Greetings all,

Two weeks ago I wrote in our newsletter that our main focus areas for this year would be reading, numeracy and improving attendance. Whilst this may seem like a pretty standard plan for most schools, they are the absolute key areas that lay the foundation for future success for your children. These are also key areas that you can continue to help your children improve by doing a few simple things at home on a regular basis. Reading to your children has been shown to be a highly effective method to improve your children’s interest in reading and subsequently increasing their knowledge of a larger selection of vocabulary and other concepts.

Providing your children with regular mathematical practice is also highly beneficial. This is as simple as getting them to help with cooking, reading the television guide and working out times, working out pocket money or even getting them to help calculate totals when out shopping.

Attendance is the easiest one to stay on top of and is as simple as making sure that your children are at school every day that is possible to help minimise the amount of work that they miss out on.

Good luck to Daimon this weekend as he travels to Hervey Bay to represent the Wide Bay sporting region at the QLD Aquathon championships. This involves a 1 km run, a 200m swim and finishes off with another 1 km run.

Birthdays
To 25th February
Sam Gibbs

Student Banking every Thursday
Please make sure you fill in the deposit slip on your child’s bankbook before sending to school. Thanks,
Community News

Mary Valley Pony Club Come and Try Day.
Come and try day will be on Sunday 20th March 2016 at 9:00am at the Imbil Showgrounds,
We welcome new club members to come along and enjoy the fun we have with horses.
Non members $25.00 per day
Members - $15 per day.
Please phone Chris on 54886831 or 0458931918 for more info.

Old Time Country Dance with the Sunshine Swing Band
Kandanga Hall
Saturday 20th February 2016.
7:30pm start, Doors open at 7:00pm
Delicious Supper Provided
Cost $12.00 Adult  High School Students $6.00. Ph 54843465 for details.

Prep Swimming

Swimming for Prep students will commence next Thursday 24th March. Pool hours for Prep will be from 1:00pm - 1:45pm.

Please could you make sure that your child has their togs, towel, hat and suitable footwear and also a swim shirt and sunscreen. We also ask that parents or caregivers of Prep students accompany their child in the pool during swimming instruction. Thanks.

Kandanga School Choir

Mrs Greer our music teacher is forming a School Choir and interested students can sign up for their participation next Thursday morning from 8:15 to 8:45am. If we get enough interest, the Choir will be held every Thursday morning from 8:15 to 8:45am. This is a great opportunity to perform in Eisteddfods, sing at services such as Anzac Day and the CWA and also end of year School Presentation Night. Hope to see as many of you as possible next Thursday morning for sign up.

Clean up Australia Day

Clean-up Australia Day is Friday 04th March 2016. This year we will be celebrating 25 years of Schools Clean Up.
Inspiring children to care for the environment is a vital part of Clean up Australia Day. Kandanga Students will participate in the clean up day at school next Friday.

Council will provide litter collection bags and removal of collected litter from schools in Gympie area if required.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop for next Wednesday 24th February will be Hamburgers for the meal deal - All orders need to be in by the Monday prior to Tuckshop. Please return your order with correct payment by Monday 22nd February. Place your order in the Tuckshop Box situated in the library. Thanks.

Please note that some families are returning their tuckshop orders after Monday. We need orders to be returned by Monday so we can order food for the Wednesday. Please return you order by Monday. Thanks.