Greetings all.

It is a case of ‘full steam ahead’ as the Centenary Celebration rapidly approaches and this was reflected at the school over the last two weekends as working bees have rapidly transformed our overgrown gardens into much smarter looking areas. There is another working bee planned for Saturday morning to continue replanting some of the gardens. The working bees have so far been carried out mainly by community members and it would be great to see some more of our parents coming along to help out where possible.

Thank you to all of those families that have returned their forms indicating when they are able to assist with our three upcoming fundraisers. Unfortunately some families are yet to return their forms. To ensure that you are allocated a time that suits your personal circumstances, please ensure that these forms are returned as soon as possible. We will be compiling the official volunteer timetable next Wednesday and families that have not returned their forms will be allocated those time slots that have not been filled.

Birthdays to 20th August
- Jemma Palmer
- Mitchell Smalera

Playgroup every Friday morning
9:00 - 10:30am

Calendar of Events

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Countdown to our Centenary Celebrations

37 Days
**Book Fair**

The School will be hosting a Book Fair here at school from Tuesday 18th August until Monday 31st August in the school Library. Students will be given the opportunity to view the books during class time and they will be given a wish list where they can write down the books they like and take their wish list home to show their families. They will then have the opportunity to purchase the book/s if they wish and parents are able to pay for these online (please record the receipt number if paying online to enable your child to collect their book,) or alternatively you can pay with cash at the school. This will be done before school and parents are encouraged to be with them when they purchase their books. Please see more info below:

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**2015 BOOK FAIR**

Dear Parents and Families:

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to open a world of possible.

Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – Book Fair Under the Sea – Explore an Ocean of Books! – surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they’ll achieve.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. The Fair will be set up in our library. Hope to see you there!

**Book Fair Dates:** 18th August – 31st August
**Shopping Hours:** 8:00am – 9:00am or 2:20pm – 2:40pm, Monday to Wednesday.

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**Public Speaking Competition**

On Wednesday 09th September selected students in Years P-7 will be competing in the Mary Valley Public Speaking competition. The competition will run from 9:15am to approx. 12:30pm. More details including students selected will follow closer to the event.
## Help Still Urgently Required

Help is still required for all the following activities.

- Selling Showbags at the Mary Valley Show at Imbil on Saturday 22nd August
- Stocking the Bar at the Gympie Music Muster the Sunday morning prior to the Muster - Sunday 23rd August
- Working at our Centenary either morning or afternoon shifts.

Please consider lending a hand as we are urgently in need of help. Thanks.

## Sickness at School

It's that time of the year again where sickness in students is prevalent. The best place for a sick child is at home. If your child is showing any sign of sickness, could we please ask that you keep your child at home where I'm sure they will feel far more comfortable. It also eliminates the possibility of sharing their illness with other children at school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Working Bee

A big Thank you to Katarina Keating, Julie Worth and Puddy Dan for organising a working bee at school last weekend and a massive thank you to all volunteers who turned up to help. A lot was achieved and the gardens are looking wonderful. Another working bee has been organised for this coming Saturday starting at 8:00am. It would be great to see as many of you as possible help to beautify our school in readiness for our Centenary. Please BYO gardening tools, gloves etc.

## Father's Day Stall

Father's Day is on the first weekend in September and we are looking for someone to organise the Father's Day Stall. This will involve ordering items for the stall and selling these items on the day. If you can assist, please contact the school. It would be disappointing if the students could not buy something for dad on his special Day. Thanks.