PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Parents, Carers & Community Members

As we draw close to the end of term one it is a perfect time for families to check in with the classroom teachers to check on student progress. Please contact the school or check with the classroom teacher to arrange a meeting.

P & C AGM
Our annual P&C AGM will be held at 5:30 pm on Thursday the 17th March in the library. Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable. Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community. You can learn new skills, and gain a clear understanding of how the school operates. This is a great opportunity to share in the school’s decision-making process and shape the future. So if you can spare time, please come and support the P & C and our school.

CRUNCH & SIP - TIME TO REFUEL AND REHYDRATE
What is Crunch & Sip?
As of next week we will be implementing the Crunch & Sip program across the school. Students will have the opportunity to ‘refuel’ on fruit and salad vegetables and ‘rehydrate’ with water each day at approximately 10am. Each day, students will need to bring a piece of fruit or salad vegetables to school to eat during Crunch & Sip. In addition, each student needs to have a small bottle of plain water to drink throughout the day to prevent dehydration. Students are to place their fruit or vegetable on their desk in the morning and put their water bottle in the allocated spot.

WHAT FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ARE ALLOWED?

Fruit
- All fresh fruit (for example, whole or chopped fruits)
- Dried fruit (please limit as it contains concentrated sugar and tends to cling to teeth, increasing the risk of tooth decay)

Vegetables
- All fresh vegetables (for example carrot, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes)

Water
- Only plain water (no added flavouring)

DATES to REMEMBER
17th March THURSDAY - P&C AGM 5:30pm school Library
24th March THURSDAY - Last day School
25th March FRIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY

THOUGHT OF THE DAY
People are not remembered by how few times they fail but by how often they succeed. Every wrong step is another step forward.

Thomas Edison
LEADERSHIP CAMP

Students in year 6 will be attending the Daradgee Environmental Centre Leadership camp on the 14th and 15th of March. Students will participate in a range of activities to help build trust, confidence, initiative, group co-operation and team work as well as develop an understanding of leadership, expectations and roles. All year 6 students have brought home an information package on Tuesday. Just a reminder that all forms need to be returned to school no later than Friday 4th March.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all students and their families who continue to borrow and return their books to the library during their designated library time. The library is also open on Tuesdays and Thursdays with opportunities for students to return overdue books and re-borrow. All books must be returned or paid for if lost or damaged. It's important to maintain reading skills through practice, as well as encourage and enjoy reading for leisure. Reading aloud to children not only increases general knowledge and language skills. It develops skills for creative writing. Parents, please take the time to read to your child and share a book. The benefits are enormous.

NEWS FROM 4-6 CLASS

Over the past few weeks the students have been busy improving their skills in the art of persuasion. Students will complete their final writing assessment on Friday the 4th March. Starting week 7 we will be listening to and read a range of short stories by different authors. Students will investigate and compare similarities and differences in the ways authors use text structure, language features and strategies to create humorous effects.

In Maths the students in year 4 have been practicing their skills in reading digital and analogue time. In year 5 & 6 the students have been exploring the language of data, the purpose of data and the various ways it is displayed.

Mrs Haigh

Students in the grade 4-6 class are making great progress with the construction of their castles in Technology. There should be a number of students able to submit their castles in the Feast of the Senses 'Build a Castle' competition on Market Day on the 20th March. We have commenced preparations for NAPLAN testing on Tuesday mornings, reviewing numeracy problem-solving strategies, language conventions and the meta-language used in the tests. In Geography, we have continued with mapping techniques across the grades, while grade 4 have looked at habitats and endangered species, grade 5 have seen the effect of acid raid and urbanisation and year 6 have looked at diversity in Asia.

Ms Linton

NEWS FROM P-3 CLASS

Last Friday our class visited Daradgee Education Centre. The students took part in pizza making, a farm yard visit and a boat ride. When asked what their favourite activity was, most students said 'everything!' All students were well-behaved which made it a great day for myself and Ms Meaney as well. Thanks to those parents who assisted us on the day. Check out some of the photos from the day on the back of the newsletter.

Miss Ainsworth
GETTING RESULTS WHEN TELLING KIDS WHAT TO DO

When children refuse to cooperate, it may be related to the way instructions are given. Here are some common traps:

**Too many:** The more instructions given the more opportunities to forget

**Too few:** Unclear instructions can lead to confusion and misbehaviour

**Too vague:** Saying “stop that” leaves an open interpretation. State clearly what behaviour you find unacceptable

**Asking, not telling:** When an instruction is asked as a question, like: “would you like to go to bed now?” be prepared to hear “No”.

**Poorly timed:** Asking your child to do something while they are busy watching their favourite television show will probably result in them ignoring the instruction.

**Shouting from a distance:** Instructions shouted from one room to another provide an opportunity to be ignored. You are more likely to get a response and be heard if you move in and get close.

If you want your child to stop doing something, remember to tell them what to do instead. Explain the consequence and give them an opportunity to cooperate. Praise them when they do so – or carry out the consequence if they refuse. Being kind, firm and consistent will work.

For help Parenting Promotion Officer: Jolene 0488321605 everyfamilycassowarycoast

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PLAYGROUP

Every Wednesday

**WHERE:** Mundoo School library

**WHAT TIME:** 9am - 11am

**COST:** FREE

**BRING:** A snack for your child & a hat

Come along and let your little ones enjoy a fun morning of activities and play. A great way to meet new people.

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WEEKLY AWARDS

**SPOTTED AWARDS**

Jessica Gartung  -  Excellent presentation of your bookwork  

Dakota Chase  -  A wonderful first week at Mundoo School

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P&C update

See attached memo for details on Mundoo Election Day Cake stall & Raffle. Get up to date on fundraising planned for our school for 2016. We would appreciate your ideas and assistance if possible. Don’t forget the AGM on Thursday 17th March.
P-3 Excursion to Daradgee Environmental Education Centre