**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Dear Parent/Carers

Well our first term is well and truly on its way. We have had an excellent start to the year with quite a few new families to the school which has been great. At the moment we have 155 enrolled which is the largest number for many years. Unfortunately last Thursday was our magic DAY 8 day which determined the number of teacher we were given for the year and we needed 153 to get another teacher but we only had 148 on Thursday.

Classes and teachers for 2014:
- Prep --- Ms Leanne DeMunari
- Year 1--- Mr Whaleboat
- Year 2--- Mr Pavlou
- Year 3/ 4--- Ms Slatter (Ms Friis)
- Year 4/ 5---Ms Coles
- Year 5/ 6---Mrs Johstone
- Year 6/7--- Mrs Price

Classroom Volunteers:
Please take note of the extra flyer that is going home with the newsletter today. Next Tuesday afternoon we have got our Special Meet and Greet afternoon. At 4:30 we will be meeting out near the basketball area and this will give you the opportunity to come along and meet all of the staff and your child/children’s teachers if you don’t already know them. Then at 5:30 we will be offering the opportunity to take part in a BBQ tea, $2 sausage sizzle and $3 steak burger and poppers will be on sale.

Student Behaviour:
Just a reminder to all families that our school has a School Code of Behaviour which ALL children MUST comply with. I want to remind you that schools have much more autonomy now to suspend and eventually exclude children if they do not follow school rules. I will also put in place an in-school suspension if children are not doing as is expected by them. Please note in all incidents there are 2 sides to a story and generally I find that both sides have done something that does not comply with our school rules: Respect, Responsible and Safe.

Meet and Greet:
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P & C AGM Meeting
Our annual AGM for our P & C Meeting is on Tuesday 25 February. If you have an interest in your child’s education and think you can offer some great ideas to make our school a better school or even for some fundraising ideas then please come along. If you are interested in being a part of the executive committee then this is your opportunity to put your hand up for one of those positions or get someone to nominate you. The more heads the more ideas! Executive positions include, President, Vicer President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Swimming Squad:
At the end of last year we had an inter-house swimming competition and from this we have put together a swim squad and from this squad Mr Kimber will choose the children who will be nominated for our interschool swimming competition. Training for this squad will be on Thursday mornings before school. This will begin next Thursday at 7:00am at the PCYC pool. A note will come home today with more information.

Chappie Marion:
Just a reminder that Chappie Marion is at our school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and if at any stage you would like to come along and talk to her (which is kept confidential) then please don’t hesitate to do so.

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.
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### Smart and Strong Awards

#### 31st January
- Nazareth
- Oliver
- Moka
- Phoenix
- Tia
- Koby
- Hayden
- Jade
- TJ
- Liberty
- Samantha
- Nikolas
- Leslie
- Trinity

#### 7th February
- Kyliah
- Solomon
- Phoenix
- Renny-Mae
- Danny
- Sue
- Krystal
- Jade
- Sheyla
- Tyrell
- Preston
- Lori
- Jayden

### Principal Award
Mrs Anderson
Kenny

### Chappy Award
Brandon

### Gotcha Winners

#### 31st January
- Ayla
- Yamani
- Emily
- Krystal
- Emily

#### 7th February
- Visenia
- Tyrell
- TJ
- Liberty
- Cornelious

### BIRTHDAY!

#### Nadir
- Kyliah
- Jack
- Molly
- Shaylah
- Shameeka
- Krystel
- Jason
- Phoenix
- Yamani
- Brandon
- Tyrell

### 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!!!!!!!
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.

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Early Learning Program

What: Garbutt Play's Cool
When: Every Thursday during school terms
Where: Garbutt State School - 58-76 Chandler Street
In the classroom on Lonerong Street
Time: 9am - 11am

Garbutt Play's Cool is brought to you by:
Good Beginnings Australia
Communities for Children Townsville West

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Townsville Crocodiles Visiting Garbutt School
Thursday the 20th of February at 2.15pm. We are lucky to have the Townsville Crocodiles coming to help deliver a session on the importance of exercise as part of our Health Visits Program. The aim of this session is to teach your children how to stay fit. All parents welcome to come and meet the crocodiles.