Thursday 3rd June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

We are rapidly heading to the end of term and unfortunately we start to hear of students communicating to their parents that they do not want to come to school.

We ask that you take the opportunity to talk to your children about why it is important to attend school. My message this fortnight is a published article on the Education Queensland website for why it is important to attend school and how as parents and caregivers you can support your child with achieving their attendance goal of 95%.

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:

- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse. Illness, doing work experience, competing in a school sporting event or going on a school excursion are reasonable excuses for being absent from school.

Principals decide if the excuse given for your child’s absence is reasonable. Avoid keeping your child away from school for:

- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts.
- routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

While it is a last resort, it is important to understand that you may be prosecuted if your child is not attending school regularly.

What should I do if my family is going on a holiday in school time?

You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organise an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child was absent during school time?

Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child was absent from school, if not beforehand, then within two school days of their return to school.

Drugs problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- won’t get out of bed in the morning
- won’t go to bed at night
- can’t find their uniform, books, school bag …
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven’t done their homework
- watching TV
- have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- it’s their birthday.

A set routine can help

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school?

You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.


Scott Medford
Principal
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  - Each Friday
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  - 22nd June
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**BREAKING NEWS!**

**5/6H cats have been super busy investigating reversible and irreversible changes in science!**

We started off with planning our investigation, conducting our experiment and finally reflecting on the success of the investigation.

We had lots of fun learning about what happens to a solid when mixed with a liquid, even if our hands changed to blue for days!

What will we investigate next?

Ms Hassan
5/6H Teacher

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**KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE Online**

**Safety Tips for Students**

- Do not share identifying information.
- Do not share personal information.
- Do not share provocative images.
- Beware of grooming.
- Consider the consequences and the future.
- Talk with parents, teachers, or other trusted adults.

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**ARE THERE ANYMORE GOOD CHEMISTRY JOKES?**

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**INFORMATION**

**Watch this space…**

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