From the Principal's Desk

Show Day 2016
Although the annual Show Day public holiday is still a couple of weeks off, it has already caused some confusion. After recent government advice, the Livingstone Shire Council is back to having their Annual Show Day on Friday, 17th June, a day after the Rockhampton Show holiday on Thursday 16th June. This is what used to happen prior to the amalgamation of Livingstone and Rockhampton Councils a number of years ago. Parents who live in Livingstone but work in Rockhampton will be affected by this change.

Athletics Carnival
As per usual, our tri-school athletics carnival will be held at Farnborough State School. This year Byfield State School are organising the event. Due to the Show Day confusion, a date is still to be set. We will advise ASAP.

Parent Teacher interviews
Parents are more than welcome to make a parent teacher interview with me at a time that suits them. Afternoons, straight after school is the best time but if you would like one at a different time, I should be able to arrange something.

Under 8s Romp In the Park excursion
Our junior class had a great day on Friday at the annual Under 8s Romp in the Park. There were art and craft activities, physical activities, indigenous dancers and music. Thank you to Mrs Barrett, as well as Mel Brouwer and Kirsty Stewart and their pre preppies for coming along for the fun.

Dates to Remember
Playgroup
Every Thursday from 9-10:30am

Pie Drive delivered
Thursday 26th May

Yeppoon Show Public Holiday
Friday 17th June

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Athletics Australia
As you are all aware, we (as well as 5 other schools in our region) have received a grant from Sporting Schools to run an athletics program. It is a Government funded program (provided by Athletics Australia) and they have very specific accreditations and qualifications required by coaches (including existing qualified Athletics coaches) to be able to provide coaching under the program.
We have been in constant contact with the head of the program and he has got back to us yesterday and advised that there is currently no coach in the CQ region to accommodate our request.
The program will still go ahead but unfortunately it will be in term 3, after our athletics carnival. They are sending representatives up from Melbourne to not only provide a 2 hr coaching session for all the schools that have grants, but also to provide the final accreditations to a number of people in the region who have been working towards becoming accredited coaches, so this will not be a problem for us in future. In the meantime, we will start some training in PE and during lunches to get us prepared for our Athletics carnival.

Andrew Orr
Principal

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for students and school staff
All Queensland state school students and staff can now download multiple free copies of Microsoft Office 2016 to their personal home computers and mobile devices.
Bell Times

**Congratulations to those students who continually make an effort to arrive at school on time.**

Please note the bell times:

**8:50am** — School warning bell  
This gives the students time to go to the toilet and get ready for the day.

**8:55am** — School commencement  
Students are expected to be in the class for roll call.

**9:00am**  
Any students that arrive after the roll has been called, without a note, will be written down as unexplained late.

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We respect and acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Daramald people, of elders past and present. We also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the education of all children and people in this country; we all live in and share together – Australia.

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**P&C News**

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 13th June at 3pm**.  
We encourage all parents and caregivers to attend.

The pie drive will be delivered to school this Thursday. If you would like to help pack orders please arrive at 2pm.
CAR BOOT SALE - BOOK YOUR SITE NOW: Saturday 11th June 7am - 11am. Anglican Parish of Keppel Car Park, 18 Housden Place, Taranganba. Only $15 a site or $25 for two. Bric a brac, loads of treasures and a sausage sizzle - Something for everyone. Come and grab a bargain from the great variety of stalls. To book your site please phone Lyndall on 0418 392 303.