



## From the committee

Hi All,

It's been a while in between newsletters and so much has been happening.

How wonderful it is to be able to be a part of our kid's school excursions. Not only do you get to see what they get up to, but you also get to mingle with other parents, get to know the teachers a little better, and nurture those relationships that have already begun with your children's friends. The latest excursion to Mebbin was no different. I highly recommend all parents to take part in an excursion at one time or another. Thankyou so much to Jessica and Akash for organising such an activity filled excursion. Thankyou also to Dan, Dean, Stefan, Cappy and Trevor who came along to support.



We are in the process of advertising for a new administrative assistant to replace our very organised Kirrily. If anyone knows of someone perfect for the job, direct them our way. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Hannah, who is filling in and doing a wonderful job in the meantime.

Just a reminder that we have a suggestions box outside the office if you have any super ideas for the school or concerns. These can range from safety issues all the way to designing new play equipment. Alternatively, you can come and talk to any one of the committee members. On that, Tamara and I are in full swing at the moment to give the old classroom at the front of the school a facelift. If you have some time free on any given Thursday this term, we would love it if you could pop in, particularly if you are good on the paintbrush. Watch this space!!

Winter can be one of those dreary, wet and cold times of the year when the children need to come inside. If you have any games or puzzles at home that you would like to donate, we would love to take them off your hands .

If you haven't already marked it on your calendar, then do it now; Stradbroke is happening from the 6<sup>th</sup> November to the 11<sup>th</sup> November. We would love to hear from you if you would like to help with any part of the organising. It's a huge event, and I love the saying "many hands make light work".

Cheers , Nicole

## School calendar

### Teachers' PD

13 June

### Winter Solstice

19 June

### Norpa Trip

The 78-Storey Treehouse  
Thurs 21 June

### Science Challenge

Uppers 26 June

### Whale-Watching

3 July

### Last day of term

Friday 6 July

### Holidays 7 – 29 July

School and Pre-School Fete  
Sat Oct 27

### Stradbroke Camp

6-11 November

School closed for the day

Mon 12 Nov

## Kindy class

Hello Parents & Families

We are well into Term 2 now and so much activity to report in the Kindy class! We have begun our 'child as the expert' program, kicked off by our magical Sunny who taught us all there is to know about wizardry. He took to the role of teacher with gusto and had the class of amateur wizards eager to learn how to ride a broom stick, make a wand, adopt a familiar, develop magic potions and so much more! Thank you Sunny for such a fun-filled week of learning.



This week we are enjoying Sebastian teaching us all about building. We have learnt how to sand wood, hammer nails, identify many of the world's most amazing buildings and build some of them ourselves – see photo and we are currently learning about the work of an architect. Thank you Sebastian and more to look forward to.



Please see the attached timetable for your child's week as expert so you can help them prepare. (Even if it is only to join in their enthusiasm! To help them along we have baking/cooking, art, games, not to mention writing, drawing, maths,

science and technology that may be related to their topic of choice.)



Last Wednesday while the other classes were away on their camp, the Kindies had an outing to Lismore Regional Gallery where Claudie gave them a tour of all the artworks. The highlight was the wooden cabinet not only because the presenter was so wonderful with the children, but also because the cabinetmaker, Geoff Hannah walked in. He loved the way the children were so engaged in the presentation and was tickled pink by their questions and responses.



This was followed by lunch at Nesbitt Park, a long play on the great playground and a very tired Kindy class on the homeward bound bus!



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## STEM happenings

I am happy to announce that the kids have started a water monitoring program for Tuntable Creek. We kicked it off today measuring pH, temperature, conductivity, turbidity and aquatic macroinvertebrates (water bugs!). And, of course, we can happily report that the creek is healthy. Go Tuntable! As we gather data I will be linking in with Waterwatch NSW and uploading to the Atlas of Living Australia (an awesome open data set). We will also eventually compare our water quality with other sites and look at water management on a broader scale.

Emmy



## Lower class

Thank you, thank you, thank you....  
....to Nicole, Trevor, Steffan, Dan, Dave, Dean, Cappy, Izzy and the Upper Class for Camp Mebbin! The weather was wonderful, Scott's survival skills were super, the trek was testing and we all survived!....Amanda even joined us along the way. Next week we are clambering up to Forest Camp to learn more about our local natural resources, practice the art of observation and determine whether we could survive a night on the mountain. Any takers?

During Week 8 (June 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>) – your invites will be hand delivered or at the bottom of your child's school bag, please join us for "Story Circles" – sharing stories/books about survival, snakes or accidents.

Over the next month we will be learning to:

- look out for each other
- share and demonstrate survival skills
- problem solve (especially using our number sense)
- and
- use writing strategies such as: sound out words; find words around the room; automatic recall and have-a-go

Please make an appointment with me if you would like to discuss your child's learning or any other issues.

Jessica



## Upper class

What a great camp! Thanks to all the parents who attended. The children had a wonderful time and got a great deal out of the activities with Scott from Re-Wild. They learnt different fire making skills, shelter building, how to make natural cordage, traditional hunting and trapping methods and some fun new games which they have already played in our ethnobotanic trail. We also went on a lovely walk up Byrril Creek which was great fun and quite challenging so well done to all who completed it! Back at school we have continued with our exploration of poverty and the children wrote a wonderful news article on urbanisation in the Philippines. In Maths they have been looking at equivalencies between fractions decimals and percentages, higher level addition and subtraction strategies and multiplication of decimals. The grade 5/6 students are off to the Science Discovery Day at SCU on the 26th of June and we still have Winter Solstice, and the NORPA and whale watching excursions to look forward to this term!

Akash.

## NORPA excursion

Our whole school excursion to the NORPA show of The 78 Storey Treehouse on 21 June has been finalised! We'll be leaving school on the bus at 9:15 have a quick play and picnic in Heritage Park before the show at midday. We'll be back at school by 2:45. Kids need to bring hat, water bottle and lunch. Any parents who wish to come should let us know ASAP so that we can confirm tickets.

Emmy and Nicola

## Committee updates

Shopping co-ordinators: Louise and Cappy

Roster co-ordinator: Lousie. Nicole back-up.

Kindergarten orientation: Deborah and Maree

Social media administrator: iris and Nicole

The committee is setting up a sub-committee to look at a Role Description for a 'node' position for the School. This sub-committee will be meeting each Friday, from 1.30 to 2.30, at the school to discuss the position. Please come along if you have any ideas that you wish to contribute.

We need more committed parent helpers in the garden, and also for cooking lunches. Please put your name down to help in either of these roles. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



## Winter Solstice

Tuesday 19 June

We need chefs to make the feast

- Vegetable soup and bread
- Apple crumble and ice-cream
- Please phone school if you can help on the day and do it as your roster day. Ph: 66891423



## Pre-School Fundraiser

Pre-School is selling these natural handmade wax wraps as a fundraiser. Check in with Maree, next door.