From the Principal’s desk …..

This last fortnight has been a busy one with a number of visitors to our school. First we have had a final year student teacher completing her practicum with Lower Primary 3. Ms Amanda did a great job and she gained some valuable experience while working with the staff and students in that class. She will return later in the year to complete her internship with us. We have also had a visit from two 1st year Occupational Therapist students, keen to explore how their profession engages with the educational needs of students. They both enjoyed their time here and recognise the challenges we face on a daily basis in delivering quality education to all our students. This week and next week we have a 3rd year student teacher in Ms Jorja observing several classes across the school. Her experiences to date have been positive and rewarding.

Next Wednesday we are privileged to host a delegation of educators from East Timor, these people are keen to see the work we do and learn more about teaching students with a disability. We look forward to their visit and hope it’s a productive endeavour.

Over the next few weeks teachers here will be engaged in a program to collect data on students with a disability. This is a national collection program to give the Federal Government a big picture of students across all states and develop a consistent definition of disability nationwide. I will shortly be sending home a letter that will explain this further and also give you the opportunity to opt out of the data from your child being used. We will be entering data on every student into the One School data base but if you opt out, this data will not be shared with the Federal Government.

As you may be aware we are hoping to conduct our very 1st Art Show/Auction. Students have worked very hard to produce some brilliant pieces of Art Work. Staff have also put a lot of effort into ensuring this will be a wonderful event. I would encourage as many people as possible to attend and join us in what is shaping as a very entertaining night. Please bring other family members such as Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles. Bring your neighbours and other people you know who would appreciate the work our students do. I look forward to seeing you there.

Andrew Thompson.

Principal
**LP1**

Hello Everyone!

We have a lot to report this fortnight! As you are all aware, last Sunday was Mother’s Day. As a thank you to our wonderful Mum’s and Nanna’s we made a delicious batch of Rocky Road Slice. Each child participated fully and then sequenced the activity into a lovely little recipe book. Among all this Mother’s Day mayhem, we also had our first two swimming lessons. All our staff were very impressed by the student’s bravery and water readiness. In the few lessons we have had, progress is obvious. Well done LP1! In the next few weeks we will be collecting data for report cards. I will be assessing the student’s ability to sort objects, make patterns, engage in a book and sequence a story.

Have a great fortnight.

LP1, Miss Ish, Miss Lynda and Miss Susan.

**LP2**

LP2 have been very busy this fortnight. We have started some group work in class and have been working really well together. We have celebrated Jazmyns birthday and her mum bought in some cupcakes to share. They were so yummy. We have been very spoilt with all the cupcakes this term. We have been reading about Hairy Maclary and all of his friends. Our favourite so far is Schnitzel von Krumm with his very low tum. One of our favourite activities each week is cooking. Last week we cooked ham and cheese pizzas and we really enjoy eating the finished product.

Miss Erin, Sue and Tracey

**LP3**

In English this week we have been learning about the emotion ‘sick’. We found a lovely book at the town library to help us learn about being sick. It’s called ‘At the Hospital’ by Melanie Joyce. It talks about being hurt and having to visit the hospital. We also found the book ‘Doctor’ by Cameron Macintosh. This book talks about visiting the doctor when we are ill or sick. We took photos of the students pretending to be sick into a bucket on Monday and we will use these photos to write a sentence about how we feel when we are sick. In Maths we have finished learning about subtraction and have moved onto learning about money. We have done some money shading and practised ordering the coins. We have also used real coins to go shopping in our pretend shop. The students really enjoyed the shopping experience. LP3 said goodbye to our lovely PRAC student Amanda Jones this week. She has helped us in our learning for 3 weeks, we will miss her.

Miss Kristy, Miss Sarah, Mr David, Melissa and Fiona
UP 1

UP1 have been working hard with their writing skills this term. They have shown some great improvement. We have been learning about the history of the Anzacs in class. In Maths the students have been learning how to use number lines with addition and subtraction. They all were able to join in playing soccer last Thursday and really enjoyed it. Last Tuesday Camp Quality visited and performed a puppet show for the children. They all were involved and really enjoyed the performance. I hope you all enjoy the Ipswich Show holiday this Friday.

Miss Naomi, Miss Kathy, and Miss Belinda.

UP 2

Upper Primary 2 has been working hard on their history unit of work and understanding distinguishing between the past, present and future. This is a difficult concept and we are getting very good at comparing and identifying photos and images and deciding if an event has occurred in the past or in the present.

We particularly enjoyed viewing digital resources on the interactive whiteboard including musical performances by Frank "Sugar Chile Robinson" with Count Basie (YouTube, LadyCoolJazz) and Ti lascio una canzone: Tsung Tsung al pianoforte (YouTube, RAITVjunior) and deciding which ones were performed in the past and which ones were performed in the present.

