Welcome back to everyone we hope that you are rested and relaxed ready for the busy Term 4. Over the holidays we continue to have improvements around the school. Our regional tech team completed installing new computers in our computer lab including new laptops also we now have a mini lab next to our 5/6 classroom. Our school fence line has been completed and the installation of a new tank stand and work on irrigation watering system to be completed in the next term.

Also today we have received our new picnic tables which have been jointly purchased by our wonderful P&C. The grounds beautification has continued over the holidays with gardens continually been upgraded thank you to Carly for coordinating the amazing efforts that are making our school to be the best it can be with the support of Allison, Danielle, Trish, David, Jason, Billy-Joe and Patti. We are very grateful for all the volunteers especially Patti and Allison who are community members coming in to support our school. Also thankyou to Carly and Brad for mowing which was done in Week 10 of term 3.

This term we are working towards continuing our drive of lifting our Numeracy and Spelling and maintaining continued improvement in our Writing, Reading and Comprehension. To ensure this we are continuing in supporting our high expectations of all students working to the best of their abilities. We know from the most recent research that there is a clear link to the impact on learning of students when their attendance is inconsistent. Therefore it is essential to ensure the maximising of learning opportunities to build the best foundations for future learning pathways.

School swimming starts this Thursday please ensure that all payments ($40 per child) are made by Wednesday 14/10/2015 next week. If payment or payment plan is not made by this date your child will not be able to participate in future lessons and will remain at school completing an alternative theory swim program while their class is at the pool. Please remember on swimming days students will need a swim bag (plastic bag will do) with swimmers and sunshirt (any shirt with sleeves), towel, thongs may be worn from school to pool and goggles if preferred. NO SHIRT – NO SWIM!! Sunscreen will be provided by school.

This week for interested parents we will be holding a parent workshop looking at how to support our students with their numeracy development. It will be held in our library on Wednesday 7 October from 2.30- 3pm.

Pre-Prep Morning  NO Pre-Prep morning this week, we will see you in week 2 Wednesday 14 October from 9-10.30am. If you have a student enrolled for Prep in 2016 please come along and get to know your surroundings.
In Term 4 we will have the Qld Arts Council Performance visiting us again. This performance will be on Wednesday 14 October, 2015. The good news for families is the school will be subsidising this performance and there will be **NO cost** to you. The performance is “The Park Cleaners” which brings red nose clown, slapstick and physical comedy into one hilarious show about two park cleaner clowns and a rubbish bin. These two clowns have a job to clean the park for the grand spring opening. Expect a whole lot of chaos, comic creativity and fantastic situations in what should normally be a very routine day. The students will enjoy discovering the power of human relationships through clowning and physical comedy.

**Uniform Shop** will be open Monday afternoon.

**Project Club 100s Board** Now selling from the office, $2 a number for your chance to WIN $100 cash. All proceeds go towards Project Club which goes directly to students. Please support. Drawn when all numbers are sold.

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to Kassidy (6th), Madeline (8th) and Hannah (9th) who celebrate their birthday this week.

**Swimming Queensland Free Aquatic Participation Fun Day** Wednesday 25 November 2015
@10.30am – 1230pm. Invite to swimmers with special needs and their carers @ 42nd Battalion Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, 33-360 Berserker St North Rockhampton. Registrations to be completed online [www.qld.swimming.org.au](http://www.qld.swimming.org.au)

**Gracemere Swimming Club** Club will be starting up again in term 4 on Wednesday nights. For more information you can contact the club via facebook “Gracemere Swimming Club” Page or 0487 337 036.

**Rally against Domestic and Family Violence** When: Sunday 11 October
- **Gracemere**: 9am – meet at Conaghan Park and march along Lawrie Street, Russell Street, Barry Street to the Community Centre
- **Mount Morgan**: 10am – Meet beside School of Arts and march along Morgan Street, returning to the School of Arts
- **Rockhampton**: 11am – Meet at Stapleton Park and march across the Fitzroy Bridge to Riverside Park

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Wednesday 7 Oct**  Parent Workshop – Numeracy Development, 2.30-3pm
- **Wednesday 7 Oct**  P&C Meeting 3.15pm. All Welcome
- **Thursday 8 Oct**  Home Ice Cream Truck Available for Sales
- **Thursday 8 Oct**  Whole School Swimming Program commences, 5/6 class departs 8.45am
- **Friday 9 Oct**  Icy Poles for sale
- **Wednesday 14 Oct**  Whole School Swim Program Payment Due
- **Wednesday 14 Oct**  Qld Arts Council Performance – “The Park Cleaners”. No cost to families