Education Week Open Afternoon
We are having an open afternoon in all our classrooms this Thursday 31 July to celebrate Education Week. Parents can come and have recess with their children or join classes from 2.10pm in the classroom. Special sign on sheets will be available in classrooms so parents don’t have to queue at the office to sign in.

Aussie Bush Camp
This week we welcome back our Stage 2 students from camp. It sounded like they all had a great time. Thank you to the teachers for organising this activity and for providing supervision.

Assembly
We are changing the format of assemblies to allow students to have more time to speak and be more audience friendly. This week assembly is a whole school assembly where the newly elected Student Representative Council members will be announced for this semester. After this week, K – 2 assemblies and 3 – 6 assemblies will be held on alternate weeks and assemblies will start at the later time of 2.30pm.

Parking
Please read all signs carefully in front of the school and only park in the designated areas. Parents are parking in bus zones and teachers are having difficulty loading the buses.

Payments to the School
Remember you can go to the website and click on the Make a Payment Tab. After the payment is made you will be emailed a receipt immediately. This is now the schools preferred method of payment as it is secure and creates an instant receipt. Contact the school if you need more details.

School Gardens
Watch this space!
Last week 2G planted rhubarb and potatoes in their garden bed. We are looking forward to potato bake with stewed rhubarb and custard for dessert.

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Important Dates
31st July  Education Week Open Afternoon
5th August  Opera House Choir
18th August  Book Parade
19th – 28th August  Life Education
21st August  Cluster Choir Rehearsal
4th September  Cluster Choir Concert
22nd October  Wizard of Oz

Life Education Visit
Healthy Harold will be visiting the school on 19th August til 28th August. Preschool $8 and K - 6 $9. Permission note will go home this week with a timetable for each class.
Writing

We are still learning about sizzling starts and here are some more this week.

**2GR joint construction**

*Splat!* The water is icy cold. The invaders are screaming their heads off. They are running around playing evil games with coloured balls of water. "When will this dreadful torture come to an end?" *Splat! Splat! Splat!* One by one, the water balloons fly fast across the backyard.

"I've had enough. This is the worst party I've ever been to!"

**4/5M**

NO!! Riley, don't get too close to that bar! CRACK! Riley, don't eat it! It looks and tastes like chocolate, but that doesn't mean it is chocolate. (Oliver Redhead)

The time machine worked. But in a bad way. The citizens were running from what looked like a T-Rex. "Quickly, this way!" yelled the man at the desk of the retirement home as the elderly came driving slowly on their carts. "What are we going to do?" (Justice Bluegum)

The man stood behind me at the 7/11 all dressed in black. It looked like he was sweating, but I couldn't be sure with the black mask over his head. (Lilly Black)

Library News

**Book Week News**

As mentioned last week, the library will celebrate CBCA Book Week and the theme this year is "Connect to Reading". Due to a clash of dates with other school activities, we will be changing the date of the Book Week Parade to Monday 18th August. This will ensure that no student will miss any of the fun. Keep thinking about some fabulous costume ideas and watch this space for more details!

**Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014**

The PRC has one month left to run so read, read, read! Congratulations to Allie Dickinson KH, Kaden Coble 1C & Sophie Young Castle 5/6RP for completing the challenge - fabulous reading! I am also delighted to announce that all students in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 have now completed the PRC. Visit the website for all the details:


Happy reading

Louise Troup
Teacher Librarian

Canteen News

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Look out for next week’s newsletter. DIY Cupcake order forms will be coming home.

Aussie Bush Camp

Fun, Challenging, Diverse, Relevant and Memorable! These are just some of the words used by Stage 2 students to describe the Great Aussie Bush Camp which they attended last week. The students stepped out of their comfort zones and participated in a range of activities and experiences that included rock climbing, canoeing, the giant swing, dual flying fox and archery to name a few. A great time was had by all!