The next P&C meeting will be on the 11th June at 6pm at the school. There is always the option of ordering pizza for dinner on P&C meeting nights—this needs to be done through the school by 12:00pm on the day of the meeting and payment is made on the night.

Please don’t forget your orders for the current Home Style Pie Drive which are due on the 11th June. This is a great opportunity to fill your freezer for the colder months ahead. Delivery will be on the 19th June.

The next fundraiser after the Pie Drive will be the Bowling Fun Day at Sunset Superbowl on Sunday 21st July. This is a fun day out for the whole family. We will have prizes to raffle on the day so grab a group of family or friends and come and enjoy yourself.

The Allora Gala Day will be held tomorrow, 31st May, at Allora S.S. Students aged 8, 10, 11 and 12 will be competing in soccer, netball and rugby league.

Parent transport is required for these days.

All students need to wear their school uniform. Jerseys/bibs will be provided on the day. In addition, rugby league players will need foot wear and soccer players will need shin pads and long socks to cover the shin pads (NO BOOTS with ties for soccer players). All students need lunch and morning tea (or money to purchase both), sunscreen, school bucket hats and a jumper/jacket and other warm clothes.

The Junior Room and the Senior Room students not involved in the Gala Day will have a normal day here at school.

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The Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion finishes on Sunday 9th June. Please ask everyone you know to collect stickers for our school. We collected approximately 16 000 sticker last year and were able to get some wonderful things as a result of this.

Learning Priorities for 2013
Each student in the Senior Room has a goal and achievement booklet. In this booklet, students write goals and track their success. They are also able to record their achievements, such as representing the school in sporting events, attending volunteer activities and being involved in school groups such as the choir and The People’s Club.

Students know that they have benchmarks to reach in each of the three learning priority areas. Students know that they have targets to reach in each of the three learning priority areas. Please talk to your children about their progress towards achieving their targets and their current achievements in terms of the benchmarks.

Students in the Junior Room also have benchmarks and targets in the three learning priority areas, although they may not be aware of what they are. Be assured that they are known to us and are tracked.

Senior Room Camp
This year the Senior Room will be travelling to Brisbane from Tuesday 3rd—Friday 6th September to enjoy a ‘City Camp.’ At this stage the cost of the camp will be approximately $200-$250 per student. Please feel free to start making payments to the office for payment of this camp. Small payments are often easier to make than lump sum payments.

Home Reading and Homework
Please ensure students are completing their home reading and homework. There are educational benefits to doing this, as well as these being school expectations. I am always speaking to the senior class about reading repetition. When we as adults read, we are able to do so with relative ease because we have ‘read’ so many times. I tell my students that I probably have 200000 or 300000 sight words under my belt!! It’s because I have read certain words so, so, so many times. Ensuring your child reads a lot will increase their exposure to words, which will only improve their fluency and therefore comprehension. Help them to find books they like reading, then reading won’t be a chore, but a pleasure.

Students that do not read are disadvantages their own learning. As homework and reading are expectations, students that don’t complete these things at home are required to do them at school as well as having a behaviour consequence, which has an effect on their end of semester behaviour result.

Clifton Museum Visit
We had a fantastic day last Wednesday when we visited the Clifton Museum. There are so many wonderful things to see and touch and the students were all very interested in what people used in ‘the olden days.’ Congratulations to the students for how well they represented our school. Their interest and enthusiasm was something to be proud of. Thank you to all of the Mums and Nanas who were able to help out with supervision. They enabled us to have much smaller groups to show around.

Thanks also to the wonderful volunteers from the Clifton Historical Society who were able to be our personal tour guides. Their knowledge was priceless. When you have a spare Sunday it really is worth a visit. The museum is open the first and third Sunday of each month from 10:00am-3:30pm.

Tuckshop
Our last tuckshop for the term is next Friday, 7th June. Please have tuckshop orders in by next Wednesday, 5th June. Reminder: Please remove hokkien noodles from your tuckshop menu.

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