

Primary Newsletter

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From the Head of Primary

Dear Parents

New Student

On Monday, we welcomed Charles Tharshikan (Prep K) and his family to our School.

After School Pick

Please be aware that the police are going to be very strict on no queuing on Quarry Street and Archer Street from 2:50pm- 3:20pm. I would suggest that you could arrive at pick up a little later to give students time to come down from class. Once the traffic is moving it should not be an issue.

Please also remember that the last pick up of students should be before 3:40pm.

Primary Robotics

A Primary Robotics, Coding and STEAM Club is starting up for interested students in Years 5 and 6. The Club will meet with Ms Graff on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in P7. Interested students are able to collect a registration form and parent letter from the Primary School Office. The Registration Fee is \$100.00 and payment is due by Monday 4th March. The season will run from Week 6, Term 1 to Week 4, Term 3.

Before School Reading - Years 3 to 6

Over the coming weeks Mrs Spark and I will be listening to all students in Years 3 to 6 read. The results from this will provide us with an opportunity to work with those students who require extra support with their reading fluency.

This reading program will commence in Term 2 and will occur each day from 8am to 8:30am. We are fortunate to have support from Staff, our Secondary students and members from The Rockhampton North Rotary Club with this program.

Chess

The following students will represent our School at the CQ Interschool Chess Tournament tomorrow:

Tosi Adegbija, Deep Bhowmik, Neal Dhamsania, Ben Hilber, Eric John Dennis, Anthony Le, Ziran Lekha and Siyuan Liu.

We wish them all the best for the tournament.

Regards
Mr Geoff Hadwen
Head of Primary

Dates to Remember

2019	
February	
28	Interschool Chess Competition – Years 4-6
March	
14	Technology Information Session
21-22	Year 4 Camp - Ritamada
27	Primary School Formal Assembly 11:15am (Duggan Hall)
April	
2	Primary School Ballgames and 800m races
3	Primary School Athletics Day
5	Whole School Cross Country – End of Term 1
24	Term 2 Commences
25	ANZAC Day
May	
1	Years 5 & 6 Maths Team Challenge
10	Mother's Day High Tea
6	Labour Day
14-16	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
20-24	RACQ Streets Ahead
27-28	School Photos – Class and Portrait
31	'The Whales Tale' Production
June	
3	Interschool Chess Competition – Years 4-6
10-12	Year 5 Camp – Group A
12-14	Year 5 Camp – Group B
13	Rockhampton Show Holiday
28	End of Term 2

Technology Information Session for Parents – 14th March

Issues relating to Technology and Primary aged children will be the topic, commencing at 5pm in the Auditorium. All parents welcome.

Date Change for Primary Athletics

Ball Games and 800m races will be on Tuesday 2nd April commencing at 1pm.

Primary School Athletics Carnival will be on Wednesday 3rd April commencing at 8:30am.

Cross Country

All students will participate in the School Cross Country on Friday 5th April, which will be held at Rugby Park in Blackall Street.

Students are to arrive at Rugby Park by 8:30am and report to their classroom teacher. Our School buses will run from 7:30am until 8:10am from the main entrance on Archer Street for students who are unable to be dropped off at Rugby Park.

No students are to come to the Primary School before the Cross Country.

The older students will run a marked course through the Botanical Gardens. The Prep students will participate in a fun run and will receive a sticker as they finish the run.

Students from 6 years through to 12 years of age are eligible for age champion with certificates awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Age/Year	Distance
Preparatory	250m
6 Years	400m
7 Years	600m
8 Years	1000m
9/10 Boys and Girls	2000m
11/12 Boys and Girls	3000m

Students from Prep to 8 years can be collected from Rugby Park after their presentations at approximately 9:50am to commence school holidays.

School finishes at the conclusion of the Cross Country for all other students, which is approximately 12:00 noon.

Formal Assembly

The Formal Assembly for Primary School is Wednesday 27th March in the Spaceframe commencing at 11:15am.

Our Student Leaders and Sport House Captains will be inducted at this Assembly.

Year 6 students are required to wear their formal uniform, while all other students are to wear their best day uniform.

Parents are most welcome to attend and are invited to stay for a light snack after the Assembly.

Congratulations

Netball

Congratulations to Katie Cooper who was selected to compete in the 10/11 Years Rockhampton District Netball Trials.

Hockey

Congratulations to Lawson James who has been selected in the Rockhampton District 10-12 Years Boys Hockey Team.

AFL

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Rockhampton District 10-12 Years AFL Teams:

10-12 Years Boys

Ethan White
Ryan Skuthorp
Riley McDonald

10-12 Years Girls

Kate Penrose

Save the Date:

Mother's Day High Tea: Friday, 10 May

Come and join us in a celebration of mothering with a Mother's Day High Tea!

