Welcome to Year 4

We have been doing an amazing job in our art unit. The students are extremely creative. Students used line, shape, colour, space and balance to create patterns that represent their personality. They are also creating a caricature portrait using cartooning and design elements. We have provided a few examples of what they have achieved.

We have started publishing our 'New Chapter' for our English Assessment. We were excited to get to the computer room and start typing. After we have finished our final draft, students will use illustrations to enhance their story and develop key aspects of characters and plots.

In Civics and Citizenship, we are learning all about democracy. They have explored democracy through learning about decision making within communities. We have also considered the purpose of creating rules for groups and how individuals participate in their community. Throughout this subject, students will develop skills that enable them to be active and informed citizens.

The Year 4’s are really enjoying Technology with Mr Day. Next term they will continue to be in the workshop and Mr Day has asked that they bring a 4 x 6 photo in for a project they will be completing. This needs to be landscape and it can be a photo of anything. It would be great if students had these photos at school by the end of this term.

Have a great week.
Mrs Ramsay

STAY SAFE in SCHOOL ZONES
Safety in school zones is everyone’s responsibility.
The speed zone at the front of our school is 40km/h
Between 7 – 9am and 2 – 4pm school days.
Please stay safe in our school zone!
PRIMARY NEWS

Prep
Ms Nettie

Last week, Prep students were very fortunate to have the Year Nine students visit our classroom. For the letter P they worked together to create potato people. We are going to observe the potato people grow old (potatoes will slowly decompose) and then we will take them home to plant in the garden. For Science, the Year Nine students helped Prep students set up an experiment. They placed popping corn in a sandwich bag of wet soil and popping corn in a sandwich bag on wet paper towels. They then placed the bags in the sun on the prep fence. We are going to observe which popping corn starts to germinate first. Year Nine students also ran Smash Up, listened to sight words and went with the prep class to play NRL games. Thanks Year Nine!

Year 4 News
Mrs Ramsay

Well done to the following Students of the Week:
Week 6 – Mac, Amelie, Ruben, Breanna
Have a great week.

PRINCIPAL’S POINTS

Good Afternoon Parents

The school has lodged its Annual Implementation Plan (or AIP) for 2016. The plan outlines what we expect to do this year and it is aligned to the Quadrennial School Review that was completed during 2015.

The key items in our AIP are:

- Build Literacy and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) capacities for the school;
- Update and Quality Assure the school’s Pedagogical Framework;
- Improve student attendance and wellbeing;
- Develop our staff’s mentoring, observation, coaching and feedback model; and
- Ensure we have effective transitions in and out of our school for all students.

The P & C’s Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday (tomorrow) night at 5:30pm. The AGM is the ideal opportunity for parents who wish to give a year-long contribution to the Association and take on a role which may include President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Uniform Shop Convenor; or Tuck-Shop Convenor. A General Meeting will follow the AGM.

Have a great week,
Mike
Student Representative Council Fundraiser

WHAT: Leukaemia Foundation - ‘FUNKY HAIR DAY’  
The money raised by our school will help the Leukaemia Foundation look after people with blood cancers and help researchers find a cure.

WHEN: **Tuesday 15th March 2016**

WHAT To WEAR: Dress in colours of **PINK** and/or **BLUE**

Please bring a **Gold Coin Donation** to wear DRESS DOWN clothes

CREATE a **Funky Hair Style** and make your hair as wild and whacky as you can … THEN, FOR an **EXTRA GOLD COIN DONATION** … get your **HAIR** sprayed in **DIFFERENT COLOURS AT SCHOOL!**

One of our brave students, Calvin Kent, has volunteered to have his head **SHAVED** on this day! If you would like to sponsor Calvin and help support families and continue the search for cures, please go to the World’s Greatest Shave website, hit sponsor and search

‘Calvin Kent’
Expectation for Week 7 - Be Responsible - Ready to Work

EVERY DAY COUNTS

⇒ 8 classes above 93%
⇒ AVERAGE—94%

Cathy Cameron
Dean of Students

Books for each block
Equipment
Charged laptop

⇒ Period 1-4
⇒ Period 5-8
⇒ Period 9-10

Year 7 98.67% Attendance Week 5

Filled water bottle

Cleaners’ Award - Week 6

Year 2
Year 5
Year 7

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Cathy Cameron
Dean of Students
SPORT NEWS

Upcoming Mac Zone sports

Cricket – Wednesday 16th of March at Goondiwindi

Netball / Rugby League – Friday 18th of March at Goondiwindi

Touch – Wednesday 23rd of March at Texas

State Titles – Water polo

Best of luck to Bonnie M who is competing at the State Titles for water polo in Toowoomba this week.

