Define Me

As a growing boy, particularly in our first world culture, it was not too difficult to get caught up in the notion that I had to be ‘known’ for something. I succeeded, too. We all do to some degree or another. But are we known for the things we think we are?

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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

The answer, of course, is ‘yes’. Your Facebook photo might not have changed for years, your wardrobe, even your hairstyle, but you and I change - daily. So chasing an image to ‘define’ us is often a pointless pursuit. Why would I be asking these questions, and what is the point?

I was talking with a parent this week about the school, our families and the regular decisions required of parents as we navigate our own space in God’s universe. I drove home thinking about what is important. What do I see as the important things in the world? Does my daily routine demonstrate these goals or ideals?

The really interesting thought is how those close to us would define us. What would they say? Do our habits, our desires, our patterns of life and our children’s lives demonstrate what we want to be known about us? OK, so I wouldn’t think too much about that.

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NOTICES:

Home & School Meeting
The H&S Committee are collecting small glass jars to be used at the Mothers Day Stall. If you have any lying around, please bring them in to the office.

School Photos
Thursday, March 19th will be our official school photo day. Order forms have been sent out. There are 2 options for payment. Firstly you can order online by March 16th. The instructions are on the back of the envelope order forms that went home. Or, you can enclose the correct amount of money in the envelope and return it to the office. **It is important that the correct amount of money be enclosed as there will be no change available.**

Volunteers Needed
A huge thank you to Tony Dawes for covering piles of our reader books! There are still lots that need covering. If you are able to help out a few hours at school or take a pile home to cover with contact please see Amanda in the office. It would be greatly appreciated.

Weet-Bix Tryathlon Launch
Our school has been chosen to host the launch for the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon 2015. Keep Thursday March 12th between 9am-9:30am free. Jonathon Thurston will be here with radio and TV stations to launch the advertising for the Tryathlon. All families and friends are invited to attend. Students will be able to meet with Jonathon and might even receive a signed t-shirt from the man himself! Watch the news that night to see our school and some of our students make the headlines. Go RACS! The Tryathlon is a community-based event and children from the age of 7 are able to participate. Check out [http://try.weetbix.com.au/my-location/townsville](http://try.weetbix.com.au/my-location/townsville) for more info.

Swimming Carnival
What a great day it was! Well done to the students for their great sportsmanship and participation. It was fantastic to see lots of families there too. Keep an eye out for a ‘photo collage’ of the day.

Ride 2 School Day
Being physically active is a vital part of maintaining a healthy body and brain. Friday, March 13 is a chance for students to bring their bikes to school and participate in an ‘Around The River Ride’. The ride will start at 2pm with all students being fully supervised. There will be a shorter distance for the younger ones and the option to complete the ‘River Loop’ for the older students. Health is not just for kids, so grab your bike, parents, and come join us!

Banking Day
Friday March 20th from 2pm, parents are invited to come to the school library to open an account for your child. You will need to bring your Drivers License and your child/ren’s Birth certificate. To ensure it runs smoothly and efficiently, please book a time at the office with Amanda. The students savings will be collected and banked every Friday.

Townsville Bulletin Prep Photo
The publication date for the Prep Liftout being featured in the Townsville Bulletin is March 20th.

SK8 Way
Next Saturday night there will be a skating night being held in conjunction with the Pathfinders. Please see flyer attached for full details.

Mid Term Tuition Specials
Book 20 hours MATH tuition and receive 10 hrs* free.
Need help with structuring your WRITING?
Book now and receive 1 hr* free one to one tuition.
READING difficulties no problem!
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Contact:
Brenda or Sharna on 4721 0115 or 0408 773614 we are located directly opposite Officeworks
DATES TO REMEMBER:

MARCH 12TH
WEETBIX TRYATHLON LAUNCH

MARCH 13TH
RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

MARCH 14TH
SK8 WAY

MARCH 19TH
SCHOOL PHOTOS

MARCH 20TH
KIDS BANK ACCOUNT SETUP

MARCH 23RD
H & S MEETING

APRIL 2ND
LAST DAY TERM 1

APRIL 20TH
FIRST DAY TERM 2

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

PREP/1
Lilita Harlock
Stephen Caldwell

2/3/4 CLASS
Sara Jalaleddine
Jett Jerrard
Rachellie Savuro

5/6 CLASS
Cassady Burgess
Joshua Dawes
Lochlan Rogers