Hello to all parents/carers,
Welcome to a new year filled with excitement, great learning and community engaging activities. We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing and safe holiday. Unfortunately I know that a couple of our families had tragedies during the break and our hearts and condolences go out to these families, especially the Mara and Baira families.

As it often is our term has begun with some wild weather on the horizon although I think that we may miss the brunt of this tropical low but hopefully we do get some rain as we sure need it.

For 2014 we welcome our new children and their families. Our Prep year is already on their path for learning and we have also had some new or returning student in our other year levels. We welcome all of them. This year we also welcome quite a few new staff members. Already I am sure that some of your children may have gone home with the news of who is new to the school. We have:
Ms Leanne De Munari on Prep
Ms Serena Johnstone on 5/6
Mr Matthew Vaughan as literacy support and on Year 1 on Wednesdays and 3/4 on Fridays
Ms Kerri Detenon is our Literacy Coach replacing Alison Abbey
Ms Kelly Coles has re-joined us again for this year

Already these teachers have settled into their new school and their roles and I know that they are going to be as committed as were our teachers who left us at the end of last year.

30th January 2014

Breakfast Program:
As per last year we do offer a breakfast program every morning from 8:15 to 8:40. This program is for all children and there is no cost. If any parents would like to help out with breakfast one morning per week that would be fabulous.

Attendance:
As per last year we will be ensuring that ALL children are attending school. Once again we will be giving a weekly TRY 5 reward to the class with the best attendance for the week. So get those children to school EVERY DAY.

P & C AGM Meeting
The P&C will be holding their general meeting and following that the Annual General Meeting on February 18th at 3pm. This meeting is where there will be a selection of new officers for 2014. All parents and carers are invited to take part and maybe become a committee member and support your child’s learning.

Book Packs:
I am so pleased with the number of families who have paid their Book Pack of $30. This means that these children are starting the year with the required equipment and this ensures that they are ready for learning. Some families chose to do their own shopping and this is just as good. For those who still haven’t done either it is really important to do one or the other otherwise your child/children DO NOT have the equipment that they need to be able to succeed with their education.

Tuckshop:
We do offer tuckshop every Friday and there is a menu that goes home on Thursday afternoon. Please fill this out and return with your money on Friday morning either to the Tuckshop or the office. We are also looking for helpers for this as well. Please give your name to the office.

Lunches:
Just a reminder that soft drink is not allowed at the school for lunches. If “take away” lunches are being brought for your children please do not purchase soft drink of any kind. This is an Education Queensland policy that soft drink is not allowed unless it is a special occasion. Also it is important that children have a healthy lunch every day.

Leaving the School Grounds:
Please note that once children arrive at school it is expected that they do not leave again until the end of the day. If they need to go to the shop for lunch or other reasons they MUST have a note from their carer giving them permission.
Garbutt State School Uniforms are now available at Lowes in Castletown.
The polo shirt retails from $31.99 and is available in sizes 4 - XXL.
The store also has a good range of shorts, shirts, pleated skirts and bucket hats.
LAYBY IS AVAILABLE

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES:
If your child is away from school please send a letter, phone the school or speak to a staff member.
SMART KIDS come to school everyday!!!!!!!!
"Rebels Football Club (Soccer) registrations and training on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5pm at Greenwood Park, Thuringowa Drive, Kirwan from February 4 onwards.

All age groups from under 5 through to seniors are welcome. We accept the $150 vouchers that were available from the State Government from mid February. For more information, please check out our website at www.rebelsfc.com.au or contact Ian at fricke@hotkey.net.au."

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**Ross River FC**

**Sign On & Information Day**

- **Date:** Sunday 2nd Feb 2014
- **Time:** 1pm to 3pm
- **Location:** Crocs Clubhouse in Charles Moroney Park, Clint St, Kelso

**Details:**

- Under 5 to Under 18 (Including Colts)
- Deposit of $100 non refundable
- Birth certificate required for new players, eftpos available

**Contact:**

- Catherine on 0412583532 or Sandra on 0447891997
- Email: registrar@kelsocrocs.com.au
- Website: www.kelsocrocs.com.au

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**JUNIOR SECONDARY in NORTH QUEENSLAND REGION**

**WHAT:** Open Forum

**WHO:** Existing State School Teachers, Pre-Service Teachers and Applicant Teachers interested in Transitioning into Junior Secondary 2015

**WHERE:** Heatley Secondary College Auditorium – Corner Hanlon Street & Fulham Road, Heatley

**WHEN:** Tuesday 18 February 2014

3:30PM – 5:00PM

**ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION:**

Please email lorraine.keane@dete.qld.gov.au by 4.00pm Thursday 13 February 2014

(If you have particular dietary requirements please advise)
Preps having a fun time in class