Classroom Happenings:

We are very excited to have the “Morney Plains” children: Dusty, Ty and Casey join us today and appreciate the extra hands to deliver the newsletter. Planning is well underway for 2015 and enrolments are open. Education Queensland offers a range of schooling options starting at eKindy.

eKindy program is a comprehensive ‘at home’ kindergarten program for children in the year before Prep. The program is supported by a qualified early childhood teacher and covers 15 hours of Kindergarten for 40 weeks a year (school terms only).

The program aligns with the early years learning framework and the Queensland kindergarten learning guidelines. eKindy is for children who are unable to regularly access a centre-based kindergarten program. This includes children:

• isolated by distance
• with a medical condition
• part of travelling or itinerant families.

Children must be born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 and meet the eKindy eligibility requirements for 2015. If you have a child eligible please contact the school.

In 2015 we will offer a Prep to Year 6 program. From 2015 Year 7 will be Queensland’s first year of high school and for our students their high school options will include boarding at the hostel or arranging private lodging in Longreach and attending Longreach State High School, studying by Distance Education or boarding schools.

Curriculum

With the introduction of the Australian Curriculum (AC) for English and Mathematics in 2013 Queensland State Schools have progressively moved from teaching the Queensland curriculum to the AC as additional KLA’s have been rolled out. From 2015 Civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business, Health and Physical Education, The Arts, Technology and Languages will be based on the AC. Not all KLA’s are applicable for all year levels. For example Economics and Business will only be offered to students in Years 5 and upwards while Civics and Citizenship will be offered from year 3 and upwards.

Mrs Teena McColl has accepted a contract to work at the school in 2015. She will continue with the same teaching fraction as this year.

Attendance Data

Term 1: 95.3%
Term 2: 98.4%
Term 3: 94.1%
Term 4: can we get to 99%?

Positive Behaviour

The school discipline audit was recently conducted by Mr Boyd Jorgensen. While the executive summary is not yet available the initial results in all five domains was very pleasing. Results will be published on the school website when they become available.

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P & C Association

The general meeting for the Stonehenge P & C Association was held at the school on Tuesday. Agenda included community Christmas tree to be held in the hall on Saturday 6.12.2014

Upcoming events

➢ Townsville Camp
➢ School Awards Night and Stonehenge Christmas tree 6.12.2014

2015 School term dates

Term 1
27.1.2015 – 2.4.2015
Term 2
20.4.2015 – 26.6.2015
Term 3
13.7.2015 – 18.9.2015
Term 4
Christmas Wishes - Harry
For Christmas I want a Lego. I want a lego city to build. I would spend Christmas Day at Tarcombe. I would like to get the presents under the tree.

Christmas Day - Rory
For Christmas I want a 4 wheel motorbike and goggles. I like to have Christmas at Stonehenge with Jarrod.

Christmas - Jarrod
For Christmas I want a new bike. It will be purple with gold rims and good brakes. The new bike will be a Kawasaki 125. I need a new motorbike because I have out grown my old one. I would like to spend Christmas at “Allister Park” and see all of my cousins in Dalby. We could play on the farm and watch Pa drive the tractor.

The Teleporting Box – Prue

One day I found a box. Just a plain brown box in the park. But I knew there was something special as soon as I saw it. Being me, I had to do it. I just had to press the red button on the top… Nothing happened. Suddenly, there was a great WHOOSH of air and a purple circle opened up in the sky.

It was some time before I realized, it was a portal from an inter galactic world! Now, to some people, this may not seem weird and wacky, but let me tell you, the next thing will. Heaps of little aliens started flying out in groups of two. I tried to stop them, I really did. I pressed the red button over & over but to no success. When the murky coloured aliens finished shooting out of the portal, it disappeared and a voice spoke. By now, everyone in sight was watching & listening to the show.

“I am the master of the inter galactic circle,” said the grim voice. “You have 2 days to collect the 100 aliens that have been transported to your world. This is the doings of Braveheart, our most feared enemy. He has cursed your planet. If you cannot complete this task by the time this clock hits zero, then your world will explode.” He set a clock and continued. “When you have found an alien and have it in your hand, throw it as far as you can and it will vanish through a portal.” And with that, he was gone. I looked around at the stunned faces. This was going to be a big job…

Gone, gone, gone. I picked up 3 aliens and threw with all my might. They vanished. “Yes!” I said. All around me people were throwing aliens, left, right & centre. They were quite ugly things these aliens. You would find them in pools, pot plants, under the bed, in the cupboards, in the bathtub. Wherever you looked, they would be there. We had 46 by the end of day 1. Only 54 to go tomorrow. Everybody woke up the next morning and started at it again. We were down to 4 with 2 minutes left on the clock. I found 1 in a bin…

The Writers Corner
This week the P-3’s have been writing about Christmas, while other students had a writing stimulus featuring a box and had to write to that.
Money Box - Heath

One day I was slowly driving along Kingfisher Street when suddenly a black car came speeding around the corner. Without thinking I swerved. I don’t remember what happened next but I recall opening my eyes to see a small golden box sitting on top of my ruined car. This was my first look at the box that was going to change my life.

