A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Love and Marbles

A big, friendly, heartfelt hello! I shouldn’t be surprised at how this wonderful school has found it’s way under my skin. People warned me about this. I hope you see that, as a team, we care, even when we can’t welcome you at the gate every morning. Your children matter to us here at RACS. They are why we exist and what drives each staff member to be better and make a difference.

In my last editorial, I spoke about Reggie Joiner and Kristen Ivy, whose book about the needs of our children has opened a few eyes and helped families recognise how limited their time with their children really is. I hope at least one RACS family now has a large jar with many marbles in it.

Time, the first of six key needs children have, is linked to all the other five needs. During those 936 weeks we have with our children at home, the most important way to ensure our 5 year-old or our changing teenager feels a sense of belonging is through our love. L... O... V... E... love.

I believe that love was God’s idea. The Bible says clearly – “God is love”. It explains why a newborn is so dependent upon a mother’s touch. It’s why a child longs for the approval of a parent or parent-figure. It’s why two children – strangers – will hold hands on the playground swings.

More than ever, our kids need adults who will love them in a way that convinces them of their true worth. The way we love our kids, while they are still kids, will dramatically influence their future. Being ‘connected’, used to mean something different, but the children in our homes still need to know how to love. And that is our responsibility. We need to ask, ‘What lessons about love have my children learned from me this year already?’.

So play together, read, tickle, talk and laugh with your precious ones. The effort is always worth it.

Remember, like trying to harvest fruit from trees never planted, we have to recognise that creating a loving connection is not possible without deliberate and planned events on our busy schedules. Time creates love opportunities. Our desires for true family companionship and love will grow as we prioritise the people of our life above the pressures.

Habit 1, Joiner says, is to ‘visualise time’. Habit 2, is ‘Prove It’. Will you show up for ‘love duty’ every week? Consistently? Patiently? Prove it to them.
NOTICES:

HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

The next Home and School meeting will be held on Monday 4th May at 3:10 in the library. Arrangments for the Mothers Day Stall will be the main agenda item to be discussed.

RACS CROSS COUNTRY

Today is RACS cross-country. The race will start on the river side of the tennis courts and will follow an 800m loop along the river front. If you would like to run with the students, marshal or cheer for them, please come along. The distances are below:

- Prep/1 - 800m - 1km
- 2/3/4 - 1.6km
- 5/6 - 2.4km

Weet-Bix TRYathlon

The tryathlon is this Sunday, May 3, at the Riverway precinct. Good luck to all of our RACS participants!

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

On Friday May 8, the students will be attending a Life Education talk where topics such as healthy eating, hygiene and being responsible with medicine will be discussed.

BANKING FRIDAYS

Banking Fridays are continuing this term. So, don’t forget to bring those savings in on Friday, give them to your class teacher and they will have it banked for you. If you would like to open a student savings account, you can do that at a local Qld Country Credit Union branch or by providing a copy of your childs’ birth certificate to Kandi Acres (Brooklyn and Damian’s mum).

GUEST SPEAKER AND PARENT SEMINAR

On Thursday evening, May 7, Dr Don Hardgrave from Creation Ministries will be holding a Parent Seminar entitled “Since God is good, why is there pain and suffering?”. This is a key question when you consider current events and a decaying society. The presentation will be held in the library between 6-7pm. All parents, families and friends are invited to attend. The next morning, Friday May 8 during chapel, Dr Hardgrave will be sharing with the staff and students. As always, parents and families are welcome to join us.

UNIFORM

The uniform standards so far this term have been fantastic. Thank you, parents, for your efforts in this area. Accompanying this newsletter, you will find a copy of RACS Uniform Guidelines. This was sent home via email at the end of last term, but we would also like to provide you with a paper copy. Thank you for your efforts and communication in this area.

RACS CALENDAR NOW ONLINE

There is now an easier way to keep up with the happenings at RACS. Click on the following link and it will take you to the school calendar of events; http://tinyurl.com/RiversideCalendar Please check it regularly so you can view and plan for upcoming events.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Prep/1
Seth-Bailie Tarr - For improved writing.
Florida Teariki - For great creative writing.

2/3/4 Class
Hunter Dale - For positive class choices and working well independently.
Rayan Tahir - For excellence in maths.

5/6 Class
Imogen Cornell - For displaying an excellent attitude in the classroom.
Mikki Quilala - Principals Award
Harvey Biddlecombe - For excellent management of the flag.
Lilita Harlock - For calmness and working well in class.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

APRIL 29
RACS CROSS COUNTRY

MAY 3
WEET-BIX TRYATHLON

MAY 7
DR DON HARDGRAVE SEMINAR

MAY 8
LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

MAY 9
RACS CHURCH VISIT - TOWNSVILLE CITY SDA

MAY 12-14
NAPLAN

MAY 28
PUPIL-FREE DAY - STAFF PD