**Principal's Message**

**Reading to Children at Home**

Children learn about the value and importance of reading as they watch their family read and write in everyday life. Here are a few simple things you can do at home to make reading fun.

1. Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.
2. Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
3. Talk about books together and make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
4. See that there is a range of reading material, both fiction and non-fiction, for your child at home.
5. Try not to let television intrude on reading time – set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.

**Early Arrivals at School**

Children should only arrive at school in the mornings between 8:30 am and 8:55 am. There is no supervision available before 8:30 am to ensure the safety of children. Before and after school care is provided by Raby Outside School Hours Care who can be contacted on 4645 4443 for more detailed information. The Centre drops children off at school in the morning and collects them from the school grounds in the afternoon.

Occasionally there is a need for a child to be at school a few minutes early and if they arrive before the bell goes at 8:30 am they are to sit on the silver seats in Pollard Place. When the bell rings and the teacher on duty dismisses students from the area, they may then put their bag in the designated place and go to play.

**All About Apostrophes**

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

Find out more:

**When Older Children Struggle with Reading**

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.

Find out more:

**Multiplication Tables**

Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z’s help sheet:

**Sorting Fact from Fiction**

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Find out more:

**COMING EVENTS**

- Thursday 7 March
- Wednesday 13 March
- Thursday 14 March
- Friday 15 March

**Student Banking**

Green Assembly RTPS hall 2:00 pm
Gold Assembly RTPS hall 2:00 pm
Gala Day
**Head Lice**

There have been a few reports of children with head lice in our school. This is unfortunately a common problem in every primary school. Can you please have a close look at your child’s scalp this evening to check for head lice. If your child does have head lice, he/she will need to be treated before returning to school to avoid infecting other students.

Linda Green – Principal

**PBIS**

Our PBIS focus areas for weeks 5 and 6 are:

- Walk up the stairs and through the office safely.
- Tuck your shirt in and take your hat off before entering the office.

The first PBIS Reward Day for Term 1 will be held on Thursday 7 March for all students who have not received a yellow slip during the first six weeks of term.

**Anaphylaxis**

The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school.
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student.
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

Paula Clements – WHS Co-ordinator

**From the Uniform Shop**

**Wet Weather Jackets**

Fittings for wet weather jackets will be held on Wednesday 6 March 2013 in the school hall between 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. A deposit of $30 is to be paid at the fitting. The remainder needs to be paid when the jackets arrive. The full cost of a wet weather jacket is $60. Jackets take six to eight weeks to arrive.

WET WEATHER JACKETS ARE ONLY ORDERED ONCE A YEAR AND NO EXTRA JACKETS ARE ORDERED. DUE TO COST NO SPARE STOCK IS HELD. ORDER NOW OR YOU WILL MISS OUT UNTIL 2014. Please don’t wait until the cold weather arrives.

At the same time we will also be holding a winter school clothes sale, all seconds for a gold coin donation.

Uniform Shop Volunteers

**School Banking**

The next school banking day is Thursday 7 March 2013. Children are to hand in their bank books to their class teacher on the day.

Christine Wright – P&C President

**Notices**

**Mount Carmel Church**

As we journey towards Easter we would like to welcome the Risen Christ with hearts full of surprises and joy. To enter into this moment of grace it is helpful to prepare ourselves to be disposed and ready to embrace God’s revelation in our life.

Our parish is offering us the opportunity to facilitate the spiritual journey for the children through recollection. For this, we are inviting you to bring your children to our parish on 2 March at 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Children ages 5 - 12 are welcome. We have a group of facilitators to attend them by group according to age level. Thank you.

Sr Ines- Mount Carmel Church

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• Crazy Hair Day Thursday
• Free Sausage Sizzle on Friday
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Maximum Penalty
$397
+ 2 Demerit Points

BUS ZONE
Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty
$165
+ 2 Demerit Points

DOUBLE PARKING
You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty
$298
+ 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $298 + 2 Demerit Points, or STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing: $397 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: $165 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: $496

*Please Note*: fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.