The weather has been fantastic for our swimming program and once again we are holding our annual swimming carnival on Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} February. This is a fantastic way to conclude our wonderful swimming program and gives all students the opportunity to practice the skills they have developed over the past three weeks. All students from 3-6 will participate on this day. We ask that students wear their house colors, a hat and bring along a packed lunch with plenty of water.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2016

Parent teacher interviews are coming up on the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} of March and this year we have decided to change the format for these interviews. We are going to base our interviews around goal setting for children and setting some achievable goals specific to your child. We ask that you bring your child along to the interview so the teacher, parent and child are all part of setting a range of goals aimed at increasing your child’s awareness of self-improvement and self-confidence. This allows parents and students to be aware of what they need to focus on and work towards. The evenings will run as previous years have with a focus on individual goal setting. We would love to see as many parents and students attend these interviews as possible to ensure everyone is clear on what the learning expectations are for their child.
SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

All classrooms are now set up ready to learn and teachers are currently in the process of teaching their students about the positive behaviours we want to see in our school. Students are being rewarded for their positive behaviours with STARS being handed out regularly. Our weekly PBS focus this week is our toilets. Children will talk to their teachers about the correct way to behave in our toilets and discuss what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour. Teachers are also working on our Bucket Filling Concept. Students will learn about how good it feels to fill someone’s bucket with positive comments. This links well with our school value of the week RESPECT! We show respect for others and our school environment.

Have You Filled a Bucket Today?
Share
Listen
Smile
Help
Be Kind
Take Turns
Compliment
Include Others

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

We are lucky enough to have the Life Education Van visiting our P-4 Campus and 5—8 Campus on the 25th February until the 8th March. The Life Education Van provides essential health and wellbeing education sessions to Australian children. Each year level will participate in 60 or 90 minute sessions on topics related to looking after yourself. All lessons are conducted in an interactive mobile classroom which is transported to the school. A special guest usually appears for the lower year levels and his name is Harold. How exciting!

NUDE FOOD

Late last year we started to introduce the concept of NUDE FOOD within our school. This was well received and we saw a large reduction in the amount of waste and rubbish around our Campus. We are aiming for this to be bigger and better this year. Our school has been able to obtain compost bins from the Moira Shire for every classroom. These bins are the same as the ones that you have at home for your food scraps and waste. Children will be able to put their food scraps in this bin and then monitors will empty the bins daily to the larger compost bin. These will then be collected by the garbage truck on a designated day. On Tuesday 23rd February we will be having a visit from the organic waste truck so the students can see how their food wastes get collected and listen to the reasons why composting is so important. On this day we will launch our NUDE FOOD program in our school. NUDE FOOD means food without excess packaging. This reduces the amount of rubbish that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill. Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food. We would love it if all of our parents could start ASAP and help us to help the environment and reduce waste.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE ON MARCH 18TH 2016!!