Poles.

- Only 12% of all rainwater that falls in Australia runs into rivers and other waterways. The rest is lost through evaporation.

- The majority of the Earth’s freshwater is underground.

- The human body is made up of 66% water, but we can only survive 3 days without water.

- Roughly two thirds of all of the water we use in our homes is used in the bathroom. Leaving the tap running while you brush your teeth can use up to 8 litres of water, while a 5 minute shower can use up to 200 litres. Having a partially filled bath can use less water than a long shower, and the water is more easily recycled for use in the garden or to flush the toilet.

- The oceans play a huge role in regulating the temperature and climate of our planet. Even slight changes in temperature and currents of the sea can have drastic impacts on our weather, as can be seen by the effects of El Niño.

- Australia is the driest populated country in the world, and the second driest on earth. The only continent with less rainfall is the Antarctic.

Here are a few things that we can do at home to help conserve water:

- A running tap wastes 1000 litres an hour. Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth.

- Most showers use between 9
and 25 litres of water per minute. A 10 minute shower would use 90 to 250 litres of water.

- Hidden leaks and dripping taps waste an enormous amount of water. Try to replace the washers in dripping taps.
- Try not to use your washing machine for small loads.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

As we move toward the end of the term our calendar is starting to fill up quickly. Our students will be involved in the activities between now and the end of term:

- School Public Speaking Comp. Thursday 27th March
- Rugby League 7’s tournament on Tuesday 1st April
- Fresh Dental talk K/1/2 – Wednesday 2nd April
- School X-Country Thursday 3rd April
- Small School’s X-Country Monday 7th April
- AFL Paul Kelly Cup Tuesday 8th April
- Bangarra Dance Workshops Tuesday 8th April
- Tennis Workshop Thursday 10th April
- Traditional Aboriginal Games day 11th April (Last Day of term)

RECOGNITION OF GOOD WORK

As a parent we all like to know when our children have done something great at school so they can be praised and rewarded for their positive behaviour choices, good work in class or just because they are doing the best job that they can. One of the easiest and quickest ways for teachers to inform parents is via a quick phone call. Unfortunately sometimes parents are unavailable at that particular time. To help overcome this problem we will be instigating a “Good News” note. The idea is to let parents/carers know that we did try to contact them to give them some good news but they were unavailable so a “Good News” note will be sent home with the appropriate information. So please keep an eye for any of these notes that come home.

Good News

I tried to call today. Sorry that I missed you. I wanted to let you know that

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SCHOOL P&C

Thank you very much to those people who have taken executive positions on the School P&C. Although this is a rather small group they do an outstanding job throughout the school supporting all the students through their various fundraising endeavours. If you would like to get involved and help share the load please contact the front office and they will help you contact one of the committee members

- President Michaela Kaptein
- Vice President Sharyn Fallon
- Treasurer Judy Gibson
- Secretary Sharon Wright

FINGER BUN DAY

The next finger bun day will be on Monday 31st March. $1.50 for a full bun or $0.80 for a half bun.

WIN 10 IPADS FOR OUR SCHOOL

Coupons will appear in the Daily Examiner from 22 February to 31 March 2014. Collect as many coupons as you can and bring them to school for our chance to win 10 Ipads for our school.

YOU CAN DO IT

One of the “Keys to Success” with the “You Can Do It” program is resilience. One way to show resilience is to have a positive attitude. We all go through hard times but if we remain positive and focus on those things that we can change or influence we will get to the light at the end of the tunnel, no matter how far away it may seem. Here is a small piece of advice you might like to keep on hand for when things don’t seem to be going all that well. “Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A world of optimism and hope. A ‘you can do it’ when things are tough”. We are moving into a new phase of the You Can Do It program. We have completed our introduction to the Keys to Success and have finished looking at the blockers to success and happiness. We are now working intensively on individual keys to success and as a school we are starting with “Getting Along”. Everyone will be looking at friendships and how to build quality relationships. To allow parents and carer to understand more about the keys to success we will send home an information page each time we begin a new key. This week you will receive a laminated page that will outline what the key is, how to spot it and how to encourage it to continue.
We encourage you to keep it and use it to continue the strong working partnership we are building to make our kids happy and successful.

ABSENCES

Absence Notes – Please remember to send in an absence note to school within 7 days of a student being away because teachers are then unable to record a reason against the absence after this time and it is automatically an Unjustified Absence.

BOOKPACK CONTRIBUTION

Thank you to those families who have paid their voluntary contributions for the 2014 school year. The fee is currently $40 per student with a maximum of $120 per family. This amount can be paid off in instalments throughout the year. All funds received help offset the costs of providing exercise books, some text books, pencils, ruler and other general stationary equipment for students.