

November 2023

Term 4 Week 7



Date Claimers:

Swim—Mon Fri

Dance—Mondays

Library—Fridays

NOV

13-17 P-6 School Camp

22 I/H Swimming

22 P&C Meeting

23 Farm Safety Pres.

24 WOS—Brisbane

24 P-6 STEM Moonie

27 SS Swim @ MSS

27 Pre Prep Day

30 Spelling rewards lunch

DEC

6 End of Year concert

7 Break-up Day

Meandarra State School

Meandarra News

End of Year Concert & Presentation Evening

WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023

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A Message from Mrs Grams

Dear Parents,

Hello from camp! We are the mice who are away this week at Mudjimba enjoying an incredible week-long camp. This is an extra-curricular, P&C supported camp which provides real-life learning experiences for our students. Not to mention a fair bit of fun thrown in. We look forward to the bonding, team building experience that camp always is before we head back to school for our last 3 weeks.

School Opinion Survey

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback, it is a great way for us to know as a school how we can improve. We have overwhelmingly great results once again and I would like to highlight that 100% of staff, parents and students agreed that this is a good school. Also worth noting is that students are encouraged to do their best and that we work to support students learning.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our school Remembrance Day service on Thursday and also thank you to our school leaders for stepping up on Saturday and reading at the community service. We would like to acknowledge the sacrifice that all soldiers have made to our country.

Interhouse Swimming

No sooner do we get back from camp than we are diving into our Interhouse Swimming Carnival. Dust off the Inglestone v Coomrith shirts and find your best barracking voice for our final showdown of the year on Wednesday 22nd November. This will commence at 1pm and be followed by a free sausage sizzle and zooper doopers.

Farm Safety Calendar

Congratulations to Grace Grams who has won the Farm Safety calendar competition!

We are very excited to be able to finally announce this exciting development. Grace has won \$500 for the school (thanks Grace!) as well as a cash prize for herself and her entry will be displayed in the 2024 Farm Safety Calendar – I wonder which month it will be? Worksafe QLD will be attending assembly on the 23rd November to award the prize.

Wonder of Science

Good luck to Percy, Dan and Alec who head to the Brisbane Wonder of Science State Conference next week. This is an achievement itself to have made it this far and shows the dedication to science that these boys have made. The boys will once again present their 'What is the Best Beak Shape' investigation at the University of QLD.

Sports Report

Swimming nominations are in and we are looking forward to both the interhouse and small schools carnivals at Meandarra in the next couple of weeks. Thanks to Miss Watson and Mrs Pratt's swimming lessons, the students are all gaining confidence in the water with the distances they have chosen.

Congratulations to Grace who participated in the combined Darling Downs/South West Aquathlon trial in Dalby last week. She came an impressive 2nd place for SW and 11th overall. This has secured her a spot in the State Aquathlon team for 2024.

Kind Regards,

Penny Grams



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School Notes

Whole school camp

Well they are off on their adventure! Prep to Year 6 students and 4 intrepid grown-ups will arrive in Mudjimba shortly for a week of real-life learning experiences, plus a mud challenge, climbing the inflatables, sandcastle building, camp fire games and much more.

They will arrive back at MSS on **Friday** at approximately **3:15pm**—exhausted, with bags full of dirty washing and heads full of fantastic tales.

Please be at the school to collect your child/ren, wife or husband by 3:15pm.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 22 November is the annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival. All students in Prep to Year 6 will swim the events they nominated for the Small Schools Carnival the following week.

We invite all families and community members to come along.

There will be a sausage sizzle and Zooper Dooper at 1pm, events will commence shortly after.

Please pack morning tea for first break.

REMEMBER Parents please pack your togs. The Interhouse Parent Relay is THE most hotly contested event of the calendar year. Inglestone have won two years in a row....C'mon Coomrith!

STEM Day at Moonie

On **Friday 24 November** our whole school will travel to Moonie for the Cluster STEM Extravaganza. The permission note and information was sent home last week.

Details are as follows:

7:45am	Depart MSS
9:00am	Arrive Moonie Sports Club Morning Tea (packed from home)
12noon	Lunch (supplied)
3pm	Arrive MSS

Students are to wear their formal school uniform, take a water bottle, morning tea and a school hat.

Please be at school by 7:35am in order to be aboard the bus and on our way by 7:45am. Shane Jamieson has kindly offered to run the school bus 1 hour earlier in order to get your children at school in time to catch the coach to Moonie. Please contact Shane if you will be taking advantage of her kind offer.

Please contact Toni about the arrangements for squad that morning.

This is a cluster initiative made available FREE to our students due to grants, sponsorship and

school funds.

Small Schools Swimming @ Meandarra

As reported in the last newsletter, we are hosting the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. The nominations are in and approximately 200 students and their parents will potentially be coming to our pool on **Monday 27 November**. Our P&C is catering and will need all hands on deck please.

Students will need to wear their formal school uniform, school hat and bring their swimming gear. A shirt must be worn between events, they however do not need to wear one to compete.

The cluster schools will arrive at Meandarra Pool at 8:30am, there will be an officials meeting, welcome, National Anthem and the first event will kick off at 9am. It is a FULL day event.

Pre Prep Day

The 2024 Prep students will be attending school on the morning of **Thursday 30 November**. Please encourage your old students to make our newest Pre-preps welcome on the day.

Same Day Absence Notification

It is Departmental Policy that your child's school MUST be notified of their absence the **same day** of the absence. Please call the absence line **4678 5360** and leave a message with a **reason** for the child's absence or email Kate—
kmcd069@eq.edu.au or your child's teacher. If we do not receive notification we will contact you for a valid reason.

Happy November Birthday to....





Awards for Term 4 - Weeks 3—6



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P&C News

Final 2023 General Meeting

Wednesday 22 November

Following the Interhouse Swimming
Carnival

Library

All parents are welcome

*Nibbles & refreshments provided to say thank
you and goodbye to Year 6 parents.*

Contact Chelsea on
jckidd_greenhills@bigpond.com

Show Meeting

Will be back in
2024

Found at the Show:

Currently
residing in the
school
staffroom



2023 Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Book Fair "Hats off to Reading" competition. The winners for each year level are listed below.

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| Prep—Mila | Year 1—Jack | Year 2—Lily E | |
| Year 3—Aria | Year 4—Rosie | Year 5—Mpemba | Year 6—Percy |

There were also some fabulous hats shown on Parade.





EPOL Shenanigans!

