FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

Our school has settled exceptionally well with returning and new students quickly establishing a focus on their learning after getting back into routine. It is always an exciting and busy time for all in a school as we get the year underway. Should any parents have any questions regarding your child’s start to the year, please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher or office staff - we are more than happy to offer assistance. NOTHING is too trivial when it comes to the education of YOUR child. If you would like to request a meeting – please call to arrange an appointment at a time that is convenient for all. Teaching staff’s number one priority is teaching the children and therefore if you arrive unannounced, it may not be convenient or possible to release them from teaching duties to speak to you. If you have any concerns or questions and would like to speak with me - the best way to get in contact is to call 46 992 333.

MEET & GREET
Next Tuesday the 7th February, all parents and families are invited to attend a whole school information session in the Hall at 5:30pm, followed by a free sausage sizzle. This session will outline our school priorities and whole school policies and procedures for 2017 and hopefully go a long way in answering any questions you may have. Classroom teachers are providing information sessions specific to their class for parents during week three also. Look forward to meeting you all there!

PARADE
This week’s parade involved our 2017 student leaders being inducted into their roles and presented with their leadership badges. Whole school parade occurs weekly and is also where students are recognised for their effort, behaviour, academic and sporting achievements. This Term, parade will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2pm in the Hall. This change is to maximise the optimum learning time for students in the classroom - students are typically more focused and engaged in the morning (which is why teachers don’t teach math in the afternoon!). Parents are invited and encouraged to attend school parades - we look forward to seeing you there if you can make it!

BUILDING RENOVATIONS
The renovated classrooms in D Block are scheduled to be completed during by the end of February - some classrooms have been relocated into temporary rooms until they are able to move back in. We are aiming for minimal disruption for students and we thank you for your patience during this period.

SCHOOL STARTING TIME
This year, we have an even greater expectation that children will be at school on time, ready to start their day. School starts at 8.45am. Lateness not only disrupts the learning of individual children, it also disrupts teachers and other students as those who are late need to catch up on what they have missed. School starts at 8.45am and children need be here earlier than that to get ready for the day. It is important that all parents realise that children need to be at school for the maximum amount of time available to ensure quality learning can occur. Any absence can have an impact on a child’s overall learning. Students arriving at school early are to report to “the Blue Zone” where they remain until the bell rings.
MGM WIRELESS MESSAGING SYSTEM
We continue to thank all parents who provide notification to the school of their child’s absence. As well as a legal requirement, we need to ensure that you know that your child has not been at school. Our new same day messaging system will automatically send a text message to the parent if your son/daughter is absent and unexplained. For this system to work as intended - please ensure your phone numbers and address are kept up to date on our system - just contact our administration office or return the letter that that was sent home last week.

P&C MEETING
P&C meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Our first meeting is set for 6pm on Tuesday the 21st February - held in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend.

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Chappy Chatters
Welcome back people!! I hope everyone had the opportunity to rest and refresh themselves. We all need that space for recharging the batteries, and although holidays present a whole new set of challenges, it’s just good to have a break from the “norm”.

So, 2017… what will it bring I wonder? Have you thought about it much?

I attended a Chappy camp last week, and one of the topics was about starting this year in the same way we would start a new journey. One of the first things we need to do when we begin a new journey, is deciding what to take with us, and what to leave behind. Let’s face it, when you pack, there is only so much space in your bag, and not everything will fit, right?

Keeping these things in mind, what are the things you think you should be carrying with you from your experiences last year, and what should you be leaving behind? In other words, what are the things that will help you with this year’s journey, and what are those things that will only hold back and make the journey harder?

I can already think of some tough times from last year that I’ve learned a lot from, so taking the lessons learned with me is probably a good idea, but the pain of the tough times, I think I might try and leave behind.

Thankfully, we don’t have to have it all right at the start, there is always the opportunity to drop off, and pick up “stuff” we learn as we go for what is helpful and what is not. So, while I’m here saying welcome back to you all, I also want to take the opportunity to wish you all the best as we begin a new journey this year.

Warmest regards,

Chappy Sarah
Breakfast Club Update

Breakfast Club is up and running for 2017!
I just love watching the kids enjoying a shared meal together. Banana smoothies and raisin toast seem to have been a welcome inclusion to our regular spread, and more ideas are always welcome. I am hoping for another pancakes day in the calendar as well!

Further great news is that we have the team from Wyalla Plaza Fruit Mart donating our weekly fruit! This is a massive bonus for Breakfast Club which means very little outgoing weekly costs; great to gain this much appreciated support from a local business!

Don’t forget that regular donations of non-perishable items such as Milo, Vegemite and jams are a way of helping sustain our Breakfast Club throughout the year, so please consider popping some of these items into your shopping trolley and drop them off to Tuckshop clearly marked for Breakfast Club.

Thanks so much for supporting.
The Breakfast Club team.

TREAT SHOP

Friday afternoon from 3:00 till 3:30 the P&C will run a treat shop under A block.
Zooper Dooper $1 Lolly bags $1

Construction is well underway for the classrooms located in D Block. Hopefully it wont be too long and classes can settle back into their new and improved rooms.

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Welcome players for the 2017 season

Awarded 2016 Junior Club of the Year

South Toowoomba Junior Rugby

GOLD PARK (AS PART OF TRAINING)

FRIDAYS 13 FEB - 6PM

TEENAGE RUGBY - MOON

PRESENT

PLAY OFFICIALS TRAINING

GOLD PARK, Grafton St.

Baltimore Room, Gold Park.
Sun 6 Feb 2017, 1pm - 4pm

JUNIOR RUGBY - MOON

REGISTRATION OF $210 FOR EACH PLAYER

Gold Park, Home St.

Training is held from Friday at
4pm. Boots, socks, water bottle
for each player.

CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit our Facebook page

facebook.com/ToowoombaRugby

3 Session trial: $30 per person (10am-12pm)

1 Session trial: $20 per person (10am-12pm)

Registration at 9am-12pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm

Opening Lunch

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