Hi Everyone,

New school website active: Our new school website with the new QSchools app for parents, community and staff has gone ‘live.’ The new site is very modern and provides valuable information including newsletter and calendar updates. Mrs Hodda had placed some information into the newsletter to assist parents in downloading the new school app. Watch this new space for ongoing development.

New minister Kate Jones: Last Thursday I had the pleasure of meeting our new Minister who spoke in front of nearly 2000 State School Principals at the biennial leadership conference. Minister Jones’s spoke passionately about her time at school and the strong positive relationships she had with her teachers. The Director General’s vision for better outcomes was clearly defined and that every great school has a great school down the road. Put simply, all state schools are expected to work together as a collaborative to continue to build on our system improvement. Our Northern Beaches cluster is very collegial in which we moderate students work and collaborate shared programs from term to term. Out of the conference the media has reported hundreds of cases of Principal’s becoming very ill possibly from food poisoning. Fortunately I have not shown any such effects and I thank the many parents who have shown their concern. I would also like to thank Mrs Davy for covering the school in my absence.

Gold coast suns visited last Thursday: Thank you teachers and Mr Paap for co-ordinating the visit from the AFL players the Gold Coast Suns. The children were very excited filling me on my return Monday morning.

PBL School rule expectation for the week: This week the PBL Program focus as mentioned on parade is Be a learner – always model correct behaviour such as whole body listening. Thank you parents and carers for your weekly support reinforcing the rule of the week and expectations at home. I have many children telling me how their parent asks them each week about the PBL rule, what it looks like and that they expect to see this too.

Chappy programs greening up school: Chappy Lyn’s gardening group is having a real impact on our picturesque school. The small group has learned a great deal about planting and establishing the right environment for plants to flourish. Well done Chappy and kids!

Rod Finney
Principal
P&C NEWS

* P&C brochure info booklet has been sent home to each family. If you would like to donate $15 per family, please hand back your envelope with your name on front and cash inside and hand it into the Brown P&C Box in the office.
* Chocolate Boxes have arrived. If you would like to sell chocolate, please fill out the fundraising section on the back of the P&C levy form and return it to the office ASAP. Every box has 30 chocolates inside and they have the same chocolates and are $2 each. We have 2 types of coloured boxes, purple and red. Do not worry if you see different students with a different coloured box to yours. Once you have sold the box please return the envelope with the money inside to the office ASAP.

PLAYGROUP—HAS MOVED CLASSROOMS!!

Wednesday 1-3pm every week of term. Free to attend. Please bring a hat, enclosed shoes and a drink bottle. We meet downstairs in B Block. Please go to the office if you need directions. Parents supervision required for the duration of the playgroup.

WEAR PURPLE DAY FRIDAY 6TH MARCH—RELAY FOR LIFE

Please wear PURPLE clothing next Friday 6th March and donate a gold coin and the money raised will go towards the Cancer foundation—Relay for life.

WAKAKIRRI 2015

My apologies for advertising Wakakirri last week. Wakakirri is a huge undertaking and needs 50+ children (and a levy of around $100 plus each child), plus at least 3 – 4 staff members and someone to co-ordinate who is at the school 5 days a week.

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY 2015

What a great day to do something for the community! Many thanks go to any of the parents that came to help on the day; we certainly appreciate your enthusiasm and assistance. The whole school was involved in cleaning up both inside and outside the school. Prep to Year 3 did a fantastic job of cleaning up inside the school grounds. The year 4’s collected 12 full bags of rubbish from just outside the school fence. They found that there was a lot of glass and we even picked up an old sign that had washed down the drain. The Year 5 and 6 classes went across to the park and to the beach and were also surprised by the amount of rubbish that they were able to pick up. Well done everyone and thank you again. Remember to always encourage your kids to KEEP SLADE POINT BEAUTIFUL!!!!