I am amazed at how quickly we have reached the halfway mark of term 1.

It has been fantastic to see the work all students are putting into their learning this term.

I spent most of last week in Brisbane for the State Schools Principals’ Conference with over 1200 Principals from across Queensland. The conference was informative and a great opportunity to share ideas with other schools to ensure all students are receiving quality education.

A reminder that all Maths text books invoices need to be paid to the school before your child can use them. Our program of instruction uses these books and without their copy, your child is not completing the entire portion of their learning program.

Dallas Schmidt
Principal

Our P&C is on the hunt for new members! Getting involved in our P&C does not require a great deal of time. Meetings are generally held monthly and will only take about an hour of your time.

Get involved in our school and support your child’s education, see Mrs Schmidt for details on the next meeting.

As a new year begins, a reminder of our four school expectations:
• Be Safe
• Be Respectful
• Be Responsible
• Be A Learner

Our students had a positive fortnight with no major behaviour incidents and all students following our expectations of behaviour.

Upcoming events to be aware of:
Mar 9 NRL Under 12 Trials
Mar 12 Soccer Under 12 Trials
Mar 21 Simi’s Birthday
Apr 2 Last day of Term

If any families have uniforms that are still in good condition, but no longer fit your child, please consider donating them to the P & C to replenish our second-hand uniform stock.

Also, if you are in need of additional uniforms, please contact the school to arrange a time to look through the new or second hand stock available.

Thank you to all the parents that made the effort of driving students to and from the Heritage Train excursion we participated in. Despite the train running over an hour late, the children had a fantastic time on the train and visiting the carriage built in 1902.

Our Multiculturalism Day celebrations were a fantastic opportunity to share an afternoon with families.
Attendance at school is vital to your child’s learning. Put simply, we cannot teach them if they are not here.

Our school’s attendance target for the term is 95%. For each student to achieve an attendance record of 95% they need to be present 36 days this term. That means a maximum of 2 days away before they drop below the 95% target.

Students are aware of their attendance targets and are keen to stay on track, please support them in being at school every day.

As listed on book lists at the end of 2014, all students have been allocated a Signpost Maths textbook this year. Invoices were sent home last week to families for these text books.

The school chose to purchase texts in bulk and invoice families, as it ensures all students have the correct textbook to use in class.

If your family could finalise your accounts as soon as possible, students will be able to begin using the books appropriately.

All books will be returned home with the students at the end of the year.

Preliminary Programme will be available on 20th April
Entries will close on 19th June - like 2014, we will be available to take all entries on Friday 19th June from 8am to 5pm, and Saturday 20th June from 8am to Midday at the Conroy Hall.
Entries may also be posted if suitable. Late entries will be received up to the last mail on Tuesday 23rd June with a late entry fee of $10.00 per section.
A stamped address envelope should accompany the nomination forms, so that the students competitor cards may be sent to them.

Literary Entries will close on the 17th July. These entries may be posted or can be handed in at the Band Centre – time to be confirmed.

All Own Choice material for Speech and Drama, Instrumental and Vocal will be accepted ON THE DAY of competition BEFORE the sections start.
We will be happy to accept Choir Music and Ensemble music before the competition day IF that is more suitable for the Choir masters and Conductors.

Art, Craft and Photography will be accepted only on Friday 14th August at The Knight Club where all entries will be displayed.

The Official Programme will be on Sale from 3rd August.

The Ingham Arts Festival Competition will commence on Sunday 16th August to Friday 21st August. Naturally, this will depend on the number of entries we receive for the Performing Arts, which will determine if Friday will be needed.
The Display at The Knight Club will be available to visit during the whole week of competition.