**Christmas Hamper**

We are raffling a Christmas Hamper, with the help of our long time supporters, Rudds Pub. Please support this major fundraiser by donating items for the hamper. Types of items include non-perishable foods, ‘Christmassy things’ (bonbons, decorations etc.), toys, alcohol and appliances etc. These items can be dropped into the school office.

Tickets are available now in the school office. If you are able to sell some books of tickets, please drop in and grab some! The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 20th December.

**Central Downs Ball Games Carnival**

We had a wonderful day at Emu Creek SS last Friday. All of the students put in 100% effort and showed exceptional sportsmanship. Well done!

**Head Lice**

We have been notified of some cases of head lice recently. Please check your child’s hair regularly for head lice and treat if necessary.

**Term 4 A & B Rewards Day**

We have booked to attend this year’s Summer Safety Day at Logan’s Inlet, Wivenhoe Dam on Tuesday 26th November. This is our end of year fun day, but also our A & B behaviour reward day. Therefore, students who receive an A or B for behaviour this term will be able to attend.

The Summer Safety Day is a huge day, with lifeguards on duty, a rescue helicopter demonstration, plus lunch, drinks and ice blocks provided for the 500 students attending.

There will be no cost to students, but again, this is the final big reward for the year to our students who show exemplary behaviour throughout term 4. Please return the attached permission form before Friday 6th November. Please remember that although you may sign a permission note, your child’s attendance at the Summer Safety Day won’t be guaranteed until the end of week 7, when teachers determine behaviour achievements.

Parents are welcome, but will need to find alternative transport due to lack of seats on the bus.

**Remembrance Day**

Next Monday is Remembrance Day. We will hold a small service for our students, parents and the community at 11am. All community members are welcome to attend. This service will be held at the memorial gates at the front entrance to the school.

**Volunteers Breakfast**

Our wonderful volunteers are invited to a celebratory breakfast, to be held on Friday 6th December in the Library—starting at 8:30am. Please RSVP by Monday 2nd December.

**P&C Meeting**

The final P&C meeting of the year will be held at Rudds Pub on Tuesday 19th November, beginning at 6pm. Please RSVP to the school so that we can book at table. All welcome.

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**Enrolments for 2014**

Enrolments for 2014 are now being taken. Please contact the school office if you would like to enrol your child.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Semester 2 interviews will be held on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December. A timetable will come in the week 7 newsletter.

**Attachments:**
- Book Club—Orders and payments due Friday 22nd November

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**Parent Link**

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**Term 4 Week 5**

Thursday 7th November 2013

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**Calendar**

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Dear Parents and Community,

I just have a brief chappy update for y’all. I would like to first say a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Operation Christmas Child. We were able to raise more funds than were needed so we were able to donate some extra funds to Operation Christmas Child. I was extremely proud to take 40 boxes to the drop off centre from the Nobby community. I am really thankful for all the support from Nobby. Next year we will hopefully be able to do this again and get more school communities involved!

This Saturday I am helping at a fundraising event called Breaking Chains. This event is raising funds for Destiny Rescue which is an amazing organisation that gets young people out of slavery, and other traumatic situations. It is a very important cause in my opinion. Breaking Chains is taking place at Toowoomba North Church of Christ which is located in Progress Court in Toowoomba. The event will be from 11am-5pm this Saturday. There will be coffee, cake, face painting for kids, a jumping castle, and items for sale. You can even win a new printer worth around $400 in a silent auction. There is no EFTPOS at the event so bring cash if you wish to help out this worthy cause.

Sincerely,
Chappy Matt

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Shoe Boxes Needed

If you have any shoe boxes lying around could you please drop them into the school.

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Our school has embraced the strong view on attendance that our State Education Policy expects. This year, we have been tracking this closely, and have been asking parents to explain absences via text message, phone call or note. This was prompted by a reminder text from the school. We track student attendance closely and explaining absences to the school appropriately is a parental/caregiver responsibility.

We are no longer reminding you to explain absences. We ask that you explain absences preferably before they occur, but if required, on the day of the absence. Failure to do this will mean that your child’s absence will be marked as ‘unexplained’ and noted on the student’s end of semester report card.

“Every Day Counts!”