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NEWS FLASH



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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSFLASH

BEING A GOOD FRIEND AND HELPFUL PERSON

As we head into our upcoming Minischools later this term I'll be talking to our students about being aware of how our words can and often hurt and offend others if we say insensitive things.

BEING A GOOD FRIEND

Friendship is defined as the caring relationship which exists between two or more people. Having friends is important to everyone, so helping your child to develop skills in establishing good friendships is an important parental role; one which is supported at school. Much is said about the traditional 'three R's' in education, but there are really 'four R's' and the fourth 'R' is relationships. School is about learning to live as a community member, and relationships and friendships are the glue that keeps communities together. Here are some ideas and advice for developing healthy friendships:

- Be honest and truthful.
- Be there when your friend needs you; be helpful.
- Respect people's feelings and belongings.
- Share your feelings and be a good listener.
- Be kind and caring.
- Invite people to join in your games and activities.
- Never talk about people when they are not there.
- Always keep your promises.
- Be prepared to forgive and forget; it is human to make mistakes.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Be the kind of friend you'd like to have.

Making and keeping friends requires a lot of effort. It's not always easy and sometimes friends do things which are hurtful. A good friendship is one in which the people involved all work together to make it an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone. Be prepared to step in and help your child if you sense that their friendships are not appropriate or suitable.

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SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS

Yes, it's that time of the year again. Staff, students and parents who have been selected will again have the opportunity to participate in this survey to express their opinion on how we are travelling as a school. Please take the time to complete these surveys as they give valuable feedback to us. Surveys have been emailed/posted out to selected parents.

Here is some feedback we received last year:

What are the best things that make a difference to our school?

- My child is making good progress at this school
- Literacy and Numeracy focus on teaching and learning
 - The interest taken in individual students
 - Approachable staff
- Praise and encouragement for our children
- This school is well-maintained.

What areas need strengthening/new initiatives?

- Increased parent involvement to support education
 - Continue to towards asking for parent input
- Clear direction around assessment expectations

As can be seen from the above, your feedback is much appreciated in helping us make our school a better place to be.

*Bobby Harding
Principal*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Everyone who has ever taken a shower has had an idea. It’s the person who gets out of the shower, dries off and does something about it who makes a difference.” Nolan Bushnell

YEAR 3 MINISCHOOL



VISIT TO CAPRICORNIA SDE

Last week a few selected staff made the trip to Rockhampton to do some professional networking with Capricornia School of Distance Education. It was great to see how another school goes about the job of teaching and learning. Mr Ian Bielenberg was a former principal of our school and we had the opportunity of work shadowing colleagues and gaining an insight to their way of working. It was a valuable learning experience and will most definitely help us in our leadership journey going forward. Our sincere thanks to Ian and his team for hosting us.



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BLUE LIGHT SUPERHEROES DANCE PARTY

Friday 17th August 2018

Longreach State School
Swan Street, Longreach

Kids up to 12 years old welcome

6pm-8pm

\$5 includes sausage sizzle and popper

- Parents of Children 6 years and up are welcome to sign in their children and leave. You will need to sign your children out on leaving.
- \$2 sausage sizzle for parents
- \$1 can of soft drink or bottle of water



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