



Mac News

Friday 28th July

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 1st August
Friday 4th August
Monday 14th August
Friday 15th September
Friday 22nd September
Friday 27th October

School Council Meeting 4pm
Book Club orders due
Tickets on sale for Treasure Island
School Concert - Treasure Island
End of Term 2 2:30pm finish
School Fair



**BREAKFAST
CLUB
Every Friday
morning
8:15-8:45am**

Dear Parents and School Community,

One of the focus areas for improvement in our school's strategic plan is writing. Last year all teaching staff were involved in professional learning known as VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) and the Big Write. This professional learning was followed up with another day earlier this year. Teachers and students are now quite familiar and comfortable with the new ideas and processes that VCOP have afforded us. We are now ready to incorporate the Big Write phase into our teaching of and learning about writing.

The Big Write is all about students applying their writing skill base to produce a quality piece of writing to share and celebrate. The Big Write is conducted in a very supportive teaching and learning environment with the whole school undertaking this task at the same time. Our first Big Write will take place next Wednesday August 2. An important aspect of the Big Write is Talk Homework. Talk Homework is spending some time with your children discussing the stimulus picture that will be attached to this newsletter. The underlying concept here is that children need to have a rich and deep vocabulary in order to produce their best writing; if they can't say it then they can't write it. An information sheet from Andrell Education is also provided with today's newsletter to give you some ideas about supporting your child with Talk Homework.

We are looking forward to our writing journey though the Big Writes over the rest of the year with your support to enhance the writing of our students.

With kind regards,

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



A smooth start to Term 3 - Tyler Lord, Zenon Makara
Indigo Manton, Jack Skilbeck

Principals Award: - Ruby Vanderheyden



Daniel Chapman, Roy Darby,
Taelor Duthie, Amelia Trickey



Get ready to Earn & Learn

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until September 19th 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school and place it in the collection box

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask Mrs. Reyntjes

DET Data Collection Form—REMINDER

Thank you to the families that have already returned this form. For families that have not yet returned this form—another form has been sent home today with the eldest in the family. The data from this form is very important to the funding our school receives. If you could complete the form and return to school by Monday 31st July 2017 that would be great.