

Bravehearts Visit

This Friday 18th November students in years Prep—Year 5 will have the opportunity to experience the Braveheart's Personal Safety Education Program 'The Ditto Show'.



If you do not wish your child to attend the show, please notify the office by 9:00am this Thursday.

Please Note: At the same time our year six students will be attending a transition to High School session organised by our Guidance Officer.

Orientation Day

New Prep students for 2017 will be visiting the school next Friday 25 November between 9am and 11am for their orientation in readiness for school in 2017. New students need to wear shoes and have a hat and morning tea with them.

Parents need to bring confirmed emergency contact details and outstanding enrolment forms including the child's birth certificate and immunisation records.

Students entering Year 7 at Gordonvale High have an orientation day on Friday 25 November. Parents need to make their own arrangements for transport and ensure students wear full Alooomba uniform with covered shoes and a hat. More information is available in the letter directly sent to parents from the high school.

Booklists for 2017 will be distributed with next week's newsletter.

With Sympathy

For the last few months our lovely Music, Talkabout, Writing Extension teacher, Brenda Dingwall has been on leave caring for her husband who has been ill with Melanoma Cancer.

Very sadly, he passed away last Tuesday.

It has been a tough time for Brenda, Dru and their gorgeous children—Brittany, Jarod, Abigail and Imogen. We are devastated for the family and, as close-knit staff, are feeling very sad. We'll support Brenda in any way we can and, in time, will welcome her back when she's ready.

We will pass on the school community's condolences to Brenda and her family and hope and pray for strength and peace for them. Anyone can donate at the school office to go towards a care package for Brenda. Children can also make a card that we will take to the funeral on Thursday.

All cards must be ready to go at 9:00am on Thursday.



Pine Car Derby Day

Every year we are blown away by the effort our students make to prepare for this day. We trust you had fun as a family, shaping, sanding, painting and decorating your cars ready for the race.

To the Year 3/4 class under the leadership of Cathy Wienert we give a big thank you. To run an activity like this there needs to be a lot of planning and extra effort put into the program. It was obvious from everyone's enjoyment, the Pine Car Derby was a very successful event.

Thanks to Kieran Fuller and Glen Anderson for polishing the track and arranging Norweld to extend the starting gate. We thank Norweld for donating their time and resources to the school. Thanks also to Steve & Lisa Winters, Glen Anderson, Sallyanne Wienert and Andrew Lauchlan for their help setting up and cleaning up. It was greatly appreciated.



Prep / 1 Champion— Under150g	Daniel
Prep / 1 Champion—Over 150g	Toby
2/3 Champion—Under 150g	Bailey
2/3 Champion—Over 150g	Grace & Carolise
3/4 Champion—Under 150g	Sophie
3/4 Champion—Over 150g	Reuben
5/6 Champion—Under 150g	Jeffrey
5/6 Champion—Over 150g	Anna
Most Creative Design	Hayden
Funniest Design	Anna
Coollest Car	Ruby
Cutest Car	Ethan
Scariest Car	Ivy
Most Colourful Car	Tiarni (Prep)
Peoples' Choice Design Award	Alexis
Open Division Champion	Luke
Design Grand Champion	Marlo
School Speed Champion	Daniel (Yr 1)

From today a collection of Pine Car Derby Cars will be on display at the Trolley Café in Gordonvale. This is a great opportunity to show your friends and family the effort our students go to for this great event.

Book Club

Book Club brochures were sent home last week. Orders can be paid for directly to the company (our preference) or by dropping the order together with payment (credit card please) to the office by Tuesday 22 November. For every dollar spent, the school receives a voucher for extra resources for our school. This maybe a good opportunity to stock up on educational Christmas presents for the family.

Empty Christmas Tree

Our school will support 'Rosies' this Christmas. We encourage students to wrap a small gift of toiletries in clear cellophane and place them under the empty Christmas Tree at the RI Christmas service on Tuesday 29 November. Donations from previous years have been distributed to needy children and we thank parents for their generosity.

Book Covering Sessions

We have recently received our large order of classroom readers (thank you to our P & C) and now would like them ready for 2017. Any parent volunteers are welcome to come along and help.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.00am—10.30am for the next two weeks. Please meet in the Library.

Garden Group Gets Grubby!

Bring gloves, hat and water. All welcome!

- * This Fri 18 Nov between 2-4pm, and
- * Next Thurs 24 Nov between 8-10am
- * Fri 2 Dec from 3pm BUSY BEE!



These timeframes are 'windows to participate'. A garden group member will be available to direct our efforts but feel free to arrive and leave as it suits you. Next year we're hoping students will be able to join the 'before school' (8-9am) garden group but for this term it's an adult only activity. Children can join in after school under the supervision of their parents/carers.

Community Announcement— School Savy

Centrecare Cairns is launching an appeal for donations of school supplies and uniforms for a pop up store which will run for the month of January, 2017.

The store will operate as a social enterprise, and provide families experiencing financial hardship the opportunity to buy low cost new and second hand uniforms and school supplies.

Wanted:

Uniforms, Back Packs, Pens, Pencils, Calculators, USB Flash Drives, Notebooks, Glue Sticks, Rulers, Folders, Highlighters.

Drop your donations to Centacare Cairns, 22-34 Aplin St or your local St Vincent's De Paul outlets.

Hearing Clinic

Thank you to the parents who returned their permission notes for the Hearing Clinic being held at the school on Monday 21 November. These forms have now been sent on for processing in readiness for the day.

Term Four Key Dates

Weds	From Oct 26	Swimming lessons P-2 for 6 wks
Fri	Nov 18	Brave Hearts (P-5)
Tue	Nov 22	Student Leadership Day— Holloway's Beach
Fri	Nov 25	Prep Orientation Morning GSHS Orientation
Tue	Nov 29	RI Christmas Service
Wed	Nov 30	Brainiacs
Fri	Dec 2	P & C Working Bee
Tue	Dec 6	Swimming Carnival
Wed	Dec 7	Christmas Concert
Fri	Dec 9	Last Day of School 2016 Dance Fever Presentation

Tuckshop Roster

Date	Tuckshop	Home Bake
18 Nov	Michelle Koenig Elly Power	Michelle Greenwood Simone Curley

School Swimming P - 2

Swimming continues every Wednesday.

Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 6 December, our whole school will go to Gordonvale Pool for a Swimming Carnival. We organise two buses to take them there and usually one bus returning. This is because a lot of children are collected at 2pm at the pool. If we only have to pay for one bus returning this is a huge cost saving for the students. Please indicate if you would like to collect your children from the Gordonvale Pool at 2pm on Tues 6 December by Friday 25 November.

Swimming Carnival Bus Survey

FAMILY NAME.....

I will be collecting my children from the pool

My children will return to school on the bus

Signature.....

Please return to the office by Friday 25 November