

15 May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are almost half way through the term and the students are well under way with their learning for the remainder of the semester. In English this term students are focusing on information report writing across the school. As part of their learning some of the elements students need to make sure they use in their assessment are a variety of sentence types, simple, compound or complex, paragraphs for different topics and vocabulary from an information source.

Over the last week and a half, I attended two conferences in Brisbane. The first was the Principal Summit for the Partnership Initiative where we heard strong messages about community connections and partnering with community to collaborate in co-design. This is something I look forward to working with Des and other staff and community on in the near future.

The second conference was the QASSP conference and the theme was – Let’s Grapple with The Elephants in the Room. There was a lot of learning and discussions from teacher and principal wellbeing, to the direction of AI and the impact it will have on teaching and learning. It was great hearing from inspirational speakers such as Simon Breakspear, Gayle Kennedy, Dr Polly McGee, and our Director General Michael De’Ath and Minister of Education Hon. Di Farmer.

Attendance

Attendance for week 3 and 4 dipped just under 80% for the whole school. Congratulations to the following classes that reached over 80% in either weeks 3 or 4: 12M, 3A, 34M, 4R, 4A, 6R, 6A. Make sure you are getting your child/ren to school on time, school starts at 8:30am.



**Under Eights – This Friday
Connecting To Culture Through Play**

All Prep to Year 2 students will participate in Under Eights activities this Friday morning. Families of these children are invited to come along. The fun starts at 8:45 and will finish at 10:15am. There will be plenty of fun for all of the children to join in for the morning. We look forward to seeing you there.



Chappy Week

Next Week is Chappy Week. During this week make sure you stop and thank Chappy Kay for the work she does around the school and the community supporting students and families.

School Photos – Tuesday 28 May

School Photos will be held on Tuesday 28 May. You can start to order photos online now by using the QR code below.

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to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au
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Photo envelopes have been sent home with students. These will need to be returned to school on the photo day.

***NEW* Sports House Shirts**

Now that the new House Shirts have arrived students will be able to wear these to school on a Friday if they would like to as their school uniform. Students will also be encouraged to wear them on our whole school sport days. If you didn’t order one you will still be able to do so through the QKR app. We will set this up shortly so you can order student shirts through the app and pick them up at the office.

**National Reconciliation Week
27 May to 3 June**

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, culture and achievements, and to explore how each or us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The theme for 2024, Now More than Ever, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will—and must—continue.

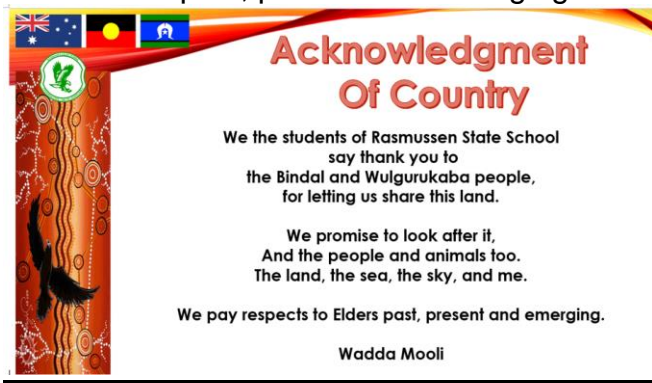
On Friday 31 May all students will be invited to wear yellow for Wear it Yellow for Children’s Ground.

UP & COMING DATES

17 May	Under 8s Day
21 May	Tsv Cross Country
23 May	Season 1 Sport
28 May	School Photos
30 May	Season 1 Sport
31 May	Obe Geia Challenge

J Sewer
Jodie Sewer
Principal

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we gather and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



- **Provide a note** explaining the absence prior to or on the first day of the student returning to school
- **ABSENT HOTLINE – 0426305975** - that you can ring or text to leave a message.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Student Learning



SCHOOL PRIORITY: READING & WRITING

At Rasmussen SS, one of our priorities is to ensure your child has improved their reading over the year.

How can you help as a parent - speak with your child's classroom teacher. They will only be too happy to discuss our school strategies with you.

Reading Strategies	
	Look closely at the word
	Point to the letters left to right
	Say all the sounds out loud
	Blend the sounds out loud
	Say the word
	Reread the sentence Does that sound right?

SCHOOL PRIORITY: ATTENDANCE

It would be **AWESOME**, if we could all work together and achieve **80%** for the end of the year.

Attendance – Every Day Counts & School Starts at 8.30am

1. Parent Responsibility – to make sure their child is attending school EVERY DAY!
2. Parent Responsibility – to explain their child's absence and if late to school.
3. School Responsibility – to make contact with families if their child is absent and it has not been explained.
4. School Responsibility – to meet with families if students are having continued absence or a high amount of absence (even if explained).

Please contact school using details below – if your child is not at school.

If a student is going to be absent from school parents/caregivers should:

- **Ring the school on 4789 6333** to report the absence and reason why the student will not be attending that day



KindyLinQ

The Queensland Government is investing in the wellbeing of young children and their families. The KindyLinQ program is a free, play-based facilitated program for children aged Birth to three years (the year before they commence kindergarten).