The RGS Parent Association invites you to our first social function of the year. Once again, we begin the occasion with a concert at 10.15am, followed by drinks and nibbles in the Space Frame at 11am. High Tea will begin at 11.30am and will include our well-known multi-draw raffle. As the RGS Parent Association is not a fund-raising group, all raffle tickets will be complimentary!

\$35 Mother's Day High Tea tickets will be available from the RGS Red & Black Shop.

Japanese Club – Monday morning tea
Chess Club – Monday and Thursday lunch
P-3 Signing choir - Tuesday morning tea in Prep M room
4-6 Vocal Choir – Tuesday lunch
Maths Team Challenge – Tuesday 3:15pm
Rock Band - Wednesday 7:45am
1-3 Vocal Choir – Wednesday lunch
Primary Woodwind Ensemble – Wednesday lunch
Robotics Years 5 and 6 – Wednesday 3:15pm
Primary Concert Band – Thursday 7:20am – 8:20am
4-6 Signing Choir – Thursday lunch
Chess Club – Thursday lunch
Friday Sport Training – Thursday 3:15 – 4:15pm
Primary Strings – Friday 7:30am – 8:20am

Year 5 Landmark Poetry Unit

To practise using...

1. Figurative Language
2. Higher Level Vocabulary
3. Rhythm, rhyme and meter.



A Crack In A Glacier

It all starts with a small crack,
then it starts to slowly lack.
Holding up the thick, ice wall,
and then the cold world starts to fall!
It can happen anytime, anywhere,
as long as the glacier has a small crack there.
The crack will become bigger, not smaller,
and after the crack becomes a huge hole, out will come
water.
If you see the blue and white object shake,
you quickly should go and make,
a dash for it – for goodness sake!

Sophie Land

Global warming turns ice to melting,
and soon it all goes pelting.
All that's heard is the animals amiss,
until it starts again.

A crack,
a slip,
a fall,
a splash.
Until there's nothing left.
Soon the ice will be no more,
and all that's left is water.
Then the water will drown the ice,
until the Earth is slaughtered.

Shyam Ashokumar

Look at the glacier, so big and so strong,
all of the penguins look around.
The ice is slowly falling down,
one crack, two cracks, it might end now.

Oh no! So many cracks, it could happen just wait,
All the birds flying straight,
the glacier is tumbling, tumbling, to its fate.

Vikram Chauhan



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The 98 feet tall colossal building,
reaching up to the skies ceiling.
They made it out of concrete and soapstone,
governing over the land he owns.
Carried to the mountaintop to be erected,
he's being a bit overprotective.
It is the 5th largest statue of Jesus,
in Rio, Christ The Redeemer sees us.

Tosi Adegbiya

In Brazil, at the peak of Corcovado,
this statue is full of bravado.
He is a lovely, old man,
who once walked upon this land.
In the still, quiet and lonely,
he is one of the most holy.
Thirty meters high in the sky,
watching with his eyes so wise.

Kallan Parker



Silent breeze flows through the air,
while the waves wash away our worries with care.

The distant waves soaring up again,
while the mountains watch with silent pain.

Our hearts light up,
and our bodies inhale,
the smell of fresh sea salt,
as the sunlight pales.

The seagulls soar above the sky,
while the water slowly rushes aside.
The land on which our lives take place,
makes our hearts start to race.

Aditi Menon

Waves lapping on the soft sand,
a gentle breeze blowing through your hair.
Observing the sunset without a care,
with shades of pink peach and purple,
the sun like a giant, yellow circle.

Layne Hodgetts



Angel Falls

From the Table Top to the Devil canyon,
covered in Mother Nature's gleam.
At the top of the world in a beautiful place,
looking over Venezuela's forest of grace.
Descending down to the depths below,
gushing out in a white water flow.
Ascending back to the forest bound top,
churning down into the Devil's Pot.

Ziran Lekha

It is the tallest of them all,
the landmark called Angel Falls.
Let your worries gush and flow,
if you look down, you'll see your worries below.

Losing all of your fears,
all of a sudden,
you hear waves of cheers.

The sound of water crashing down,
makes you feel nature's power.

Anya Broadbent



Air that is still,
and crisp and cold.
Shows everyone,
something to behold.
The towering pinnacles,
leaving shadows below.
Silent wonder and beautiful snow.

Sophie Wright

Observing the glistening, pinnacles of ice,
it's like staring at still, bright moonlight.
All the colours metallic blue,
so beautiful but shown, to very few.
So tall, so still,
it's trying to unstick.

As the world comes tumbling down,
the glacier falls so quickly now.

Bennett Reilly



In 1632, this mausoleum was made,
for the Emperor's favourite wife,
where under it she laid.
Rectangle shaped water leads to the start,
where there is marble, in the form of art.
A row of trees beside the water,
making a way of natural order.

Neal Dhamsania