DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
Fri 19 Prep photo for the newspaper (12:00pm)
Interschool Sport Commences (year 4, 5, 6)
Wed 24 Brisbane Lions AFL side visiting

MARCH
Thu 03 Chess Competition Walkervale (9:00am—2:30pm)
Fri 04 Clean Up Australia (Schools) Day
Mon 07 Student Leaders Induction Ceremony
Tue 08 Three Way Reporting (afternoon/evening)
Wed 09 Centenary Meeting (6:00pm)
Mon 18 National Day Against Bullying

PLEASE COME ALONG TO A CENTENARY MEETING
and help prepare for our 100th birthday in 2017.

REGULAR EVENTS
Every Monday 2:30pm
Parade in the hall (Everyone is welcome)
Every Wednesday 8:30am
Breakfast club
Every Wed, Thu, Fri
Tuckshop is open for lunch (first break only)
(Volunteers are always needed. Please let us know if you can help)
Every Tuesday and Friday 8:15 – 8:45am
Chess Club (near tuckshop)
Every Friday 3:00pm
Icy cups for sale 50c (Bottom covered area)

BELL TIMES
8:45am Start of the day
11:00am First break
11:40am End of first break
1:30pm Second break
1:55pm End of second break
3:00pm End of the day

Win this Easter Basket Tickets $1 Each
Books of Raffle Tickets are coming home with the youngest today
Raffle Drawn on 21 March
CHAMPIONS READ (and read and read and read!) READING COMPREHENSION: COMPREHENSION is understanding the text we’re reading. Throughout the school, PREDICTING has been the focus strategy during Weeks 2 & 3. PREDICTING is when readers use clues such as the title, illustrations, blurb, author and text type or what they have read so far, to make smart guesses about what is coming up next in the text.

If a reader is familiar with a particular author, reasonable predictions can be made about the text, based on how that author usually writes. Illustrations are great clue-givers when predicting what is going to happen next. What do you predict when you see this illustration?

If the title of the story is ‘Possum Magic’, straight away you will make predictions about what is going to happen in the story. PREDICTING is just one of the strategies for helping us to understand what we’re reading.

NEXT WEEK: Activating Prior Knowledge—Can you activate your prior knowledge about what Activating Prior Knowledge is?

Happy reading
Mrs D

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE? Students in year 1, 2, and 3 can come along to the Music room on Tuesdays at 11am to join Thabeban’s newest activity – Dance Troope with Mrs Kirchner. Come and join in the fun and get your groove on.

COME JOIN THE CHOIR All students are invited to join the School Choir with Mrs Lynch. Bring your fabulous singing voice to the Music Room every Thursday at 11am and we’ll sing up a storm.

CHESS CLUB Chess club is now on every Tuesday and Friday 8:15am to 8:45am in the undercover area. Thanks very much to Mr Menham who will be here each Tuesday. Our senior chess players will then run the Friday session. Chess starts next week.

BIKE RACKS The bike racks will be next the tuckshop in the undercover area until a block renovation is complete. Bike racks will no longer be in a locked area. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that his/her bike is locked every day.

PARADE Parade is now in the afternoon at 2:30pm. Still on a Monday, just a time change. If you come to pick up your students, why not come a little bit earlier and come down to parade. We would love to see you.

YEAR 1 If anyone has any Dominoes that they no longer need, Year 1 would love to have them to use as their Maths resources.

THREE WAY REPORTING IS COMING TO THABEBAN It is time for our children to join in the discussion about their learning and achievement at school. No longer will children sit out of the conversation between parents and staff about their achievements. Instead each child will be part of the meeting. Together staff, parents and child will set goals, work out ways to reach those goals and celebrate the child’s achievements.

Our first three way reporting session will be held on the afternoon & evening of Tuesday 8 March. Put this date in your calendar now! More information about three way reporting will be coming home soon.

ATTENDANCE GOAL Our goal for Term 1 is to have the whole school in the green branches of Pipers’ Top Attendance Tree.

All the classes are eagerly earning perfect attendance days simply by coming to school. If a class has every student here for the day then a letter on their PERFECT ATTENDANCE chart is ticked off. Once the class has earned enough perfect attendance ticks the class earns a special treat. We have had a fantastic start to this year!

SUNDAY CHILDREN’S TOURNAMENTS 2016 Sunday Children’s Tournaments will most likely be held on 28 February, 27 March, 24 April, 29 May, 31 July, 28 August, 30 October and 27 November. A 2016 Grand Prix will be held in conjunction with the Sunday Tournaments. There will be two free draws of $10 and $15 each Sunday. For scoring, a competitor gains three points each Sunday they attend. If a lower rated player defeats a higher rated player, they will get four points. If a higher rated player defeats a lower rated player, they will get one point. In the event of a draw a higher rated player defeating a lower rated player will get half a point. If a lower rated player draws with a higher rated player they will get two points.

CJ ratings will be used for competitors. If a competitor has no CJ rating, the DOP will allocate a rating.

Players attending for the first time do not have to pay the playing fee of $10 on that day! Many lucky draws for vouchers from Maccas, Subway, Red Rooster, Eagle Boys and Cold Rock Ice Creamery! A T Menham Chess Club Secretary

BRISBANE BRONCOS USE THE HIGH FIVE It was wonderful to see that Josh, Alex, George and Dominic all knew about the High Five when they came to visit. Josh explained that they use High Five and CARE strategies at the Broncos.