Hello and Welcome to 2017.

It was great to see familiar and new faces walk through the gates enthusiastic and excited about the school year ahead. Though I was more surprised by the fact every student went straight to their class and remained till class started. Some parents, as they entered the gates, actually asked if school had started as there were no students playing handball. It was an uplifting way to start the day and year.

I also experienced a positive start to the year with staff the week before. Existing and new staff came together to set the scene for the new year with high spirits and a common agreement this will be another great year. Thank you staff for a great week.

In response to the many benefits from having specialist teachers for particular subjects we have arranged more specialists for other subjects:

- Mr Blackmore – Technology (P-6)
- Miss Ashley - Library (P-6) & Art (P-4)
- Mr Tony – Kitchen Garden (P-6)
- And we also welcome Mrs Langham – French/Instrumental/Music (P-6)

We have also arranged to have a Guidance Officer (G.O.) to be with us every Tuesday. This arrangement affords us to be more proactive in supporting the emotional well-being of all students. Mrs Weedon is looking forward to supplementing the work we already do and was excited to meet with our student leaders as the teacher in-charge of the Student Council. Welcome Mrs Weedon. (G.O.)

These staffing arrangements provide more time for Mrs Smith, Mrs Webb and I to progress our Explicit Improvement Agenda. We remain focused on enhancing the school’s capacity and capability to progress student achievement in Reading in 2017. The major focus is on consolidating previous accomplishments towards embedding high-yield strategies. One action within the agenda was to ensure all classes had two teaching staff members for reading in the morning session. Thus, Catherine will be with us every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

These additions and modifications to how we do things will benefit all students in their learning development, especially for Reading. If you would like to know more about these benefits, then please attend the upcoming Parent Information Session Wednesday February 8 at 6pm in the Green Room.

I would also appreciate your time on Friday February 17 at 3:30pm up at the Kafe` for a free Family BBQ. It will be a good opportunity to welcome new families and catch-up with familiar members.

These events, and others, are a significant aspect of schooling life. So please keep the attached Term Calendar on your fridge. (Page 4)

Cheers,

Trent

AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY TOMORROW 26TH FEBRUARY
Congratulations to our Student Leaders for 2017. They are as follows:

School Captains—Makayla and Sascha

Hume House Captains—Fynn and Pippa

Leichhardt House Captains—Noah and Lawson

Student Councillors—Lachlan, O’Hara and Finlay

School photos

School photos will be taken on Friday 10th February. It would be appreciated if your child could wear their full school uniform for the photos.

Thank you.

Kafe begins again

Kafe begins next Friday 3rd January. The Year 2’s and the Year 6’s will be cooking for two weeks. Please check your calendar on the back page to know when your child will be cooking this term. We have a great Menu planned to kick start our year!

The newsletter goes digital

This year, we are going to provide the newsletter electronically to all families. We have obtained information from our school records and will use that email address. If you would like it sent to another address, please let Pam know. Alternatively, you will be able to access the newsletters via our QSchools smartphone app or the newsletter section of our school website.

This alleviates the process of photocopying as well as providing you all with a much higher quality publication. It also allows us to show students’ work and lots of colourful photos of our wonderful kids.

Please let Pam know if there are any difficulties in this area.

Thank you.
P & C information

The P & C team would love to welcome all new families to our lovely community. We will have our first P & C meeting at 6pm on 15th February in the green room at the school.

All parents, carers are welcome.

It’s a great way to keep on top of what’s happening with your child’s education and also meet parents. Kids can play in the library if you need to bring them. The meetings go for an hour to 1 ½ hours.

If you have anything to ask about please email Anita on anita@itchyfeetmedia.tv or phone 54854226 or ask one of the team members at the school gate.

Thanks from the P & C team
Anita, Cristy, Kasey, Catherine, Liane, Judy & Linda

For your diary:

Pink Stumps Day cricket match from 2pm Sunday 19th February – Noosa Council vs Kin Kin Community raising money for breast cancer.
Lots of fun!
Enquiries please phone Anita on 54854226.

Student Absences/ Change of details

Last year, we requested that parents ensure that they contact us if their child was absent from school. Thanks to those parents who assisted us in this matter.

Beginning this year, if your child is absent from school, we are required to contact the parents immediately to ascertain where your child is. To make this process as simple as possible, we request again that parents contact us by phone or email as soon as possible on the day so that we can keep our roll up to date. (pstew9@eq.edu.au, khusb3@eq.edu.au, delli37@eq.edu.au)

Also, if any of your details have changed e.g. address, mobile phone number, email address, please inform the office. This will ensure that we keep our records up to date.

Thank you to everyone for their co-operation in these matters.

...WANTED...

It’s time to rummage around your kid’s bedrooms and gather up little nic nac toys etc. for our two younger classrooms.

We require little prizes for our students to “purchase” with their pretend money. It is all for a good cause, teaching them all about money, banking, maths etc.

You may not think that they are worth anything, but believe us, we need all those things, preferably little toys that your child will not miss.

Anything will be gladly accepted. You may even see some of these “things” come home again during the course of the Term.

...menu...

Spiced Pumpkin Masala
Palak Dhal (Spinach Dhal)
Garlic Naan
Steamed Basmati Rice
Mango chutney
Watermelon lassi
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GOOD FRIDAY