DEAR PARENTS
Welcome back to Term 4. I trust that everyone has a refreshing break and that we can get back to the business of learning.

Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will receive their NAPLAN reports with this newsletter. Results across the school are fairly pleasing and we have improved in a number of benchmarks that progress is measured by.

In Year 3, all students were ‘at or above the national minimum standard’ in Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

In Year 5, we met our target for students ‘at or above the national minimum standard’ in Reading.

This year’s Year 7s did exceptionally well as a group. They exceeded school targets for ‘at or above national minimum standard’ in Reading and Writing (writing was a particularly pleasing result and we had 100% for Reading). The other targets are about the number of students in the upper two levels of achievement. The Year 7s exceeded the school targets for all areas: Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Spelling and Punctuation and Grammar.

SWIMMING
Swimming lessons will begin on Thursday October 24th for 7 weeks.

Please read the attached information letter and return the permission section.

CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to these students who received their YCDI certificate on assembly this week.

- Shanoa
- Colt
- Ali
- Cheyanne
- Jacob
- Alexia
- Rylan
- Matthew H
- Belinda

These students have earned ‘You Did It’ this week. They have earned 3 YCDI certificates and 15 YCDI cards.

- Keely
- Tristram
- Holly

This student has reached ‘Congratulations’ this week. She has earned 2 ‘You Did It’ certificates, 6 YCDI certificates and 30 YCDI cards.

- Nathalia

These students have reached ‘Dynamite’ this week. They have earned 2 ‘Congratulations’ certificates, 4 ‘You Did It’ certificates, 12 YCDI certificates and 60 YCDI cards. This is a dynamite effort!

- Rachael
- Ely

This student received a certificate for Great Work!

- Cheyanne-100% for 5 Consecutive AR Tests
- Harley-100% for 5 Consecutive AR Test

STUDENT BANKING
As of next week student banking will be processed on Mondays.

The Commonwealth Bank are giving away 60 Apple iPod and 100 Kid’s Adventure DVD packs.

For your chance to win, simply make two or more School Banking deposits from October 21 to November 30 and you’ll be automatically be entered into the competition. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland

PREP ENROLMENTS
Children born between July 1 2008 and June 30 2009 are eligible for Prep next year.

If you would like to enrol your child, please contact the school. We will be having a Prep information afternoon this term.

STUDENT ABSENCES
If your child is absence from school, please phone our Student Absence Line, 54265160, and leave your child’s name and reason for absence.

Every parent of a child of compulsory school age or a young person in the compulsory participation phase has a legal obligation to ensure their child is enrolled and attending school or participating in an eligible option.

Parents can apply for an exemption from this obligation when their child cannot attend or it would be unreasonable in all the circumstances for their child to attend school or participate in an eligible
option for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days.

Circumstances where an exemption from schooling for a child or young person may be appropriate include (but are not limited to):

- diagnosis of terminal medical condition;
- illness or hospitalisation for a prolonged period of time;
- ‘carer’ responsibilities;
- mental health condition.

Circumstances where an exemption from schooling for a child or young person may not be appropriate include (but are not limited to):

- reluctance to attend school;
- response to incidents at school such as bullying;
- employment (for compulsory school aged child) or desire to seek employment;
- difficulty with school curriculum;
- desire to become an apprentice or trainee but without an established training contract with an employer.

You are encouraged to discuss with the school whether an application for exemption is a suitable option. The school can provide you with an application form for an exemption. It is important that supporting documentation and evidence are attached to the application.

When a decision about the exemption has been made, you will be informed in writing whether or not the exemption has been granted and if any conditions have been imposed. If you are not satisfied with the decision made, you can make a submission for the decision to be reviewed.

BELLEVUE HOMESTEAD

Today we went to Bellevue Homestead. We saw a fountain and we saw old stuff. There was a dog there. They didn’t have power back then, they used a lantern. There was a grandfather clock and they had a grand piano.

They had carriages to move the homestead from Wivenhoe Dam. We saw old knives. Ty and I got to play the piano. We got to sit on a coach. They were comfy.

By Ely Oakley

DESKS FOR SALE

We have some student desks for sale. These are available through the school office at the cost of $5 each.

GENERAL MEETING

Our next general meeting is on Tuesday October 22 at 3.15pm. This change of day is due to the Pupil Free Day on Monday October 21.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

We have cancelled the Family Portraits due to insufficient numbers.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Fernvale Indoor Sports Centre
Friday November 1st 5:30pm to 8pm
For Primary school aged children only
$5 per child
Prizes for Best costume, Scariest costume, Funniest costume and Prettiest costume.

LATIN DANCE

Learn authentic Latin Dance.
Fresh from Brazil with more than 17 years combined dance experience, Daniel and Carolyn have come to share their passion for authentic Latin dance with you. Get fit while having fun.
Starts Monday October 14 9:15am - Coominya Community Hall.