Welcome back!

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Congratulations to our latest group of Student Representatives:
- **Junior class:** Jack and Nikita
- **Middle class:** Jack and Storm
- **Senior class:** Blake and Tamara

These six children, as well as the School Student Leaders Ebony and Wade, will attend Student Council meetings with me each Wednesday, to discuss issues that affect the students.

**CAMP NEWS – CENTENARY CAMP**

On Thursday afternoon, I held a meeting with the parents and students of Years 5-7, to discuss plans for our Centenary Camp to Canberra. In summary, the camp has been planned as follows:

- Lowmead and Wartburg State Schools will travel to Canberra for a 4-day (3-night) camp during November.
- We will fly to Brisbane, then on to Canberra (Tuesday); return flights will be on the Friday. Flight times will be advised after the bookings have been finalised.
- Parents are requested to drive their children to the Bundaberg airport themselves, as well as collect them on the Friday.
- Transport around Canberra is by coach.
- All motel-style accommodation is included in the camp costs. All meals are included in the camp costs.
- Activities that are included are:
  - National Capital Exhibition
  - Parliament House tour
  - Australian War Memorial
  - Mount Ainslie Lookout
  - Black Mountain Tower
  - Canberra International Sports and Aquatic Centre
  - Questacon – National Science and Technology Centre
- The final cost of the camp will depend on the success of grant applications and fund raising activities. To assist with budgeting, parents are welcome to make payments towards camp costs throughout the year.
- Invoices will be issued at the end of Term 3. Final payment will be required by the first week of Term 4.

I have already conducted an informal introductory meeting with the Year 5-7 students, to brainstorm ideas for camp fundraising. The children had lots of great ideas. Each Monday afternoon, we will hold a similar camp meeting, which parents are welcome to attend. On Assembly days, the meeting will be held at 2.00pm; otherwise, it will be at 2.30pm. The idea for the meetings is to give management of lots of the fundraisers to the students, who are the ultimate beneficiaries of the camp, as well as to provide adult guidance and assistance for the ideas’ implementation.

Easter raffle tickets have been issued today. The cost of each ticket is 50cents. The raffle will be drawn on the morning of the school cross country, Thursday 28th March. Please ensure all tickets and money have been returned by then.

**CAMP NEWS – YEARS 3/4**

Because they are too young to go to Canberra with the Year 5-7 students, Year 3 & 4 students from Lowmead and Wartburg will attend camp earlier in the year. Details of the camp are:

- 18th - 19th April (two days, one night) – Term 2, Week 1, Thursday and Friday
- Bus transport to and from the venue
• Camp cost $50
• Planned activities include:
  o Bush cooking
  o Bike riding
  o Fishing
  o Antarctica demonstration
  o Low ropes course
  o Team-building games and activities
  o Invoices and information were issued last week. Payment is due 15th April.

This afternoon, I visited the Year 3/4 classroom and showed them photos of the Boyne Island EEC venue. They were particularly excited about the ‘dinosaurs’ that live in the grounds, as well as the idea of making, cooking and eating damper – bush style. There are five weeks (and one day) to go until the Year 3/4s leave for camp … that’s only 36 sleeps!

P&C NEWS
Unfortunately, due to committee members’ personal circumstances, yesterday’s P&C meeting could not proceed. The meeting has been postponed to Tuesday 26th March.

It has been gratifying to receive expressions of interest from parents who are interested in helping in the tuckshop. A recurring question is: Are pre-school aged children allowed to come with their parents to tuckshop? Due to health and safety regulations, CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE TUCKSHOP. If you have young children and would like to help in the tuckshop, please arrange for someone else to care for them during the couple of hours of your rostered tuckshop morning.

SPORTS
Wartburg State School will hold its annual Cross Country on the last school day of this term, Thursday 28th March. Parents, grandparents and super-cheerers are welcome to come to school to encourage all our children as they run their cross-country courses. We will start the morning’s races with the senior students (who will run 3km) and finish with the littlies. Parents of students in Years 5-7 have planned to provide hamburgers and icy-cups, as a fundraiser for the Centenary Camp. Order forms for the hamburgers will be included in next week’s newsletter. Other sports events for the year have been included in the ‘Dates to Remember’ section.

WORKING BEE
On Saturday, from 8.00-10.00am, we would like as many people as possible to come to school for a working bee. The aim of the working bee is to start preparing our gardens for our upcoming Centenary. Jobs that need to be done include weeding, digging out stumps, digging up gardens and levelling the palm grove. Please bring your gardening tools: mattocks, forks, gloves, chip hoes, shovels and wheelbarrows. Remember, the more people who help, the less work each person will need to do.

COMMUNITY DISASTER MANAGEMENT MEETING
Residents of Baffle Creek, Lowmead and Rosedale areas are invited to attend the community disaster management meeting, to be held at Wartburg State School on Saturday morning, 16th March, from 10.00am-12.00noon. A light barbecue, hosted by the Baffle Creek Sport & Recreation group will be offered, as will tea and coffee. A flyer from the Gladstone Regional Council regarding the meeting has been attached to this newsletter.

Have a great week!
Jeanne Cross
Principal

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Baffle Creek
St Paul’s Lutheran Church
3rd Sunday of every month
11.00am
Coast Road, Baffle Creek
All welcome!