Parents/caregivers attend with their child and engage in a range of learning activities designed to enhance children's development and learning and strengthen the confidence of parents/caregivers to support their children's learning.

Please contact the school office for an application if you are interested.

School Uniform

Hats

Please make sure your child has a bucket or wide brimmed hat if they want to play in any of these areas. **(caps are NOT allowed at school)**



Dress Standard

It is expected that all students will have a neat and tidy appearance at all times. Brightly coloured hair is not appropriate for school, and is not an accepted part of the dress code. Make-up and nail polish are not permissible as part of the dress code.



'Boys' Uniform:	Girls' Uniform:
Shorts – black, no longer than the knees Shirt - green, gold and black polo shirt with collar and school badge	Shirt - green, gold and black polo shirt with collar and school badge Shorts, skirt, skort – black

With the cooler weather starting please make sure your child wears an appropriate jumper. Oddies are not appropriate for school and are not to be worn.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permissible at school are the following items: wrist watch, sleepers, small stud in earlobes only, and medical identification if required. Students wearing jewellery other than permissible items will be required to remove it immediately or have clear accessories put in their place.

Further information can be found on our school website

<https://rasmussenss.eq.edu.au/supportandresources/formsanddocuments/documents/school-dress-code.pdf>

MOBILE PHONES/ ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Our strong preference is that Students do not bring valuable personal technology devices like mobile phones, iPads, smartwatches to school as there is a risk of damage or theft.

Permission may be given for a student to have a mobile phone at school for safety reasons.

Each morning the device will be handed to office staff, where it will be turned off and remain for the school day. On your child's departure at the end of the school day, they can collect from the office.

Breaches of inappropriate use may result in disciplinary action.

Contacting us - FAMILY COMMUNICATION

Facebook

Please like/follow the page to stay up to date with everything Rasmussen.

Email

We strongly encourage families to list their email addresses with our school office. It allows for regular and up to date communication to occur.

Phone Numbers

Our classroom teachers and administrative staff like to make verbal contact with families by phone to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing. Please ensure contact details are always up to date.

Newsletter – sent home fortnightly

The youngest child in the family will receive the newsletter at school every 2nd Wednesday. Please ensure that you receive and read the newsletter.

SMS Messages

At times, the school will send out SMS messages with reminders of information.

Communication with Teacher

If you can make an appointment for longer meetings it would be appreciated so we can ensure that we are available. Please contact the office on 4789 6333. You can also email our school using

admin@rasmussenss.eq.edu.au

RESOURCE SCHEME FOR 2024

Thank you for continuing to enrol your child/children at our school for 2024.

We believe we are one of the best schools in Townsville to support your child/children's learning.

At our school we have a Resource Scheme to provide stationery materials to your child/children for their learning.

**School Fees for 2024 – COST for YEAR:
\$120/student**

School Fee Payment Options	
Full amount paid by 23 February	\$100/student
Families linking with Centrepay	\$120/student

Payment Plan options – EFTPOS available at school.	\$30/student per term.
Payment Plan options	Direct Debit from your account to school account – amount \$10 or more. Set up with own bank.

Families enrolling that have *more than 3* siblings at the school will have a reduced payment amount. We want the best for your child's learning and to ensure they have the appropriate resources available to them for their schooling.

Carpark Concerns

Disabled car parking area is for those who have the correct signage, no other vehicles are allowed to park in this area. All parents are to use the correct car park bays morning and afternoon when dropping off and collecting students.

Bus Zone – the bus zone is only allowed to be used by the school bus, kindy buses, PCYC bus and taxi's. No other vehicle should be using this zone for pick up or drop off.

Drop off area – this is located near the shelter shed. Please use this for drop and go or pick up in the afternoon.

Police continue to monitor and do random checks of the carpark. Please make sure you are doing the right thing.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Rassy Learners

1. TRY for "5" and attend school every day – Arrive on time for 8:30am start!
2. Listen to the teacher the first time
3. 'Have a go' to try their best and if not...ask for help
4. Stay in the classroom (toilet and drinks are for break times – not learning time!)
5. Read every day

Rassar's School Rules

1. Stay Safe
2. Be Responsible
3. Show Respect



Rassar's Unacceptable Behaviours

1. Not listening to the teacher the first time
2. No physical violence
3. No swearing
4. No out of class without a pass

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INDUSTRIOUS WORKERS

Week 4 Rassy Learner Awards

Jett B – or trying his best with his sounds and writing.

Tommy M – for writing sentences about chickens.

Olivia W - for working hard at using your sounds during spelling.

Shamiimah S - for working hard to tell time.

Sienna C - for working hard to understand TEEL paragraphs to write informative text.

Sedonia S - for always working her hardest in all subject areas.

Kasey D - for persistence in Maths when using inverse operations.

Eriane F – for taking pride in her work.

Seth L - for trying his best with his handwriting.

PLAY LEAGUE STARS:

WHEN: 28/5/2024 - 18/6/2024

TIME: Tuesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm

WHERE: Kelso State School



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