School Leaders of Culture-Aaron, Alan, Trey & Kieran

Parents, teachers, students and visitors often sense something special and undefined about a school. This feeling, this special something is called "culture." Although hard to define and difficult to put a finger on, culture is extremely powerful. It is sometimes taken-for-granted, too often overlooked or ignored but it is actually one of the most significant features of any school.

Culture influences everything that goes on in schools: how we dress, what we talk about, our willingness to change, our manner of teaching, and the importance put on our students' needs.

What shapes culture? Culture is the underground stream of values, beliefs, traditions, and rituals that have built up over time as people work together, solve problems, and confront challenges. It shapes how people think, feel, and act in schools.

This is why school leaders are so important. They are a link between the adults & the students, between their parents and the teachers. They become a sample of the student body & become the voice of the students. I could not be more proud of these 4 boys. I have watched these boys through last year & this year and I truly believe they understand the culture we are trying to create, a culture of care, consideration, kindness and achievement.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Our Students of the Week this week are: (L-R) Monique Aiken, Jessica Green and Gabby Aiken. We are very proud of these girls, they all received their awards because they have shown excellent levels of Responsibility as a learner.

It is the efforts of students just like these ones, that make our school an excellent place to grow & learn.
**Our Kids Matter focus for this week has been Social-awareness.** Everyone got a blank person shape and they had to create themselves. This activity & discussion was to highlight that everyone is different & no one the same. All the mini-people will be displayed on the library window, so everyone can see just how special we really are. Thanks to Don for the artwork pictured.

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**Positive Behaviour Support— Parent Interviews**

Parent/teacher interviews will be offered in week 9 (25th-28th March). The teachers will issue a timetable for you to choose a time from. The teacher may request an interview or you may request an interview. This is a great opportunity to find out if there are any aspects of school that are causing concern and gives you a chance to ask questions.

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**Curriculum Corner**


*Every Day Counts* is a state-wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school. It is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes and foster a shared commitment to improving school attendance. *Every Day Counts* promotes four key messages: all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day, schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance, truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices, attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

*Research* shows that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. Attendance problems are best managed by *early identification and intervention.*

It is recommended that schools consider adopting a five-step approach to *addressing student absenteeism.*

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**Attendance Behaviour Performance**
Community Notices

Tasmania Bush Fire Appeal
Talent Quest/Karaoke
6 April 2013
Murphys Creek Community Centre
$5.00 per act
Light Refreshments available
Lucky Door Prize & Raffles
3.00 pm start
From 8.00 pm BYO
So if you can sing, dance, act, play an instrument
We would love to hear from you

Further Details:
Del Gold 4630 5338
Christina Murdoch 4630 5231
Julie Reck 0407 034024
No Glass Policy

Lockyer Multicultural Festival
A Harmony Day Celebration
Saturday 23 March 10am-4pm
Gatton Showgrounds

Everyone Belongs! Celebrate our diversity!
Music • Drumming • Bollywood • Living Exotic
Cultural activities • Kids’ craft • Jumping castle • Food

Using Social Media

When: Tuesday, 30 April 2013 from 5.30-8.30pm
Where: Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre, 34 Lake Apex Drive in Gatton

Social media is a phrase being used a lot these days, but what does it mean?

Social media includes web-based and mobile-based technologies which are used to turn communication into an interactive dialogue between organisations, communities, and individuals. This can be as simple as asking for comments or voting on a topic of interest.

This workshop will explore types of social media tools, how to decide what is best for your club, where to start, principles for success and pitfalls to avoid. Gain an insight into how social media can have your club effectively interacting with members and others.

Register by 24th April Further Information: Phone 07 4615 3600
| Email southwestsportrec@nprsr.qld.gov.au

ANNOUNCEMENT
Murphys Creek Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc.
Will be holding their
AGM
Monday 25 March 2013
9.30am for 9.45am start
At the recovery centre
On the Murphys Creek Ground
Guest Speaker
Graham King
Toowoomba East Rotary Club
Followed by morning tea
All welcome