Dear Parents and Carers,

**Every Child Reads to an Adult**

On Monday 18th April, we are introducing a new reading program. We will run our iAIMs physical fitness program from 8am to 8:25 and then from 8:30 to 8:50, every child will read to an adult. This program will have students read their class reader from the night before, with teachers, teacher aides, parents and community volunteers given question ideas that will help students comprehension and inferential reasoning improve. It is highly recommended that your child participate in this program, however because it is a before-school activity, it is not compulsory.

**Working Bee**

A huge thank you to our families who came and helped with the working bee. We now have an empty garden, ready to plant our ANZAC Lone Pine Tree. Mrs James has massive plans for this garden, which will become a feature garden in our school. The chickens now have a roof and shade, hopefully stopping the crows from stealing our eggs. Next step is fencing off a section of their run, planting some food for them to eat.

**Complaint Process**

During the course of your child’s school years, you may have cause to make a complaint about an issue or concern you have with their education. The Department of Education and Training is committed to ensuring that all complaints are dealt with in a fair and equitable manner. There are processes and support networks in place to enable you and your child to work through any issues or concerns you may have.

1. **Discuss your complaint with the class teacher**
2. **Discuss your complaint with the Principal**
3. **Contact your local education office**
4. **Independent Review**

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Please remember to contact your child’s teachers to discuss your concerns or receive feedback as to their progress. We would love to see every parent. Please contact the school to make an appointment time.

**Sickness**

With a number of reported cases of influenza and pneumonia, a reminder that students need uniform jumpers, Winter is just around the corner!

**Congratulations Joseph and William!**

We are so proud of Joseph and William who, on Thursday 14th, represented our school at the Cluster Cross Country at Tandurugie School. Joseph ran a massive 3km. He was clearly exhausted, but he managed to place 8th with very still competition. William’s race was 2km. Will was so fast that he dad almost missed the opportunity to take his photograph halfway around the track. Placing 3rd, William now has the opportunity to represent us at the District Cross Country at Murgon State High School on May 13th. We will keep you posted with how he goes.

As a school leader, Joseph gave a wonderful speech, thanking Tandurugie for their hospitality, his fellow competitors for their sportsmanship and the tuckshop ladies for all their hard work. Such a charming natural speaker, you will go far Joe!

Congratulations to both boys and good luck for your next race William!
There is an easy way to improve your child’s chances at school.

It will entertain and delight him. It will strengthen the bonds between him and you. And it is virtually free. Sound too good to be true? Actually, it isn’t. The magical method: taking time to read aloud to your child.

In an era of high-stakes testing and education reforms and revolutions, research has repeatedly proved that one simple parenting technique is among the most effective. Children who are read aloud to by parents get a head start in language and literacy skills and go to school better prepared.

“In reading aloud to young children, particularly in an engaging manner, promotes emerging literacy and language development and supports the relationship between child and parent,” he writes in the “Handbook.” “You could even call it a commercial, conditioning the child to associate books and print with pleasure.”

Reading aloud to children is the single most important activity for building the skills and knowledge necessary for children to successfully learn to read when they begin school. Children who are good readers are usually successful learners.

Can you spare 20 minutes???

8.30-8.50 am

We want every student to be heard! Can you listen? We need help for our morning reading groups, daily, weekly or fortnightly—help change a student’s life and future. Our aim is for every student to read to an adult each morning. If you are not a parent and wish to help we can organize a volunteer blue card. Please contact the school on 41630201 for further information.

KIDS MATTER

Social and Emotional Learning

For children to develop social and emotional skills they need guidance that is matched to their level of development, as well as practice. In addition to teaching social and emotional learning at school, parents and carers can encourage children to use these skills in everyday interactions at home. Prompting and encouraging children to apply their learning in this way helps them develop their skills.

It’s important to recognize that social and emotional skills develop over time, and that they may develop differently for different children. We would love to work closely with parents and carers to help children develop social and emotional skills that can really make a positive difference.

Key points:

* Get involved. Learn the language of our PBL program and look for opportunities to apply them at home. * Talk about feelings and help children explore theirs. * Be a model. Use the skills yourself and show children how they work. * Show children that it’s okay to make mistakes. * Be a guide. Turn difficulties into learning opportunities. * Acknowledge and appreciate. Provide explicit feedback and praise.

Monday 25th April

Students and Families are invited to attend the Blackbutt/ Benarkin Sub Branch ANZAC DAY Ceremony

Students should attend in full school uniform and meet the Principal, Mrs Fillery at the RSL branch in Muir Street by 10:35am.

Refreshments will be provided by the RSL at the conclusion of the ceremony.

10:45 Parade Step off from Muir St branch building

11:00 Main service at Town Memorial

12:00 Refreshments

BOOK FAIR

MAY 16—19

LET’S GET READY TO READ & HAVE A MONSTER OF A GREAT TIME

DRESS UP ON THURSDAY 19TH AS A BOOK LOVING MONSTER!

GAMES PRIZES GIVEAWAYS