Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

You had to be there to hear the words that had energy, purpose, humour and humility. The words spoken by:

- Mr Peter Bullen, the Vice President of our P&C Association, father of Renee in Prep, Zoe in Year 3/4 and Sam in year 5/6, as he guided us through the evening as the Master Of Ceremony for the evening fundraiser.
- Mr Simon Fleming, technical advisor and guru of the evening, father of Amza in Prep, as he escorted us through the music and slide shows.
- Mr Paul Judge, Secretary of our P&C Association, father of Bob in Prep as he steered the reflections and recounts by David Alley.
- The Student Leadership Team when they recited a poem and commentary that showcased achievements and modesty of a true blue Aussie.
- Mrs Catherine Rothwell, quietly and without fuss, as she offered steady feedback to the P&C members busy in the various roles on the night.
- Mr David Alley, our guest for the evening who gave words of wit, soul and clarity.

And lastly,

- The company of others who came along on the night to be generous talkers of table conversations and grateful listeners of the many metaphors and moments shared by others.

I’m a great believer of the profound effects made by the written and spoken word, especially in terms of how we can learn from each other. Words can make a hidden impact and sometimes you don’t realise the influence until some time later.

In 2011, John Hattie contributed to a publication by Sutton, Hornsey & Douglas about Feedback: The communication of praise, criticism, and advice with an article about ‘Feedback in schools’. His research stated that Feedback is one of the top 10 influences on student achievement. I always come back to the same memory when I talk about the influence of feedback, the influence of the spoken and written word, that is, my comment to a student that the story he had written was better than going to the movies. Further on, I explained the use of rich vocabulary and varied sentence were important tools he had employed. He was in Year 6 and to this day his mother tells of how proud he was of his story.

A powerful idea is not necessarily expressed in one go. Listening to David Alley, our Student Leaders, members of the community who shared the night with us, I thought later on as I drove home (with rather very cold feet, hands at this stage of the evening) that of all the advances in technology, the act of coming together as a community to listen to stories and share yarns and jokes is still probably the most honest and home grown way of nourishing your character. Thank you to all who put in a good word for us. Regards Mandy
Predicting is fundamental to comprehension. Good readers anticipate meaning. They do this by predicting what they think is going to happen in the selection and by revising their predictions as they read. — Duffy (2003)

Language we use when predicting:
* I think the text will be about __________ because ________________.
* I predict ______________ will happen next.
* From what I have read so far, I predict that ________________.
* From what I already know about ______________ I predict ________________.
* The picture makes me think that ________________ which makes me think that ________________.

**Parent Corner**

**Term 3 Arts Council Performance**
**A Swag of Tales**
**Wednesday 7 Sept 9:00am**
$4 per student

Parents please remember, minimum payment with Eftpos is $10 and you can pay via BPoint (Payment details on your invoice) with your credit card for any amount!

**EMERGENCY/EVACUATION POLICY**
Parents please ensure that if you are at the school volunteering your time that you sign in and out at the office. This is important so that we are aware of the visitors at our school.

**TUCKSHOP**
School Tuckshop is offered every Friday. We ask that orders be placed on the Tuesday. I know that I need to organise myself to meet this expectation but I understand the reason behind the request. It is so that the tuckshop convenors can plan quantities of food and ingredients needed thereby the amount of waste is minimal. That is being thrifty, thoughtful, and true to the service of having a school tuckshop.

The items on the menu are good value. The food is well prepared. **Support the tuckshop and send in the order on each Tuesday.**

**BOOK WEEK DRESS UP and Gold Coin Donation for Michael**

On Thursday at 10.45am there will be a Book Week parade in the hall for students to display their Australian Book Character costumes. On their departure they will be given a small treat for morning tea. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

To continue celebrating Book Week you are invited to participate in a quiz. Students can enter as an individual or you may enter as a family. The quiz will be sent home with the oldest family member. The winner will be announced on parade on the 29th August.
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“Genuine Gowrie Grit”

**Congratulations Kaitlyn you are our Gowrie Star—**This young student was courageous in her attitude and participation in the recent Inner Downs Zone Selection for athletics. She recently has been on crutches and was excited and motivated to compete on the day and to stay the whole day to cheer on her team mates.

