Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. Term 3 is shaping up to be a busy one right from the start. Some of the many exciting things coming up this term include:

- Jump Rope for Heart
- National Tree Planting Day
- Book Fair
- Ball Games at Thornton SS
- School Sleep-over & Planetarium Visit
- Visit from Lockyer Valley Circus Arts
- Rewards Day

We also have the Laidley Valley Athletics Carnival tomorrow. Good luck to Kadel, Charlie and Jessica who qualified for this next level. Active After School will resume on Monday 28th July with Softball the chosen sport for this term. Wow what an exciting term ahead!

Thank you to all of the parents who helped out with the Small Schools Sports Day last term. A special thank you must go to Helen McCarthy for organizing and preparing the food for the tuckshop. Thank you also to Heather Bishop for organizing the raffle and collecting donations from the local businesses. Your support helped make our carnival a real success.

Congratulations to all of our students for their fantastic participation on the day, it was great to see our students supporting their school mates and cheering them on.

Congratulations to our Age Champions for 2014:

- 2006 Boys – Coen Fiteni
  Girls – Jade Sutton
- 2005 Boys – Brenden Breuer
  Girls – Josie
- 2002 Boys – Kadel Rawlings
- 2001 Boys – Liam Regan

The wonderful work from our students was on display for the local community to see at the Rosewood Show last month. Congratulations to Diezel Chambers and Jessica Hueppauf who received Third prize and Highly Commended respectively for their individual work. Thank you to Mrs de Mey for her work on our school display which was aptly themed ‘Steaming Ahead’ and was awarded Second Place out of 8 schools for the presentation. The school received $100 for second place which was kindly donated by the Show Society.

Student Resource Scheme
Just a reminder to parents who are paying their SRS fees in instalments, any outstanding fees from Term 1 and 2 need to be paid as soon as possible. Term 3 fees are due on the 1st of August. Parents experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the principal to discuss payment or resourcing options that may be available to accommodate their circumstances.

P&C
Our next general meeting will be held this coming Tuesday 22nd July at 2:45pm. All are welcome to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.
School Camp
We are in the process of finalising numbers for our camp this year. A letter was sent home last term asking parents to notify whether their child/ren would be attending camp. If you have indicated that you would like your child/ren to attend camp but haven’t yet paid the $50 deposit, you have until the 1st of August to do so. Your assistance with this is appreciated as we need exact numbers for costing as soon as possible.

**Dates to remember:**
18.07.14 – Laidley Valley Sports Trials  
22.07.14 – P&C general meeting  
23.07.14 – National Tree Planting Day  
08.08.14 – Jump Rope for Heart  
18-22.08.14 – Book Fair  
05.09.14 – Ball Games Thornton SS  
11.09.14 – Sleep over & Planetarium visit  
19.09.14 – Last day Term 4

Community Notices:

Open up new possibilities...

**St James College Open Day**
Friday 1 August, 2014 ~ 10.00am to 12.00pm

- Come and see St James College during the course of a normal school day  
- Let our student leaders take you on a guided tour of the College  
- Meet our highly qualified, caring and enthusiastic staff  
- Learn how 2015 will see refurbished facilities including state of the art science and library building as well as a Trade Skills Centre  
- Come and see for yourself how a St James education can provide YOUR child with the skills for a happy and successful future

**Please be advised that Safety House Qld will be closing as of July 31 2014.**

We would like to regretfully advise the public that due to a lack of community support for the Safety House Association of Qld Inc, the Association will be closing in July, 2014. The main reason for the decision to close was the steep decline in the number of volunteers willing to assist on local committees that ran the program in their local areas. In addition, due to reduced Government funding, Qld Police Service were required to make some difficult decisions and as a result were unable to continue to provide premises for the state office, financial support for the newsletter and the State Police Liaison Officer position. We considered merging with another Child Protection organisation but none approached were agreeable to such a proposal. The Association has exhausted all avenues to obtain community support for the Safety House Program within the state and has had to close with dignity after 30 years of operation. We are progressively removing all letterbox signs, zone signs and asking schools to remove the Safety House signs on school property. President, Mr Keith Madden, thanked the thousands of volunteers who had supported the program over the years and said that Safety Houses had acted as a major deterrent to antisocial behaviour and provided valuable safe havens to the community.