Darling Downs Basketball

Yesterday 6 students from our school travelled to Toowoomba to play in the Darling Downs Basketball trials. Congratulations to Imenah P who played in the possible and probables; she just missed out on being selected. All students played extremely well.

Primary Darling Downs Swimming

On Wednesday, six students from our school travelled to Gatton to trial for the DD swimming team. All six swimmers swam extremely well with many achieving personal bests.

Big congratulations to Lily H and Holly C who swam extremely well and gained selection into the Darling Downs swim team to compete at the State Titles at the end of March. Lily won her 100m freestyle and second in the 50m freestyle. Holly placed 4th in her 50m freestyle.

Congratulations to Braithen Scott who won all 4 races and achieved age champions at the DD trials. Braithen is too young to gain selection into the DD swim team.

Mrs Scott

Choir News

Primary School Choir:

Rehearsals will be Wednesday lunchtime at the music room. Bring your lunch!

There will be **no** choir rehearsal this Thursday morning before school.

High School Choir

Rehearsal will be Tuesday lunch time at the music room. Bring your lunch!

Mrs Kent
**Tuckshop News**

Plain Smith Chips are available instead of BBQ Smith Chips. Still no Hello Panda—Thank You

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**Thank You**

I would like to thank the Principal, staff & student present and past for the opportunity to have served in my role as R/E Teacher from the Anglican Church for some 29 years. All the best in the future.

God Bless

Shirley Ward

A big thank you to all the children who participated in the making of the flags, for the world day of Prayers. We should all know what the Cuba Flag is.

Once again thank you

From

Anglican Church

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**WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL PRESENTS**

*Shane Howard (Australia) and Dave Gunning (Canada)*

Shane Howard and Dave Gunning have shared the stage butonice, at Canada’s legendary St. Rogers Folk Festival. On the road together in Australia for the first time, these award-winning singer songwriters share stories of national history and community spirit with the characteristic humour, political astuteness, genuine warmth and humble musical beauty that has cemented their respective places as folk heroes.

**WOODFORD FOLK FESTIVAL PRESENTS**

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**School Photos**

will be on the **13th April**.

Envelopes will be coming home soon.

Thank You

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**Texas Little Athletics AGM**

Tuesday 15th March

All Abilities Skate Park Texas

3:30pm

All Welcome

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**Texas P-10 State School P&C Association**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 5.30pm in the Meeting Room in the Administration Block

A membership application is attached to this newsletter

Everyone is welcome to attend
Severnlea Community Market Day  
Sunday 20th March, 2016  
8.00am -1.00pm  
14 Turner Road, Severnlea

Do you have a craft or hobby you would like to promote?
Do you have unwanted items you would like to sell?
Come and support our school and community.

Art & Craft  Fruit & Veg  Trash N’ Treasure  
Sewing  Cooking  Growing  Making  Entertaining  Community Involvement

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Hosted by: Severnlea State School P & C Association

ALL WELCOME

RACQ Careflight Golf Day

12 Hole  3 Person Ambrose  
Saturday 16th April 2016  
Texas Golf Club  
Shotgun start at 11.30am  
Nominations by 11.00am  
Cost $25 per person  
(Includes green fees and burger)  
Over $4000 in prizes.

Major Sponsors

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### ABSENCES
For all student absences please phone Student Absence Line: 4653 3366

### LATE TO SCHOOL
Any students arriving at school between 9am and 9.30am must present at the Office before going to class.

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**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop is open **Wednesdays from 3:15pm**.
If you have any questions please contact Marea on 0408 010 951