Welcome to Week 3

Welcome to week 3 of what’s leading up to be a busy term.

I’d like to thank all who were able to attend our get together last Wednesday, it was great to see community members and family members attending and Amy from the SongRoom program. We’re planning more of these informal get togethers, so if you couldn’t make it this time, perhaps we’ll see you for the next one.

We’ve quite a few mozzies hanging around at the moment with the recent spate of rain. Some of our children are experiencing mozzie bites during play time and outdoor lessons. It may be a good idea to put some insect repellent on prior to school, particularly if your child has a reaction to bites.

Our students commenced their committee duties last week. It’s terrific to see the older ones working with the younger students. Our school has a lot of areas which need care and our students take great pride in making sure everything is ‘ship shape’.

We have started our school focus on PBL, Positive Behaviour Learning, with the students revisiting and exploring our core values of: Respect, Organisation, Commitment, Kindness and Security. Hence our logo, Jerrys ROCKS! These values are acknowledge and reinforced during school, both in the classroom and in the playground. Our kids are recognised with a raffle ticket to reinforce positive behaviours during the day. Each Friday, a ticket for each class is drawn out of the class raffle boxes and the holder gets to visit my lolly pop jar. Congratulations to our first lolly pop winners, Clayton and Jarrod.

SongRoom starts tomorrow and our kids are already really excited. We’ll be joined by Milbrodale Public School along with school principal, Mrs Kime. This is an opportunity for students from both schools to socialise during play times and to participate together in this great program. Part of the Songroom program involves promotion. Therefore a permission note will be sent to all families later this week.

We also commence scripture classes this week, Thursdays between 12 and 1pm. If you do not wish for your child to participate in scripture classes, please indicate in writing.

Our school’s swimming carnival is almost upon us, I’ll take this opportunity to remind parents that it is a school event. If your child is unable to attend the carnival for any reason, please send an explanation note to school.

We’d like to advise parents that our staff conducts its weekly staff meetings on Wednesday mornings. While we will be supervising students at this time, we will not be available to speak with parents during the morning. Should you wish to speak with us, just let the office know and we’ll catch up in the afternoon. Thank you for your understanding.

Our school has registered for Schools Clean Up Australia Day on March, 1st, 2013. Go to the following website to register http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/mrsstacky your interest in joining us, further information will be sent home closer to the day.
**Facts about the Dairy Industry**

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- Respect, Organisation, Commitment, Kindness, Safety -

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P&C News
Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 18 February 2013** at 6pm. At the AGM all positions will be declared vacant. Our first P&C meeting for 2013 will follow the AGM. Our meetings are held in the school office building. All parents and caregivers and interested family and community members are more than welcome to attend our P&C meetings.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

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**Clean up Australia Day**
Our contribution towards this worth while activity will be **“Clean up our School”**. Our school community will be making an effort to clean-up our school grounds on **Friday 1st March 2013** between 2pm - 2.45pm. **Many hands make light work** so if parents are available to lend a hand on this day your assistance would be very much appreciated.

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**Shoe Boxes**
If anyone has any spare empty shoe boxes at home could you please send them along to school. They will be put to good use as we will be using shoe boxes as part of our science activities. Thank you.

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**Horse Sports**
Moonbi Public School Horse Sports Day is being held on **Friday 15th March**. Age groups start from 7yrs and under. Please see Ms Carmody if you would like any more information.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**
Just a reminder that library borrowing days are **Wednesday** for the Primary class and **Thursday** for the Infants Class. All students require a library bag to transport their books in. Thank you.

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**Book Club**
Book Club orders and money are due to the office by **Wednesday 13th February**. Thank you.
News from the Infants Room

Last week we were looking at number in maths. This meant recognising numbers, counting things, counting by twos, fives and tens, identifying the number 'before' or 'after' and practising counting forwards and backwards starting at different numbers. While this seemed like a simple unit, it involves many different concepts and helps set the foundation for many other maths concepts. This week, I'm sending home a hundreds chart with each child. If you want to help your child develop their number concepts, you could help them by practising counting forwards and backwards (remembering not to always start at the same spot), find a given number (up to 20 for kindergarten) and then identify numbers before and after. Year 1 and 2 can count by 2s, 5s and 10s - with year 2, don't always start at 10 when counting by 10s. These activities could be done in just a few minutes, just a few times a week and will help your child with addition, subtraction, multiplication and more!

Thanks to those who were able to make it to our afternoon tea last week. It was lovely to catch up. Don't forget that you are always welcome to see us about any questions or concerns (excepting Wednesday morning when we are unavailable).

Congratulations to Sophie who is our class award winner for Week 2!

Have a wonderful week!
Mrs Cant and Ms Carmody :)

News from the Primary Classroom

What a busy week we had. We've been focusing on creative writing using ‘power words’ and with Jerrys Plains as our focus, writing lots of texts including why our school is better than any other school. I’m going to add parts of this writing to our school website, there will not be names attached, just parts of the text which won’t identify the authors due to privacy requirements.

Our new reading program starts this week. Last week our class took home a home reading form which is always part of our weekly homework. The children choose a classroom book which is checked out by me, the children read it at home and discuss what they’ve read with a parent or caregiver. It is then signed, which indicates that this discussion has taken place.

Another important part of our reading program is visual literacy. Each week we will watch a short video segment, look at a picture or listen to a piece of literature. We will then retell and discuss what we’ve done. This is an important part of comprehension. Understanding is not just about reading a book out loud, but understanding what is seen and heard. Children now more than ever, are visual learners. These skills will focus on improving comprehension.

In maths we've focused on improving addition skills. This week we're focusing on subtraction.

We're all looking forward to the swimming carnival, Anna is excited and nervous, Daltyn wants to win and Nat is looking forward to it. Elise is also nervous and excited. These are just a few comments, as for me? I'm looking forward to meeting the other schools.

Week 2 Class Award winner was Anna! Congratulations!