Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have had a busy start to the term already with the Christmas Creek Sports Day, markets and the NAIDOC celebrations. Coming up, we have a science day for the year six children at Flagstone Community College and a Japanese Day at Beaudesert State School for children in years four, five and six and we have two children beginning an Impact project in week seven. Dance Fever began in week three and already the children have learnt some fancy moves! At the end of the term we will invite everyone to come and see what we can do and maybe parents could join in?

As a result of our last successful market, we felt confident that we could go ahead and book a camp venue. We were able to secure a booking in term four at Midginbil Hill Outdoor Education Centre in northern NSW from 12th October until the 14th October. Next week we will send home information regarding costs, transport, activities and what the children will need to bring. The camp is for the whole school and all parents are invited to come with us if they are able. In the next few days, I will discuss with the children the activities that are available for each age group and we will choose together what we would like to participate in whilst we are there.

Our school is collecting Earn and Learn tokens from Woolworths so please help us to collect as many as possible! The children and I feel that this year we could use the tokens to purchase some sporting equipment so that we have more games to play with at lunch time.

Also, our chickens are laying lots of eggs and could really do with some green household scraps to help make their yolks that lovely golden colour so please kindly collect some for us. We have plenty of eggs to sell if you would like some—just make a small donation to our Student Council.

**NAPLAN results are back! Congratulations to those children in years three and five for their wonderful results.**

Thank you to those parents who participated in the school opinion survey and thank you to everyone who makes our school so fabulous!

Claire Roberts
Pictures of the children participating in the celebrations of NAIDOC week at Hillview

The prize table, full of rewards to credit the children, on their hard work and outstanding behaviour throughout term 2.
As part of their curriculum the children completed biographies of Indigenous leaders for NAIDOC week

From Rhonda Franklin

In preparation for adding to our time capsule at the next markets to celebrate 125 years, all students from Prep-6 will be able to view an episode of ‘My Place’ which will be presented as part of a history lesson and serve as a guideline for ideas which they can use to create something to add to the time capsule. As this DVD is rated PG parental permission will be required. We currently hold permission for the years 3-6 so if your child is in Prep-2 can you please complete the attached permission form and return ASAP.
The Kerry community is asking for volunteers to help set up and/or do some baking for the Charity Luncheon at the Kerry Hall on 26th August 2015. If you are able to assist, please contact Kaye Tommerup on 07 55449269 or 0400 076 556.

The school is looking for new recipes to be added to our Darlington Recipe Book. We would like to make a 125th Anniversary edition and would be delighted if you could share some of your favourite recipes to be included in this new edition. Due to the time and preparation constraints it would be necessary for the recipes to be shared with the school before Thursday 20th August. They can be emailed to Kate at kmcna22@eq.edu.au or handed into the office to be ready for sale by the next market.

Please also note that it is a public holiday on Monday 10th August for the Ekka.

The children enjoying their art work to create the pots sold at the last market.
Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for once again giving up their time and helping prepare food to make our markets so special! We had a very successful turn over. The P & C would like to thank the Tommerup family for their kind donation of a weekend stay at their cottage which we were able to raffle off and made the school $1298.00. A thank you letter from the school has been sent showing our appreciation of their continued support for our wonderful school.

In total the markets made approx $3000.00

Also the student council made $454.85 from selling all the things either made by the children or sourced from the school. What a fantastic effort from everyone!

Please keep the following dates available

7th August at 3:15pm (yes tomorrow) for a quick market meeting and

17th August at 3:15pm for next P & C meeting
Fish Awards

Be There - James Trembath and Aidan Overell

Principal Award - Madison Loweke

Dragon Award for June - Alex McGhee

Dragon Award for July - Madison Loweke

Regional Vocal Camp - Jemi Lindner

Reading Nights

50 Nights - Sophie White, Max Hohl, Jaxon Hohl, Coby McBreen, Louis Scott and Lily Webster.
75 Nights - Jemi Lindner, Lilly Stephens, Aidan Overell and Tylar Rogers.
100 Nights - Jemi Lindner and Tylar Rogers.

Zonta Colouring Compition for Abuse and Bullying Behaviour - Jemi Lindner

Finally I would like to thank all the families that either gave up their time to help at Mr Shirley's wake or made a plate of something to support the Shirley family in this very hard time. It was greatly appreciated.