**EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3, 2014**

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**BOOKCLUB DUE BACK BY 1st September**

**WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS**

**INFANTS CLASS**

**DECLAN O'BURN CROCKER** - Being a co-operative student who listens attentively.

**PRIMARY CLASS**

**HAMISH CONDON** - Applying himself to his reading and writing really well recently and working hard on his oral presentations.

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**THE RISK BEING UPGRADED**

Our school is undergoing an upgrade to make our buildings compliant with disability standards with the latest addition being a disabled toilet building. The delivery last week was quite spectacular with cranes and trucks working efficiently to safely get the building in place.

**What’s in this week’s Newsletter**

- Breakfast club News
- Regular Attendance at school
- Friday lunches
- Life Education Van
- Mobile Dentist Service
- Before School Assessment
- Premiers reading Challenge
- Touch Footy K.O. Comp
- Billycart Bonanza

**Attachment**

- Payment envelopes
- Touch Footy Permission

**P & C Meeting**

8th Sept 9am
All Welcome!

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**TOGETHER WE LEARN**
STOP PRESS: There is a strong possibility the touch footy may be postponed tomorrow as the ground may be closed because of heavy rain today and tonight. Students are to be prepared for the games or to stay at school tomorrow.

We are ready to play our touch games tomorrow Thursday at New Park, Kyogle. We will play a few games so the day will start from 10am and finish up around 1.30pm.

Time: Leave TRPS at 9.15am, return by 2.30pm

Transport: Mr Mac can provide transport for 4 students and if we can ask for parent transport assistance for 8 others, that would be great.

What to bring: students are to wear full school uniform, bring their own recess and lunch and plenty to drink.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Last week our students enjoyed travelling over to Rukenvale and participating in lessons with “Healthy Harold” and his friend Jess (the Life Ed Teacher). Some important health messages were passed on to each group that can be followed up with the booklets that each student received.

THANK YOU to the parents who provide a fleet of transport to and from Rukenvale last Wednesday.

Living in a rural setting necessitates transporting students on the odd occasion and without a viable bus option, the generosity of parents keeps our students engaged in quality learning experiences that our town cousins have readily available. With parents who continue to support us, we can provide a high quality school experience for your children in an ideal small school setting.

Thanks to Kerri, Jo, Jane, Katrina, Ms Sawford and Mr Mac for providing the transport last week!

REGUALR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

This year, The Risk PS has improved its attendance rate of students. In terms 1 & 2 our attendance rates jumped from 91% in 2013 to 97% in 2014. That is a fantastic improvement.

In the 5 weeks of this term, however, our attendance rates have suffered from the usual flu outbreak, colds and tummy bugs.

In 2013, the first 5 weeks of term 3 attendance was 93.5%. This year we are down to 92.5%.

It is wiser to keep children at home if they are ill so as not to infect others and continue the cycle. But we do have to be vigilant that we minimise other reasons for absence. Please try to avoid long weekends, shopping days doctor’s appointments in school time. If your family must be away from school, please discuss with Mr Mac to organise an application for exemption for any unavoidable absences.

BEFORE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT

Starting school is a big step in every child and parent’s life. Naturally you will want the start to be the best possible. To give your child the best possible start, have their -

- Vision
- Language
- General Development
- Hearing
- Fine & Gross Motor Co-Ordination Skills
- Speech

Assessed before they start school. Assessment takes about 1 hour. Telephone Kyogle Community Health Centre on (66 300 488 for an appointment.

THIS IS A FREE SERVICE. Children must be 4½ years old or older.

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Thank you to families who are continuing to support the Breakfast Club. It is great to see children making their own brekkie at school and cleaning up afterwards! This extra injection of ‘fuel’ for energetic bodies is having a great affect on concentration in class.

The $2 per week per student contribution is keeping things going.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT HAPPY WITH SANDPIT UPGRADE

Maggie Moss (Communication Minister) reports that the new sand pit toys, new sand and cover is getting used a lot. She also said the new roster the parliament devised is working well.

MOBILE DENTAL SERVICE

Last Chance Reminder for the Mobile Dental Service -

This is a fantastic opportunity to get your child/children’s Dental needs checked and met if needed. The check up days are Sept 1st and 2nd a schedule of times will be prepared and the Dentist will call and let you know what time you have been allocated for the initial check up. If further treatment is needed it will be early in term 4 and you will be notified by mail. Permission Forms are due back before Friday 28th Aug.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE SUCCESS

The Risk PS has dramatically improved its achievement of the challenge this year. With the last day of registrations taking place today, we look like having over 20 students succeeding in the challenge. Much better than 2 students last year!!

KFYLE BILLYCART BONANZA

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

The COLOURSS network are supporting the inaugural Billycart Bonanza to be held on Fathers Day this year. The COLOURSS staff are setting up a marquee (The Risk shade shelter) as a child’s activity centre with colouring in, mask-making and playdough activities. We will use this as a vehicle to promote the benefits of Small Schools to the Kyogle community. Our school has also accepted a kind offer from Ron Allen who has built a billycart and will allow us to decorate it and run it in the schools competitions. We will be looking for pilots for the billycart on the day!