Fun in the Sun!
Our students had a fantastic time at their first swimming lesson on Monday. These one-hour lessons will continue each Monday until the end of term. Please ensure your child has a t-shirt or swim shirt to cover their shoulders during their lesson. It is also important to ensure your child has a drink bottle filled with plain water to prevent dehydration now the weather is really heating up.

School Concert
There is a buzz of excitement in the air as students prepare for the end of year concert. There will be a working bee on Monday 21st November in the BER starting at 12noon. No special sewing or crafty skills required. A note detailing costume requirements accompanies this newsletter.

The concert will be held on Thursday 1st December at the Community Sports Centre behind the school. Students should arrive at 5:45pm for a 6:00pm start. Please bring a plate of food to share after the concert.

School Song
Josh Arnold and the students worked tirelessly last Thursday to write ‘Gateway to Learning’. We are busy rehearsing ready for Josh and his production team to return on November 23rd and 24th. At that time, the music and vocals will be recorded followed by the filming of the clip.

This will occur Wednesday afternoon and may include some filming offsite after school. Further information will be provided as the date approaches.

After hours entry to school
Please be advised that any access to the school grounds by any person outside of regular school hours must be approved by the Principal. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number - 131 788.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. Let's work together to keep our school and community safe.

Every day counts!
Increased attendance is directly related to improved student learning. Our goal for this year is to have 93.6 per cent attendance with no unexplained absences. This is part of our explicit improvement agenda. Currently, we are achieving 91.8 per cent attendance. There are only 21 school days left after today and learning never stops. There are fantastic things happening so let's get everyone to school every day and see if we can reach our goal – we are so close!
No hat - no play
It is a requirement that all students wear their school hat during playtimes. In the interest of health and hygiene, we are not able to provide spare hats for students who have forgotten theirs. Although the school playground has a shade, this does not provide adequate UV protection. Students who do not have a hat will be required to sit in the undercover eating area and will not be permitted to play. The P&C have hats for sale in the uniform shop.

Healthy Breakfast Boosts Brains!
Breakfast is the most important meal of the day because:
* it improves their mood, classroom focus, memory and learning.
* children’s appetites are often best in the first half of the day.
* it is very difficult to meet daily nutrient needs if breakfast is missed.

Examples of a healthy breakfast
* Wholegrain cereals (e.g. Porridge, muesli, wheat cereal) topped with reduced fat milk or yoghurt and a piece of fruit.
* Wholegrain toast with low fat healthy spreads, or served with baked beans/banana/egg/cheese and tomato and a piece of fruit.
* Protein foods at breakfast are a good idea, for example, dairy, eggs, baked beans.
* Breakfast on the run – fruit such as banana, reduced fat milk and yoghurt smoothie.

For more information and ideas go to:

Its in the Bag
This year as part of our yearly giving back (in the past we have donated goods to the animal shelter), we are taking part in “Its in the Bag”. Donations need to be in by Thursday 1st December and can be dropped off at Mrs Wolter’s room. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

School Photos
Attached to the newsletter is information from “Country School Photos” regarding the delivery of school photos.

Feedback
If you ever have any feedback you would like to provide, or any ideas or suggestions for our school, I would love to hear from you! Please come to see me, call to make an appointment or email me anytime at aarms55@eq.edu.au.

Have a fabulous fortnight!

Angela Armstrong
Principal

P&C Patch

Next meeting: 14th November, 2016, 5:30pm.