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Save the Date:

- **Playgroup** - Every Friday 9.30am - 11.30am
- **GRIP Leadership (Primary)** - Monday 11th February
- **GRIP Leadership (Secondary)** - Tuesday 12th February
- **Parent Teacher Interviews** - Monday 18th February
- **Parent Teacher Interviews**—Tuesday 19th February
- **School Photos**—Monday 25th February

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning families to the new school year! I hope you all had a great holiday and I am looking forward to another wonderful year this year. We have already got many exciting events planned for this year and we are all looking forward to getting started. It is lovely to see everyone dressed in full uniform, including hats and great to see everyone getting to class on time and fully equipped. I would like to take this time to reiterate my belief that it is very important for the school to develop a close working relationship with parents/caregivers and encourage all parents to make contact with teachers or myself at any time. Teachers will also make contact with families on a regular basis.

*Please remember families, **every day counts!** Going to school is a legal requirement. Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on ALL school days unless you have a reasonable excuse. You must not keep your child away from school for minor reasons. **Student attendance this week was 96 %.***

Would you please note if your child will be absent from school, we would appreciate you contacting the office by 9.30 a.m. so that we can record their absence.

Pauline Porch - Principal

Primary Parade Wednesday, 6th February, 2019

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Congratulations to **Travis** in 4/5/6 and **Christopher** in P/1/2/3 who both received a “**Student of the Week**” award on Parade. Well done!



Well done to **Paige, Travis, Eliza, Jack, Jade, Chris, Jed, Ella, Josh, Braydan, Braxton and Conner** who all received a “**You Can Do It**” award on Parade. Congratulations!



BREAKFAST CLUB WILL COMMENCE ON MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 2019

*Term Overview**February, 2019*

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>GRIP Leadership— Primary;</i>	12 <i>GRIP Leadership— Secondary</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Parent/Teacher Interviews</i>	19 <i>Parent/Teacher Interviews</i>	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>School Photos</i>	26	27	28			

March, 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 <i>Interhouse Cross Country</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 <i>Interhouse Athletics Car- nival</i>	23	24 <i>Farmers Markets</i>
25	26	27	28	29 <i>Interschool Athletics Car- nival</i>	30	31

Reading Tips for Parents**A Suitable Reading Environment****A Suitable Reading Environment should be :-**

- * **Quiet**
- * **Comfortable**
- * **Where you can be close to your child**
- * **Relaxing for both you and your child**
- * **Free from interruptions**
- * **Enjoyable and interesting**
- * **Full of opportunities**

Welcome to the Prep and Year 7's



Canon, Charli and Summer. Absent: Evey

**PREP
2019**



Jai, Jake, Taneeka, Yulanrda, Kasia, Geordie, Abi, Amber, Latisha, Jorjia, Niessa, Tyson, Ty, Maddie, Jemma, Brock

**YEAR 7
2019**

Welcome to Mrs Rothe!

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a bit about me. I am excited to be the new Arts and English Teacher at Mount Larcom State School and Secondary Department. Six months ago, my husband Brock and I moved to Gladstone from Adelaide, South Australia. It has been an exciting adventure and we are enjoying the change in scenery and exploring the Gladstone region. Since the big move we have been renovating our new house and getting settled in with our two fur babies (miniature dachshunds) Sheila and Hank.

I have been teaching for six years and during that time I have had experience in Middle and Senior English, The Arts and Physical Education. I have also taken on many roles such as Netball Coordinator, Peer Support Facilitator and The Rite Journey Mentor. I am a passionate, relational and creative teacher and look forward to my involvement in extra-curricular activities in The Arts and running Girls Club this year.

Personally, I enjoy reading and the outdoors. I love to travel and have visited parts of Europe and Asia but would love to visit more regions of the world. I also enjoy camping here in our beautiful country and my husband and I try to get away as often as we can.

Thank you for taking the time to read some information about me. I hope to learn more about your children over the course of the year and I am excited for what 2019 has to offer! I look forward to meeting with you soon and working with you throughout the year to provide support, encouragement and enable positive growth for your child.



