

NEWSLETTER

"Co-operation and Commitment"

July 13, 2017

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

How well did your child perform in Semester 1, 2017

By now all report cards have been printed and distributed to all those children who attended school on the last day of last term. If your child was not at school on the last day of term, you can pick up your child's report card from the school office. The 3 crucial subjects for your child to do well in are English, Maths and Science and by doing well I mean that your child achieved a C, B or an A as a rating on their report card. A "D" or an "E" on a Sunset report card means that your child has "failed" that subject in the old language and that your child may already be well behind so early in the year.

Generally speaking if there is no verified disability involved, your child will only fail a subject under one or all of the following situations

- Your child's attendance rate at school was not high enough for them to learn or
- They submitted insufficient work for our teachers to make a reasonable judgement.

Overwhelmingly, the reason a child fails at school is because they either don't attend school or they attend very little.

Swimming Lessons: Term 4, 2017

Sunset will again be offering swimming lessons free of charge to all students in our school who maintain an attendance rate at school of at least 90%. This is a great opportunity for all students to learn a life skill at no cost to parents. Shortly our school will be sending home permission and information notes to parents so they can have their child included in our swimming program. Again, as in term 1, children whose attendance rate at school is below 90% will not be invited to swimming lessons in term 4. If you do not receive a swimming information and permission note it probably means your child has fallen below the 90% attendance rate for school so far this year.

AROUND OUR SCHOOL

Hats

Queensland has one of the highest skin cancer rates in the world and melanoma (skin cancer) is a major killer of Queenslanders regardless of age or background. It is one of those diseases that you rarely know about until it's too late. Sun Safety is very important, especially in children and a key component of protection against skin disease is to **WEAR A SUN SAFE HAT.**

Sunset School adheres to a very strict Sun Safe policy

- Broad brimmed hats must be worn at play: No hat, No Play
- Baseball style caps are not allowed.

Children without hats are not permitted to play or take part in any outside activity: they are required to sit out from all lessons and play if they do not have a hat.

SUNSET SCHOOL HATS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$10 AND ARE A REALLY GREAT LOOKING HAT AS WELL AS BEING VERY SUNSAFE TO WEAR.

Always make sure that all items belonging to your child are clearly marked with their names and class.

School Attendance

Our attendance rates at school are the best they have ever been and I have included a table for parents to see how well all our grades are going.

Below is a summary of our current school attendance rates

Prep:	91%	Year 1:	87%
Year 2:	86%	Year 3:	87%
Year 4:	87%	Year 5:	89%
Year 6:	84%	School:	87%

Having the opportunity to attend a great school like Sunset is a real privilege and great opportunity to give kids a great start in life. Job markets are rapidly changing and the children who are getting left behind in the job market as young adults are those who did not get to school often enough. It is worth remembering as a parent that if your child's attendance at school falls below 90% then they are probably wasting a year's learning and being disadvantaged in the future opportunities.

School Camps

Camps are only available to those students who

- Maintain a minimum attendance rate at school of 90%
- Have no more than 1 major behaviour referral for the whole year prior to leaving for camp
- Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100 before or on the day, 2 full weeks prior to the camps departure. These deposits must be paid to and receipted by Deb Woods in the school office.

Children who do not maintain an overall attendance rate at school of a minimum 90% will not be invited to camp.

School Priority

We have set ourselves a target this year of having every student in our school achieve a very high standard in Reading. Reading is like having a car licence: you can't drive without a licence and you can't succeed in society if you can't read. There are no shortcuts to reading success: be taught and learn properly and practise, practise, practise. Encourage your kids to read everything they can lay their hands on (within reason) and provide as much appropriate reading material as you can whenever you can.

School Bus runs

Just a reminder to families: our school buses run from 8am to 8.45am each morning and we will pick up any children in our catchment on any of our designated bus runs. We do not visit individual homes unless specifically arranged with the Principal.

IN THE AFTERNOONS OUR SUNSET SCHOOL BUSES WILL ONLY TAKE HOME STUDENTS FROM KINDY, PREP AND YEAR 1.

Regards, Bryon.

National Pyjama Day Next Friday 21st!

Sunset staff and students, please wear your pyjamas to school

Next Friday and bring a gold coin donation to help raise much-needed

awareness and funds for children in foster care. Delicious Muffins will be on sale in the parade area from 8am for \$2.



ROCK POP MIME 2017

Students of Sunset in Years 1 - 3 are participating in this year's Rock Pop Mime performance held by the Mount Isa Rotary Club in term 4. Students wanting to join have been sent home a permission note at the start of the week. This needs to be filled out ASAP and given to the office. If your child wishes to join but has not received a note, they can collect one from the office. Practices start week 1 and are held on Wednesday 2:30 - 4:00pm and Thursday during second lunch. Students and families are required to provide their own transport home after practices on Wednesday afternoons. More information about dates and times of the performances, extra practices and costumes will come out during Term 3. We hope to have a fantastic term and look forward to seeing all the talent that Sunset State School has to offer!

Miss Kate Truelson - The Arts Teacher