

## Date Claimers

### 22 June

Sports Day (weather permitting)

### 24 June

Last Day Term 2

### 11 July

First Day Term 3

### 26 July

3 School NAIDOC Celebrations

### August TBA

Dance-a-thon Kuraby Special

### 10 August

Exhibition Holiday

Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately the weather was not with us this week and the Sports Day was postponed. We have it scheduled for next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, but if we get the predicted rain on Sunday, the Sports Day will be held just after the June/ July holidays.

### Report Cards

At the end of next week, report cards will be sent home with the students. It has been a pleasure to read the great work of each class and the achievements of the students. I want to particularly thank the staff, who have put in an amazing effort, to really get the best out of the students.

### Car Park Parade

The students and staff had a wonderful time at the official opening of the Car Park. Ribbon was cut, photos were tweeted and cake was had. Part Two of the car park (the resurfacing of the side road) is all but complete and the school will soon have a new Fire hydrant system.

At this parade, we also got to say thank you to Nicole Finch for her time as Principal of the school. She gave a lovely speech and enjoyed being back at the school. She also enjoyed some cake!

### Road Crossing

Apart from the new Car Park, the school has a new entrance and road lane markings courtesy of the Brisbane City Council. This has been welcomed by the school community, but there have been questions about turning into and out of the school as it crosses a solid white line. I have sort advice and council and the Queensland Police Service has confirmed turning either way in or out of the school is fine to do (as long as you give way).

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## Car Park Rules

If you are using the sheltered drop off area at the office, please use the inside lane. This lane is for Private cars and Taxis.

The buses need a bigger turning circle and will take the outside lane. The driveway can accommodate two vehicles, side by side.

Patience is always a key to drop off and pick up times and PLEASE WATCH THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.

When using the car park, please use the available spaces or Disabled spots. Parking in the car park driveway, even for a short time, is not allowed. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Data Wall

Work this semester in Literacy and Numeracy has been assessed and tracked using a whole school data wall. It has been an exciting addition to the work already underway in the classes. Our Master teacher this term has helped develop the numeracy wall and this work will continue into next term.

The work on the Literacy Data wall has helped form new groups for the school's FOUR BLOCKS approach to literacy. For semester two, the narrow and sharp focus will be around comprehension and communication for all students.

And finally for some home work.....

Earlier in the year, I wrote to you about the school developing the best practice in teaching or pedagogy. Staff identified the Art and Science of Teaching by Marzano and friends.

Marzano states, "among elements such as a well-articulated curriculum and a safe orderly environment, the one factor that surfaced as the **single most influential component of an effective school is the individual teachers within that school**" (2007).

In other words.....**Effective Teachers = Effective Schools**

He has 10 questions (called 'design questions') that are asked before teaching or planning to teach. At Sunnybank Special, we are looking this year at just question one.

**Design Question #1: What will I do to establish and communicate learning goals, track student progress, and celebrate success?**

**Some of the things the teachers will be developing are**

- Make a distinction between Learning Goals and Learning Activities or Assignments
- Develop a scale for assessment of each Learning Goal
- Use the student's data to identify their own Learning Goals
- Chart the student's progress on each Learning Goal
- Recognize and celebrate growth

These are exciting times!

Darren



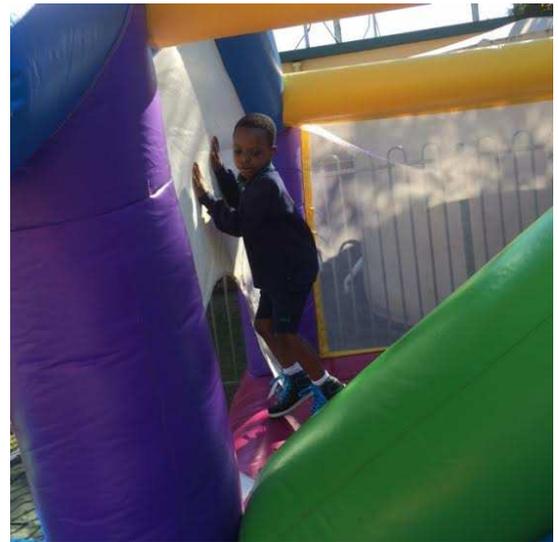
# Early Years



## *Under 8's day at Kuraby Special School*



Lance enjoyed the train ride with Cameron the Clown.



Caleb loved the jumping castle.



Meena having fun with construction blocks and bricks.



Happy Isabella jumped on the jumping castle.



Lance enjoyed making shapes with playdough.



Meena could not resist the train seat with vibration.

*It was a day that our boys and girls enjoyed and loved.*





# Becky's Place



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June the JS2 students went to meet Doreen and her five miniature horses at Becky's Place. After morning tea students groomed, walked and fed the horses. Everyone enjoyed their time with Becky, Molly, Millie, Lonie and Isy and could happily have stayed a lot longer. A big thanks to Simon for driving the bus and to Doreen for making us feel so welcome.

To find out more about Becky's Place contact Doreen on 0421 659 052 or take a look at their Facebook page.



## P&C NEWS JUNE 2016

The last P&C meeting was held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. If you are unable to attend meetings but would still like to contribute ideas, suggestions, or other feedback, the P&C now has an email account, emails can be sent to:

**pandc@sunnybanspecs@eq.edu.au**



There is still time to get your Sports Day Raffle tickets in! There is 6 great prizes up for grabs. (The raffle will be drawn on the re scheduled Sports Day date).

**P&C Contributions: A big thank you** to families who have forwarded P and C contributions this semester.

The contribution helps the P&C reach the goals of:

- Repairing/Purchasing new bikes
- Repairing/purchasing items for the Snoozelan room; and
- Funding communication tools.

By achieving these goals the experience for all students at the school is improved.

**WINTER UNIFORMS** The weather is starting to cool down, if you need a winter uniform, the P&C still has quality discounted track pants, jumpers, and jackets in some sizes. Get in quick, after they are sold out, they will not be re-ordered (due to price increases).

**The next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9.00am** in the meeting room, all parents/carers welcome.

*Thanks for your support!*

*Kris Davey*

*P&C President*

## Sunnybank State Special School



**Safe**

- ✓ Act Safe
- ✓ Play Safe
- ✓ Travel Safe



**Social**

- ✓ Care for Others
- ✓ Share & Take Turns
- ✓ Use your Manners



**Successful Learners**

- ✓ Follow Instructions
- ✓ Learn Together
- ✓ Try your Best