Prep/1/2/3 with Mr Embry

The Prep/1/2/3 students have had an exciting start to the school year. Students are currently getting used to our class routines and daily learning activities. In literacy, students have been investigating and making connections with character emotions through a variety of texts. Students have been learning to write and express their own opinions on characters they like or dislike. In Maths, students have been investigating place value, addition and subtracting modelling their responses using various materials.



Science with Miss Padgham

In Science this term the Year 8 students will be conducting their own experiments exploring the chemical and physical properties of materials. One essential skill they will need for this unit and for future years is safely using a Bunsen burner. The students have already been tested on their skills and have received their Bunsen burner licences. This means they will now be able to set up and use a Bunsen burner safely without teacher assistance.

The Year 9 and 10 students are studying inheritance and genetics. They are learning what makes them unique and how genes are passed on through generations. They will also be using logic and problem solving skills to predict offspring traits using punnet squares and track recessive traits through family trees. They will be assessed on all of their skills during a midterm exam.



ICT with Miss Padgham

ICT Major students are learning practical skills this term, beginning with working on Excel spreadsheets. They have been assigned the role of an IT consultant working for a travel agency. They need to collect, sort and present data in an infographic for the business. The students will also make recommendations to improve the agency's network. Finally, their HTML skills will also be put to the test to improve the user interface of the agency's website. As the students complete each task they are systematically saving their work in an organised folder that will be submitted as their portfolio assessment piece.



Principal Awards

Congratulations to Jade and Eliza on the fantastic work they are doing in class!

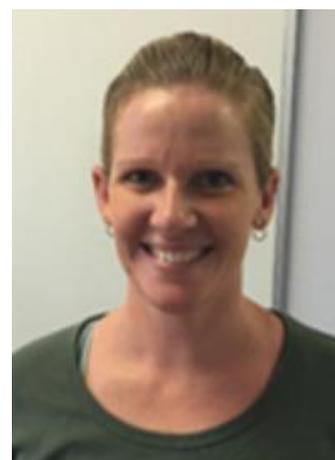


Nurse News

At Mt Larcom State School all students, their families and teachers, have access to the School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN). This will be the second year Mt Larcom has had SBYHN, Vanessa.

So what does a SBYHN do at school?

- The SBYHN program offers one on one health consults with students
- Advice and support with health care needs
- Work with teachers at school, sometimes providing health education in the classroom
- Works as part the support team (Guidance Officer, Chaplain)
- Identify health concerns and refer on to community support if required
- Promote health and wellbeing around the school



What would you see the SBYHN for?



If you are feeling sad, worried or stressed



Advice around healthy relationships and family issues



Talk about nutrition, exercise and healthy lifestyle



Growth and Development



You will see blue posters around Mt Larcom State School with information on it and where to find the School Based Youth Health Nurse.

Your SBYHN at Mt Larcom is Vanessa and can be found in the Chaplain office. Vanessa is available each Wednesday from 9am to 1pm. You may also contact Vanessa through the Administration Office.

Calliope Roosters

Calliope Junior Rugby League will be taking registrations from January 1st 2019 for ages U6 – U17's. Players registering in U6 must be turning 5 by June 30 2019. Teams from U6 – U12 are mixed and Calliope boasts the largest numbers of female participants in the region. Training is held at the CJRL Roosters home ground at Bunting Park Sutherland Street every Friday from 4pm-5pm.

Registrations costs: \$200.00 (if paid via bank transfer or cash) or \$210.00 (if paid online) and include Club Shirt, Team Photograph, Player insurances and Presentation Day celebrations.

For more information please follow the link to the PlayNRL webpage and **search Calliope Roosters** or come and see Miss Bec. We look forward to another successful year in 2019 of raising Roosters.....Cockadoodle doooooo!

<https://playnrl.com/register>

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**\$400
1ST PRIZE**

MARCH 24TH @ 9AM
2ND & 3RD PRIZES!

**RURAL
GAMES**

TEAMS OF 4! \$40 TEAM ENTRY
SHOW YOUR STRENGTH

MT. LARCOM SCHOOL OVAL

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Entry forms available from
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