You should be proud of your efforts!!!

*RECOGNISING SUCCESS*

**Artists of the Week**

**Students of the Week**

**Annie**

Come and support our very own Lilly in the Toowoomba Choral Society’s production of Annie at the Empire from September 9th-11th. Lilly is part of a very talented group of performers who were selected from over 100 audition hopefuls. This is her very first professional performance and she would love as many friends and family to attend as possible. Lilly features in the opening night performance on Friday 9th September and the Saturday matinee on 10th September.
Science Week is this week.

Oh dear, we have given out some Student handouts with lots of ideas for Kitchen Science experiments. We hope not too much cleaning up is needed. Here is a good easy experiment.

How to make a rubber egg
Follow these instructions and find out how to make a bouncy rubber egg. This activity is a fun way to learn about the chemical reactions that occur when you put an egg in vinegar!
You will need: hard-boiled egg, with shell on and a glass of vinegar.
What to do
Use a chemical reaction to dissolve the calcium carbonate that keeps the egg shell strong to make a "rubber" egg
To make your egg bounce you will need to:
Put the egg into the vinegar - you should see bubbles start to form on the egg.
Leave the egg undisturbed for at least a day. You should see some wonderful scum form.
Take the egg out of the vinegar and rinse it with water. The shell will rub off.
Give the egg a nudge with your finger and squeeze it gently.
What's happening
Vinegar, or dilute acetic acid, 'eats up' the calcium carbonate in the egg shell, just leaving the inner membrane, or skin, of the egg behind. As the calcium carbonate is responsible for making the shell hard, the vinegar soaked egg feels soft and rubbery.
When calcium carbonate (the egg shell) and acetic acid (the vinegar) combine, a chemical reaction takes place and carbon dioxide gas is released. That's why you see the bubbles.
The chemical reaction keeps happening for about a day until all of the calcium carbonate in the egg is used up. Calcium carbonate is in eggshells, seashells, limestone, and many other materials.

OSHC News

Scoobies! It began with Halle. Now, it seems, it’s all the rage. Many of the children at OSHC, girls and boys, preps to year 6 are into scoobies. I had to search the town to buy more. Now they’re all gone. To slow the children down we’ve been teaching them how to begin and end scoobies as well as new stitches along with the terminology.

Many children are learning the square (original) stitch, circle stitch, triangle stitch and butterfly stitch. The preps and children having difficulty are started off with plaiting. There are many, many more stitches to learn and projects to make so it looks like we’d better buy lots more. If anyone knows a closer place than spotlight to buy scoobies please let us know.

OSHC accepts bank transfer deposits for account payments. We are a ‘Not for Profit’ organisation so please keep accounts up to date and remember to cancel unwanted bookings in time to avoid being charged for them. If you require any information please contact us on 46 307 710 between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 am and 2:30 to 6:00 pm. We have 101 message services and routinely check our messages.

Bookings - spaces are available each morning and each afternoon this week.

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SmartPups is a Not-for-Profit Organisation breeding and training dogs who will help look after children with autism, epilepsy, diabetes and other illnesses or behavioural challenges.

It is extremely important that Unfortunately Banjo can not be patted while training with his coat on, and the children can help him best by staying calm around him.

Banjo is in a phase of his training where he needs to learn to concentrate on his handler and gradually learn to ignore every other distraction. This is very important as often the dog’s main handler in the future will be a younger child (and the family). Families interested in fostering a Smart Pup or simply more information can have a look at the website www.smartpups.org.au or contact Jane Borchardt 0427 771 464. Thank you Kirsten Malli
Photographic Competition

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