23rd October 2014
Term 4 Week 3

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Message from Mr Lucht

Greetings all.
Firstly this week I would like to give a hearty congratulations to Xianna and all of the other students that were involved in establishing the community barbecue fundraiser last night. It is great to see our students supporting the local community. The ultimate end goal for this group of students is to see the Mary Valley Rattler return to Kandanga. Well done to all of those involved. The barbecue will be a weekly event through until the end of the school year.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday at 3pm in the school library. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend and have their say about what they would like to see happening at the school.

School camp is getting closer and final information will be sent home on Monday.

This Saturday the Gympie Times will be running their annual Education Supplement which contains ads and editorials for schools within the Gympie region. We have once again placed information about our school in this publication. Make sure you grab Saturday’s Gympie Times and check us out.
Invoices

Please could parents finalise their payment for swimming and camp asap.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop for Tuesday 28th October is
- Warm Noodle Salad
- Home Baking
- Icy Pole
- Serve of Fruit
- Popper

Prep Orientation Day

Last Thursday, the P-2 class had a great time welcoming the new Preps for 2015. The morning was a lot of fun and very busy.

I hope that our new Preps for 2015 had a great time and I can't wait to see them again soon.

Prep Information Night

Just a reminder that next Tuesday Night (28th October 2014) from 5:30pm to 6:00pm we will be holding a Prep Information Evening. Parents of future 2015 Prep children are invited to come along to an information session about their child’s year in Prep at Kandanga State School. We look forward to seeing you there.

Also, any new preps can attend playgroup which is held every Thursday morning from 9:00am to 10.30am.
**Consent Forms**

Last Thursday Parents would have received a Media Consent Form which is a requirement by Education Queensland. The Consent form is to be completed for each child who attends Kandanga State School. Thank you to those of you who have already returned the form, however there are still a number of forms outstanding. Please complete the new form and return to school by Monday of next week. Thanks.

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**World Teacher’s Day**

World Teacher’s Day will be celebrated on Friday October 24th —tomorrow. This is an opportunity for the whole school community to rally behind our school’s teachers. Teachers wear many hats in one day. They are coaches, mentors, leaders, project managers, colleagues, administration officers and learners. Teachers frequently give up their weekends and work late into the night to provide our children access to quality education.

Let’s all take the opportunity to thank our teachers. Let them know how you value the people who are educating our students.

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**Rattler Fundraiser**

Don’t forget the Community BBQ which will be operating every Wednesday afternoon between 5:00pm and 6:30pm at the BBQ near the Kandanga Pool. Cost is $2.00 per sausage and all funds raised will go towards bringing back the Rattler to Kandanga. Thanks to Xiana O’Donnell for initiating the idea and to students of Kandanga for their support.
Year 2/3 were very surprised to see their classroom on Tuesday morning. The reading corner had moved and there was now a HUGE carpet space for our class to learn together. But the students agreed that the most exciting change was the new computer workstations. Each group of 3 or 4 students now have their own computer, which they could easily access throughout the day.

One of the key reasons behind this change was to support co-operation skills. In sharing the roles of the workstation (i.e. driver, passenger and backseat driver), the students have to practice collaboration, negotiation and patience. The students are also challenged to develop independence and responsibility as they take care of the equipment and learn to use new programs.

We have used the new workstations for a variety of purposes this week. The students used a drawing program to create and then write collaboratively about a creature. We viewed a range of Indigenous Art before creating our own dot paintings. After pretending to be equals signs/balance scales, we used PowerPoint to balance equations.

“The computers help us to co-operate with other students.” Lilly

“When we are sitting like this Miss B could walk around to different groups and quickly give us new challenges.” Sianna

“Paper is more boring and you have to spend time rubbing things out when you could be learning.” Joel