Welcome Back
What a calm start to the year it has been. A special welcome to all our new families. A special welcome also to new staff at our school: Mrs Jodie Cousins - Master Teacher and Literacy and Numeracy Support Teacher and Mrs Melissa Beilby Hicks – Music Specialist.

Parent Information Sessions - Next Week
Teachers will hold ‘Meet the Teacher’ Sessions after school next week. These sessions will introduce parents to their child’s teacher and inform parents in approximately 30 minutes how class routines will operate throughout the year.

Information regarding curriculum content, student expectations, yearly camps and opportunities for parents to ask questions will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your children’s teacher and find out how your child’s classroom operates. Building a strong relationship with your child’s teacher that allows open communication is extremely important.

In the middle of the ‘Meet the Teacher’ Sessions, our P&C will supply a BBQ, with soft drinks for sale. If you wish to enjoy some friendly company in the Blue Under Cover Area a free BBQ will be in operation. This event was well supported last year and our staff are looking forward to catching up with parents and students in an informal atmosphere.

Parent Teacher Interviews – Two Interviews

Interview One
The first opportunity will be when Settling In Reports are provided to parents during an interview later in term 1. These interviews provide open communication channels between teachers and parents and allow a positive relationship to be developed. On this occasion, teachers will be able to briefly communicate how your child is settling in and inform you if there are early concerns noted.

Interview Two
These interviews are held late in Term 2. Teachers provide parents with a more detailed and explicit information around how your child is progressing academically, behaviourally and socially at school. You will also receive your child’s Semester One report around this time.

Please note parents are welcome to meet with your child’s teacher at any stage throughout the year. Please ensure you make an appointment with the teacher to enable this to be a productive meeting.

Email - Ensure you have your teachers email address to further facilitate parent / teacher communication and they have yours, as requested this week through teachers Welcome letters. Hope to see you next Wednesday.

Yours in Education,  Anita Judge
**SWPBS**
*(School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)*

**This Week’s Rule**
We have 4 School Rules: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be an Achiever.

Each week we focus on one Rule and teachers recognise students enacting that rule with a ‘positive peg’.

It is great to hear not just our students but our parents reinforcing the weekly focus with their children within the school and at home.

The upcoming week’s Rule is Be Respectful Use Appropriate School Language

Our school is a Positive Behaviour Support School. This means we teach our children what our rules, routines and expectations are and reward them for meeting or exceeding these.

An important element is making clear what our expectations are. For this reason I have outlined some of our before and after school expectations below.

**Before School Routines**

Note supervision is only provided from 8:30 onwards. Students are encouraged not to attend before this time.

- ☺ Sit in Blue Under Cover area until the first bell goes
- ☺ After the first bell (8:30) students may play handball or play on the main oval once they have placed their bag at their classroom
- ☺ Playing on any playground equipment is not permitted
- ☺ When second bell goes students move directly to classrooms via the toilet and drinking taps.

**After School Routines**

**Walking or Riding**

After the 3:00pm bell students are to collect their belongings and move.

- ☺ Students on or scooters must dismount to leave via the front gates and when using the crossing
- ☺ It is important students are respectful of all other footpath users
- ☺ Smile and acknowledge others as you leave the school

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**Our Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is open Friday mornings between 8.30 am and 9.00 am. Orders can be placed directly with the Uniform Shop or through the forms in the office. Orders will be filled straight away if stock is available and can be collected from the Uniform Shop on Fridays between 8.30 and 9.00 am.

In the new school year, it is important for families, staff and school communities to keep up-to-date with the latest information from their school.

The QSchools app provides an easy method of accessing vital school information, including latest news, events and newsletters.

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**Volunteers Make a Difference Every Day**

Our school is inviting volunteers, parents and carers who are able to support our students with their learning, to participate in our Volunteer Program.

This may be either aspects of Literacy (Reading, Writing or Spelling) or Numeracy. These students are predominantly in the lower year levels (Years Prep to 3).

This is a very beneficial program and members of our school wide community have been volunteering in our school for many years.

Volunteers may wish to attend one of our morning tea and training sessions. Information for volunteers who wish to participate will be advertised in the next newsletter.

Any enquiries to Jodie Cousins, our Support Teacher: Literacy & Numeracy.
**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE**

**Payments**
Please deposit all payments directly into our bank account noting the invoice number, initial and surname of the student for whom you are paying.

Our Bank account details are:
BSB: 064-405  Account Number: 00090356

Cash, cheque and credit card payments can be made by inserting the cheque/correct change in a payment envelope or writing the credit card details on the front of the envelope and depositing it into the drop-box on the office door.
Please ensure that the envelope is sealed so the cash does not fall out.
Please write the student’s name, class, amount enclosed and what the payment is for, clearly on the envelope.

Office hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm on Monday - Friday.

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**NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY**

Thank you to all the people who helped raise funds for Mrs Sarah McGuiness trip to Russia this month, to halt her M.S. I know I speak for the whole school community when I wish Sarah our blessings for her upcoming trip and treatment.
Upon her return from Russia, Sarah will be confined to home under quarantine and the school will be asking for arts, crafts and other donations to help Sarah fill in her hours of recuperation. More information soon.

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**Life’s Journey**

Are you a mother, grandmother or female carer who has children under the age of 18 years in your care? Would you like to be involved in a group where you can make new friends, increase your self esteem and have fun?

~ If so, this may be the group for you! ~

Life’s Journey is a free six week friendly group for women who are parenting. You will be able to experience new and creative things, explore ideas, and meet new people. Hands-on Interactive activities include painting and clay work. Some topics explored are communication in families, self esteem, stress management plus much more!

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**DIVIDE IN MOVIE**

Best Dressed Competition
Giveaways
Sausage Sizzle
Don’t forget your swimmers, towels, blanket & chair

**GOLD COIN ENTRY**

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**Relationships Australia**

**WHERE:**
Encircle (formerly Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre) 865 Gympie Road, Lawton

**WHEN:**
25th February - 1st April 2015
Wednesday mornings - 10am until 12.30pm

**COST:**
Free