Miss Michele, Angela and Kylie

UP 3

In English we have been answering questions about informative texts. Following on from reading the story 'Stellaluna' we have been examining which parts of the text are imaginary and which are factual. We have also been discussing which questions we would like to ask a fictional character from the story. The class has been completing comprehension exercises, reading short passages and answering questions about the text. In Maths our focus is Location. The students have been exploring language we use to describe position and direction. Our next task will be to make a simple map of the school ground. I have set new tasks in Studyladder which include activities focusing on location and direction, please can students complete these as part of their Homework tasks.

Sarah, Anthea, Margaret & Susan
UP4

Last week we had a wonderful week of welcoming a new student to our class. The boys have all got along really well which is pleasing to see. We also went to indoor cricket and the boys did an EXCELLENT job of being really great sports and working as a team. They managed to score the most runs in our division and also went easy on the other teams so they could have a chance at scoring too. Needless to say we came back with a trophy for best sportsmanship. The students in UP4 also participate in a soccer program at school and although it's not a sport everyone is into, some of the boys really get into it and are showing excellent sporting skills which are further developing. Well done UP4, we are very proud of you all!!!
Miss Neve, Debbie and Gwen

LS1

Week 4 of the second term already! Students in Lower Secondary 1 are working very hard to be Safe, Respectful Learners in every area of their school day. In Maths great learning is taking place in the concept of Multiplication and Division. They are learning that Multiplication and Division are inverse operations. In English we are reading ”The Peasant Prince” by Li Cunxin & Anne Spudvilas. Whilst reading this book they have learnt that we should never give up but keep trying until we achieve what we want. In ICT students are working on the App ”Book Creator”. They are constructing a book on Tigers. They enjoyed a great day at Indoor Cricket and came back with a trophy last week. Well done! Please don’t forget our Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 29th May. Come and make your cuppa count! Thanks
Mrs. Singh, Carol & Kylie

LS2

LS2 have been super busy, check it out! LS2 class participated in the interschool indoor cricket day. Our girls did great! They showed off their bat and ball skills as well as working well as a team and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Our school brought home a trophy for best sportsmanship. Not only are we talented sportspeople we are also extremely talented with the sewing needle. One of our CBL lessons was a trip down to Spotlight where student chose and purchased a cross-stitch for their Mums for Mother’s Day. It took the girls a week of afternoons to independently complete their mother’s day wooden cross stitch broche. Miss Kathy, Miss Sheryl & Miss Rhonda and I were most impressed with their needle work skills and patience. Our class also welcomed our newest additions to our little family on the oval three hermit crabs Ariel or Giant, Chloe & Whitey. The students take turns each week to look after the crabs this includes feeding them, filling the swimming and drinking water dishes, cleaning the tank that they live in and most importantly playing with them. It hasn’t been all fun and games though: we have finally completed our data collection assessment and look forward to starting on fractions next week.
Miss Laura, Sheryl and Kathy
LS3

Term 2 is proving to be a great time for LS3! We are very, very busy but we’re also having a great time. LS3 had a great time at the indoor cricket carnival during week 3. It was great to see such a unanimous display of team spirit and sportsmanship from our students. Our CBL program is continuing, with money handling skills remaining as a key focus for our learning. In addition to these skills we have also started taking a closer look at community signs such as Do Not Enter or Danger as well as other community symbols. In maths we have completed our work on angels and it is great to see how much the students have learned over such a short time. We are taking great strides in our time telling skills and overall money handling abilities. In English the students are continuing to enjoy our novel, The Forest of Hands and Teeth, and we have now begun constructing our storyboards. These storyboards are related to our text and require the students to create a scenario where one character is giving the other instructions. It’ll be fun to see what the students come up with! We have also been enjoying weekly reading sessions with the students of UP2, and have started sharing messages with them using their blog page entitled Pavlova Learning. This blog has been beneficial for our reflective practises as the students are able to post comments about the activities from each reading session and communicate ideas via the internet. Of course, we are continuing our general literacy skills such as daily writing and typing, reading personalised books, essential word studies and individualised research projects. In science we have been exploring the rotation of earth on its axis and how this tilt influences life on earth. We have also started taking a closer look at shadows, exploring in-depth what causes shadows to form. Our fishing program resumes next week with casting skills at the forefront of our activities. Given our busy schedule we have fallen behind on this project, but the students are excited to continue!

Mr. Tom, Miss Justine, Miss Margaret

ART STUDIO

Our Art Auction is only a week away, and we are extremely busy putting finishing touches to artworks, and getting all the preparation done for this event. It will be a wonderful opportunity for families and caregivers to share in the amazing work that our students are capable of. They are so proud of their work and their dedication and passion for Art is great to see. PLEASE attend this worthwhile event. We have several local members of the Council attending and some businesses from our area coming to support our School. If you could please RSVP by Friday the 16th it would be greatly appreciated, as we need to finalise numbers for catering purposes.

With thanks from the Art team: Miss Sarah, Miss Justine and Miss Sheryl
New Building Progress

Sensory Day

Sensory Movie Day - Mr Peabody & Sherman

Inclusive event for families with special needs, lighting on dim, sound lowered, volunteers on fire exit doors, no judgement.

Date: 2pm Sunday 25th May 2014
Location: Ipswich Birch Carroll & Coyle

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