I woke up in a hospital bed sweating like I’d run a marathon. I sat up and looked out of the window, it was a lovely day. I laid back down in bed. Then something caught my eye on the roof of the building next door. It was the same little gold box. Suddenly the door burst open and a tall man in a lab coat walked in. I read his name tag. Mr Pelonski. He took hold of the end of my bed and wheeled me to another room. He got a needle off the bench and jabbed it into my arm. I fell asleep instantly.

When I finally woke up I was back in the other room in my bed. I reached for my glass of water but knocked it over. That is when I saw it. My hand, gone. It was bandaged but it was obvious there was no hand there. I got such a shock that I fell out of bed. I don’t know why but I got up and started running down the hall way, out the door, got in a car and drove one handed all the way home.

I opened the front door and burst into my house. There, in front of me was the little box, sitting on the table. Cautiously I walked over and opened the little box. Inside was something amazing. A block of gold, real as it could ever be. I picked it up and felt it. It was real solid gold. I looked down at the box, another gold bar had appeared. Then I realized this was truly a money box. An endless supply.

The Box - Tahnee

“Let’s go, Lisa!” Rain yelled up the stairs as they were about to go for a walk. Striding down the hall, Lisa yelled back “I’m almost done, just chill out.” Then after about 5 minutes she walked down the stairs and they left.

They were about10 minutes into their walk when they spotted a large box on the track, about 4 metres up from where they were standing. Slowly walking towards it, Lisa whispered “I wonder what it is.” “Lisa be careful, what if it’s a trap?” Rain tried to yell though it came out as nothing louder than a whisper. Lisa didn’t care if it would hurt her or put her in any kind of danger, she just wanted to know that it was. As she walked up beside it, Rain came to her side and looked at her. “Open it” Rain quietly pressured her friend. “Okay” Lisa simply said, then she opened it…

Looking into the box, Rain saw money, lots of it, she didn’t know what to say “M-money” she stuttered and looked at Lisa. She had the same shocked yet confused expression on her face. They both sat down in front of the box and took all of the money out. In the bottom they found a note, they looked at it and Lisa read it out.

“If you are reading this, it means you have found all of my money. I bet you are wondering why and how it is out here, well I put it out here because I have just received news that I am going to pass, and I thought, what use is money to a person that is not alive, so I put it in a box and placed it here and now you have found it. This is for you to keep.” Rain took the note and put it in her pocket. They grabbed the box and money and went back home.

“What do we do?” Lisa asked slowly. “We spend it” she stated. So they went out and spent some on new things, but decided to keep the rest of it in case the needed it. They then threw the box away but kept the note.
I stared out the window at the dreary grey rainclouds. I just wanted to go to the beach. I quickly bolted down the stairs when I heard the rain had stopped. “I’m going to the beach!!” I shouted as I sprinted out of the door. No time to waste.

I ran as fast as I could down to the water. No one was here, so it’s as if it was my own private beach. I stared at what seemed an endless amount of blue water. Such a stunning sight indeed. Suddenly, the water crashed onto the sand, leaving me drenched from the waist down. I looked around for a dry spot on the sand that I could stand at. But there wasn’t one, I guess the tide was too high.

As I scanned the area, my eyes spotted a small brown box drifting along with the water. I ran as fast as I could from where I was to the box. I was almost tripping because the waves were so strong. I stared at the box once I had retrieved it from the water. It was in reasonably good condition. It wasn’t falling apart, so that was a good sign. I began thinking about what would happen if I opened the box. What if an animal was in there? What if it was treasure? Maybe money? Maybe even precious gold or silver? There could be weapons in there? Maybe someone’s body part that had been gruesomely cut off? Like their hand? Well, maybe not… “It could be a note!!” I exclaimed shortly after dismissing my other thoughts.

I stared at it once more. There was nothing wrong with curiosity. Nothing wrong with it at all. I glared at it. What if it was something personal that had become lost? I questioned myself. I sighed and gave in to my curiosity. I went in closer to the box and started lifting the lid. Slowly…carefully, trying not to let the box fall apart. I lifted the last inch of lid from the box. I peeked in. Nothing was in there. Oh! Yes there was, how could I miss it?

I picked up a large piece of white paper with big black letters in bold. I stared at the letter. I was stunned, shocked, gobsmacked, completely flabbergasted. The words read:
PREPARE FOR YOUR END CHARLIE…