

Anchored in Excellence....

Community Newsletter #6
September 11th 2015



Buddy and Bella in their unisex uniform.

Reminders:

Consultation Meetings Values and Behaviour

Wed October 7th

Wed October 14th

Public Meeting

Wed Oct 21st

Venue:

Murrumba Secondary College,
Performing Arts Centre 6.30pm

Expressions of Interest/Enrolments

This week Expressions of Interest have continued to come in.

I have now have well over 120. Thank you to everyone who is doing their utmost to ensure that people are aware that a new school community is on its way!

From Vicki Baker, the Principal

This week we hosted a P&C Information Session to consider the very important role that school parents and P&C's play in shaping a school community. We were joined by Gayle Walters the Deputy Chair of QCPCA and Robyn Kelso the Education Queensland Services Manager for P&C.

I spoke about the opportunities for parent involvement and engagement in the life and learning of the school. The benefits for students are well researched.

Research shows that parent involvement can improve students' behavior, attendance, and achievement.

Those present had the opportunity to hear information, ask questions and work together to consider what their aspirations are for our community and the attributes they would like those who nominate for positions on the executive to demonstrate.

Feedback re community included:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong sense of belonging • Good communication • Being welcome • Having parent meeting places • Being respected and valued | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging: A happy, safe, inclusive, positive community • Fellowship • Unity • FUN!!!! |
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Feedback re attributes for Executive Team included:

President and (vice)	Secretary	Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good leadership skills • Good communication skills • Community oriented • Approachable • Listener • Honest and open • Passionate • Motivated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in a team • Good communication • Approachable • Reliable • Organised • Clear, concise, focussed • Professional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respectful of public money • Honest • Understanding a budget/accounting procedures • Attention to detail • Listener • Approachable • Transparent • Can can't • Ask for help • Follow protocols

Those successful in being elected to these positions will fulfil very important roles and become the public faces of our community. I hope there are many considering these positions. Now is not the time to be shy. If you'd like further information please feel free to contact me on 0409 461 023 or Robyn Kelso on 3352 3900. Nominations will be sought in late October with the view to having an Interim P&C established in the school by the end of October. I am including some links to websites that I thought might be of interest.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/parent-involvement-checklist>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/getting-parents-involved-schools>

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/twoschools/getinvolved/empowering/busy.htm>

New school in Griffin

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Food for thought:

Curiosity and Powerful Learning

Why is the sky blue? Who invented the toilet? Why do zebras have stripes? As any parent of a preschool- or primary school-age child can attest, children are born with a natural sense of curiosity. It is this innate sense of wonder that will lead and support our students' lifelong journeys of discovery and learning. As educators, we have a moral obligation to not only allow for our students' inquisitiveness, but to also foster and support this powerful, often untapped potential.

Parent Engagement

Parents are the most important partner in a child's education and schools can reap large dividends by capitalizing on their support.

To be sure, such relationships require a lot of work by both educators and parents. Although success may not be easy, the rewards are too great for all not to try.

What is successful parent involvement?

Successful parent involvement can be defined as the active, ongoing participation of a parent or primary caregiver in the education of his or her child. Parents can demonstrate involvement at home-by reading with their children, helping with homework, and discussing school events-or at school, by attending functions or volunteering in classrooms. Schools with involved parents engage those parents, communicate with them regularly, and incorporate them into the learning process.

Recently asked questions....

Q: When will official enrolment forms be distributed?

A: It is hoped that official enrolment forms will be made available to parents by the beginning of October once the school has been officially named by the Minister of Education.

Photo Gallery

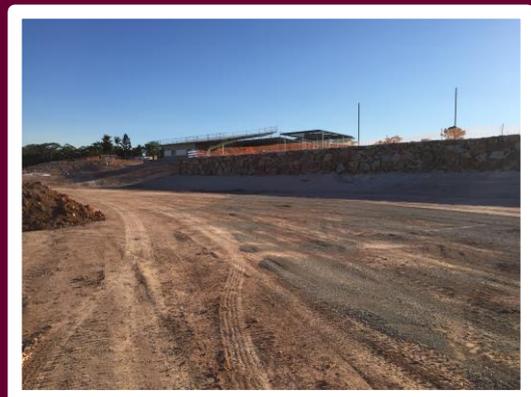
From my site visit on Wednesday the 9th of September... Enjoy!!!!



Taken about 4pm, this is the canteen area that overlooks the school's oval. The view from the top is simply gorgeous.....



This is the long driveway that will allow traffic to flow safely and smoothly and accommodate parking for more than 130 vehicles.



Stunning rock walls!