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The ‘HOGS’ are returning

Over the holidays I received an email from the Harley Owners Group asking if they would be able to return to our school as they enjoyed their visit so much last time: “The welcome and morning tea you guys did last year was sensational, people still mention your school when we reflect back on rides.” Carl Senner, HOGS, Brisbane Chapter.

This is a great fundraiser for the school. Last time the HOGS visited we raised well over $900. They will be arriving next Sunday, 18th October, and will have morning tea here, with an approximate 85 bikes in total. We are asking for people to help out with donations of food, cakes, scones, sandwiches etc. A letter will be going home tomorrow with more information.

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**School Camp**

Yr 3-6 School Camp to Coolum Beach! - 4th to 6th November

Thank you to everyone for getting their forms back in and paying their deposits. The kids are getting very excited about staying at the Luther Heights Youth Camp and participating in activities such as Raft Building, Scavenger/Orienteering Hunt, Ropes/Flying Fox and Swimming and Beach Games! The Camp Fee is $245 per student, which includes all meals and accommodation, mini-bus transport, and all camp activities listed above. It’s going to be awesome! Mr de Mey and Mrs Hulett will be attending camp with the students.

Please note: Camp fees need to be paid in full by **Friday 16th October**.

*refunds can only be given in extenuating circumstances.

See Wendy in the office if you need assistance with a payment plan.

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**Swimming**

Swimming lessons begin tomorrow. We depart school by bus at 12:00 and return to school by 2:15. The cost of swimming for the term is $35 per child. This covers the cost of the bus, hire of the pool and two instructors for 8 sessions. This activity is part of the school curriculum and it is expected that all students will participate, unless they have a valid medical reason.

Please ensure these fees are **paid by tomorrow** for your child to participate in the lessons. (Part payments of minimum $10 are accepted if required)

*Parents wishing to pick up their children from the pool after lessons need to let the school know and be at the pool by 1.50pm to collect children – If not picked up in time, children will be returned to school on the bus.

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**Ready Set Go!**

Our Pre-Prep Program begins this term. Children going into prep next year will have the opportunity to participate in our induction program. They will work with the current Preps and Year 1’s in three separate morning sessions.

- Tuesday 27th October
- Tuesday 3rd November
- Tuesday 10th November

This program is designed to help the transition into primary school for our new preps be as smooth as possible. *Please note parents MUST attend the sessions with their child.

See Julie Highfield or the school office to pick up an information pack and register your child.

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AFL - Parents V’s Students Afternoon

Last term our AFL Sporting Schools participants had fun showing off their new skills to parents who attended our Parents V’s Students game! A great afternoon had by all …
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

This Saturday night our community is being treated to a concert presented by the Hoo Ha Ensemble jazz band, Miss Wilton, RSS school choir and the school instrumental band. We would love to see great community support for this event.

Day: Saturday 10th October  
Time: 6pm Sausage Sizzle  
7pm Concert  
Venue: Rosewood SS Hall  
Tickets: Adults $10  
High School Students $5  
Primary children & under free if accompanied by an adult  
Tickets available from school or at the door

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL:  
Our School Office is staffed Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8:30am–3.30pm. At other times, phone calls will go to message bank. Please leave a message if you have an urgent request and we will check the message bank during break times.