From the Principal …

Hi everyone,

It’s nearly the end of term 3. School holidays start at the end of next week, and I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy family holiday time. School will be back on 17th October, ready for a good last term of learning and planning for 2017.

Our senior students are currently on camp in Sydney and enjoying some warm weather and sightseeing. It will be fascinating for them to visit some of the locations they have been learning about in their history and geography lessons. I look forward to hearing all about their trip when they get back.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
The 2016 parent opinion survey has been sent home this week. Unfortunately a few of them had a typo where the second category should have read “disagree” but read “strongly agree”. Thanks to Calise Holmes for picking that up and apologies to anyone who received one of the incorrect documents. Your feedback on the surveys is very important for school planning and school improvement. We really appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to school. Survey responses are anonymous and can be sent back until the end of this term.

ILLNESS
In common with several other schools in our area, Miltaburra has had a significant number of sick children over the last few weeks. Illness seems to be either gastro-intestinal illness or an onset of flu like symptoms. Some of the symptoms we have seen include headaches, fever, vomiting, and diarrhoea. The infectious period for gastro-enteritis can last for up to 24 hours after symptoms have disappeared.

If your child is or has been ill, please keep them home from school for a further 24 hours after symptoms have disappeared to prevent the further spread of infection, as well as to allow them the chance to recuperate and be ready to learn when they come back.

PLANNING 2017
The budget and planning processes for 2017 are well underway now. There will be a student free day in term 4 (date likely to be changed and will be advised after governing council meeting next week). The teaching staff will be working to analyse student results from 2016 and to develop individual learning plans for all of our students.

GOVERNING COUNCIL
Will meet on Wed 28th October (week 10).

Karen Stokes

TEACHING AND LEARNING
Mathematician in Residence Kathy Palmer will be at Miltaburra again this Thursday. She will be working with teachers to continue the development of assessment tasks across the year levels. These tasks help us to identify student understandings and misunderstandings of key concepts, and plan teaching and learning activities to address misconceptions or to stretch students’ thinking in mathematics.
Viral Gastroenteritis
- including symptoms, treatment and prevention

This is a type of gastroenteritis (also known as ‘gastro’) caused by a virus. Many different viruses can cause viral gastroenteritis.

How viral gastroenteritis is spread
Viral gastroenteritis is spread through contamination of hands, objects or food. Viral gastroenteritis may also be spread through coughing and sneezing.

Signs and symptoms
Symptoms usually last 1 or 2 days and include:
- mild fever
- nausea and vomiting
- stomach cramps
- Diarrhoea

Incubation period
(time between becoming infected and developing symptoms)
24 to 72 hours.

Infectious period
(time during which an infected person can infect others)
During illness and for at least 24 hours after symptoms have disappeared.

When to seek medical advice
Seek medical advice if there are any of the following symptoms:

Prevention
Exclude people with viral gastroenteritis from childcare, preschool, school and work until there has been no diarrhoea or vomiting for 24 hours.
- Infants, children and adults with viral gastroenteritis should not swim until there has been no diarrhoea for 24 hours.

Follow good hand washing and keeping areas clean procedures.

The Golden Chair sits in the Front Office and is a special chair that children visit when being rewarded for individual achievement and effort. This celebratory event is recorded in The Golden Book as well as being published in the Newsletter. Congratulations to all children who visit The Golden Chair.

**THE GOLDEN CHAIR**

Congratulations to **Sophie Flodgell** for achieving Level 18 in Reading on the 9th September. This is a fantastic effort as the aim for Year 1 is Level 16 by the end of 2016.

**TISSUES**

Could families please supply a box of tissues, due to the increase of illnesses the last few weeks, thankyou.

**GEOSCIENCES SUMMER SCHOOL**

The Resources and Energy Group of the Department of State Development is offering students currently in Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 the opportunity to participate in the Geosciences Summer School. Students with a genuine interest in Science and Mathematics should apply. The course will culminate with a visit to an operational gold mine.

The summer school will be open to 20 students, and will be based at the State Drill Core Library, Tonsley Boulevard, Clovelly Park SA, from the 12th - 21st December 2016.

This is a free course with successful applicants expected to attend the 8 day course.

Application forms are available from the Front Office.

**FAR WEST LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB**

Tuesday October 18th
Ceduna Area School oval 5pm
$3.00 (for insurance)

*Athletes can commence if they were born after January 2013*
CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday

23rd September
Ying Lawrie

30th September
Mel Ryan

21st October
Ike Slattery

Monday

26th September
Tillney Webb

17th October
Libby Kelsh

24th October
Sarah Evans

** TERM 4 **

Happy Birthday to:

- Fred Evans 27th Sept
- Archie Johnson 28th Sept
- Azyn Puckridge 4th Oct
- Claire Watson 13th Oct
- Keydin Flogdell 18th Oct

CANTEEN SPECIAL
Ham & Salad Roll
only $3.50
valid for Term 4