our gardening time after lunch. We were shown a new sign outside our garden. It looks really good. Then we were shown how to use a wheelbarrow, and we moved wood from one spot to the wood pile. We had a group of children who only wanted to use the big black wheelbarrow. It was amazing to see their determination. After all that hard work, we decided an ice-block was a good idea, followed by a quick game of duck, duck, goose. That turned out to be a highlight of the day for many!

We hope you enjoyed your week. We certainly have at Pre-Kindy!

K-2

A BIG thank you to Mrs Greensill for teaching us this week while Mrs Woods has been away recovering from an illness. We have appreciated all the great things Mrs Greensill has done with us. We really enjoyed learning all about 3D shapes in Maths. We discovered that many everyday objects have the same shape as the 3D shapes we were studying. We have been doing lots of writing this week and we can be very proud of our efforts in this area. We even discovered the ‘bossy e’ rule in Spelling. A very important rule to learn! If you have visited our campus lately you will have noticed a new sign at the entrance of our garden. We think it looks great and we are very proud of our garden.

We really enjoyed Chapel this week. Mr Hobson was our speaker and he told us a story to remind us of the importance of obeying our parents.

We wish Mrs Woods well and hope she feels better soon.

3-6

It has been a busy time in the Years 3-6 classroom even though we have only been at school for four days this week. We have been working hard to complete some models we are working on in Bible. We are making King Solomon’s temple and our work is looking great.

We have been doing lots of work in TCN lately with Mrs Thompson as we are really trying to complete a new report. It is all very exciting and we are really enjoying our new computer. We can’t wait to share our latest report with you.

We are looking forward to participating in our athletics carnivals next week. Years 3 and 4 will be attending their carnival on Tuesday and Years 5 and 6 on Wednesday. We need to remember to return our permission notes by Monday. Parents are welcome to attend these events.

We made awesome clocks in class for Maths this week. We are learning all about how to tell the time. A very important skill! A great effort, everyone!
Chaplain’s Message

Feed Me!

Chapter 6 of the book of John begins with Jesus having a conversation with his followers, specifically a man named Phillip. Jesus says to him, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” (John 6:5). At this, Philip begins to freak out. He says to Jesus that a year’s wages would not be enough to pay for the food needed to feed this crowd. Obviously this was a big crowd. The author of the book, John, only mentions how many men were present - of which there were 5000 (to only count men was a custom of the time). Biblical specialists state that if we were to count the women and the children, there would be between 15-20 thousand people. Now that’s a crowd! Imagine speaking in front of that many people, let alone feeding them!

The story continues with Jesus performing a miracle that made Him famous: He took 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, blessed the food, and made enough for the entire crowd. In fact there was so much food that, after 20,000 people had their fill, there were 12 baskets of bread left over. Incredible! Now that the crowd saw Jesus do this, they realised that He was more than a religious teacher. They clicked on to the fact that he was the Son of God. The Bible refers to this idea as Jesus being known as the Messiah - the promised one. There was, however, a problem. The people of the day believed that there would come a time when this Messiah, a promised one, would come to deliver the Jewish people from Roman rule. The problem with this? Well, freeing the Jewish people from Roman rule was not the reason Jesus had come. He came for a much bigger purpose than that. John continues by writing that the people turned and tried to make Jesus their king - by force if they needed to. The story ends with Jesus slipping away from the crowd because He knew what they were trying to do.

I find it interesting to see that the people were held captive by their preconceived ideas. They had a very specific picture in mind of what Jesus was going to do for them. This preconceived idea stopped them from seeing Jesus’ real purpose. In other words, they were blinded by their own thoughts. This story forces me to ask a question of myself: What preconceived ideas do I have towards God? Is my picture of what God should do stopping me from seeing what He is actually doing?

As I reflect on this story, I want to see God for who He really is - not for what I’m trying to make Him be. This story reminds me to allow God to shape my thoughts, not the other way around. If we let Him, He can open our eyes to some amazing things!

Pastor Brock

Campus Information

Office Hours
Monday        Closed
Tuesday       8:30am - 12:15pm
Wednesday     8:30am - 12:15pm
Thursday      8:30am - 12:00pm
Friday        8:30am - 02:30pm

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

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.

Calendar - Term 2

Years 3 and 4 Athletics Carnival....................... 21 June
Years 5 and 6 Athletics Carnival...................... 22 June
Reports sent home.......................................... 24 June
Parent/Teacher Interviews...............................29 June
End of Term 2......................................................1 July

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