School holidays begin tomorrow (Friday 19th September) for two weeks for the September holidays. This is a me for students and families to spend quality time together either at home or on vacation. Many families travel away and we wish all students and staff a safe and enjoyable holiday, with time devoted to rest, relaxation as well as some exciting adventures and experiences.

During the vacation period, please take the opportunity to speak with your child about setting new learning goals for next term. School resumes on Tuesday 7th October after the Labour Day holiday.

**Working Bee:** Our scheduled working bee is planned for Sunday October 19th and we are hoping that many members of our school community are able to come and help us on the day. As part of our working bee, we will be doing a general tidy up and maintenance of all gardens within the school grounds, extending the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Garden initiative, installing new seating for students in the outdoor learning area and building a chicken house! If you are available and willing to help, please let us know your intentions to come! We will be providing a bbq lunch and refreshments on the day thanks to a successful ‘Met Our Street’ grant application from GCCC. More details of our working bee will come home during the first week of next term.

**Individual Learning Profiles:** All parents are invited to participate in parent teacher meetings during the first two weeks of term 4 to discuss the updated Individual Learning Profile for their child. This is a fantastic time to discuss the progress of your child and to check in to see how they are going prior to the formal report card issued at the end of the year. An invitation and available times of teachers will be distributed to families directly. Please complete your preferences of times and return to school via email over the holidays if possible.

**Soccer-Netball Carnival:** Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the Hinterland Small Schools’ Soccer-Netball carnival last week. We had a cracker of a day with amazing weather and fantastic sportsmanship on display by all. It is hugely pleasing as a principal to see all of our school students displaying respectful and team-supportive behaviours in a competitive sports environment. A big thanks to Mr Grienke and his staff from Numinbah Valley SS and to Mr Newman for organising and running the day.

Sarah Jane Ash
Principal)
Konnichi-wa

This term students have been learning the numbers in Japanese and about Japanese housing and how the Japanese live. We have recently been working on our housing projects and the students have made the garden in Week 8, the Tatami mats in Week 9 and in Week 10 completing the project by finishing their Japanese house.

Week 10 we also wrote our names in the Japanese style using black ink and a brush. Photos will be in next term’s newsletter. The students are progressing very well in Japanese class and they can be proud of their work.

The students did a wonderful job on the Japanese House Project completing the main house in the last week of school. Week 1 in Term 4 we will do presentations. I congratulate all the students and some of the parents on a job well done. It is inspiring to see creativity and hard work come to life in the Japanese classroom.

Term 4 we are learning about festivals and celebrations in Japan.

Enjoy the holidays, I am off to Japan!

See you in Term 4.

Sayonara

Mikami Sensei.
Japanese Traditional Homes
Wow! It’s already the end of another term. This year is going too fast!!

Tomorrow is our class party and we are also celebrating 50 years of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. The kids have enjoyed listening to the novel in class and are super eager to watch the movie. We have read a few books of Roald Dahl in class including: Matilda, George’s Marvellous Medicine, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Revolting Rhymes. His books are written so well and with such humour. The detail Roald Dahl uses in his description always makes it a wonderful story to visualise when reading, which is probably one of the reasons as to why the kids love listening to his stories.

Please remember to bring in a plate of food to share with the class for our party. Students are also welcome to wear party clothes for our party time in first break, but will need to change back into their uniforms afterwards.

Tomorrow will also be the last day for shopping at the Bazinger Bazaar (phew!!). The kids have really liked shopping there and spending their earned money.

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring break. I look forward seeing you all again after the holidays and straight back into another jam-packed term.

Our junior class is also welcoming a new prep student next term and we are all very excited to have her in our junior room.

Warm Regards and Happy Holidays!
Joyce

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**2015 PREP ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments for Prep for 2015 are now open. The support of all families is sought to spread the message that early enrolment allows for the school to plan ahead, for a smooth start to the new year. Prospective parents may collect an enrolment pack from the school office.

Students should be born between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010.

Each enrolling student requires a birth certificate.

We are currently designing the transition program for incoming prep students and will communicate that to all families early next term.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

*Isabelle:* for displaying improved effort in the neatness of her work.

*Will:* for demonstrating progress in behaviour all week and ending on “Outstanding Day”.

*Angus:* for displaying excellent respectful behaviours at our Soccer-Netball Carnival!

*Mika:* for displaying an improved attitude to learning and giving it a go. Keep up the effort Mika!

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**Mathletics**

Maiki: Bronze 1129 points
Emma: Bronze 2120 points
Isabelle: Bronze 1290 points
Ethan: Bronze 1040 points

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**Japanese**

Taylor: for awesome tatami!
The Playgroup families are really starting to get into the swing of the Koala Joeys program; last week the children even used musical instruments to make their own music for the songs and rhymes!

In the last 2 Playgroup sessions, the children made colourful pasta necklaces, created beautiful drawings, listened to stories and checked out the veggie gardens. The children are interacting positively together, all the time developing social skills and having fun.

The next official Playgroup date is October 20th. See you then!
From the Senior Room

Well Term 3 is now done and dusted—it’s been a busy one with many highlights!

We have two students who had exceptional homework completion and congratulations to Cole and Katie for their dedication and consistency in completing their homework fully each week this term. Tennille reached the 100 nights-of-reading milestone and we are positive that more students will be achieving their certificate for this early in next term.

Our class behaviour has been consistent and throughout the term, warm fuzzies have been filling the jar, resulting in a whole class reward of a movie with popcorn! The students loved the choice of either ‘Finding Nemo’ or ‘The Lego Movie’ and enjoyed the opportunity to share this with their friends.

We hope all students have a wonderful holiday—they have deserved it!

Sarah Jane and Shanny

Worm Warriors

Spring has Sprung....

A big thank you to all those Worm Warriors who braved the winter, and have been coming to help in the garden. We have been busy watering the trees that were planted with Landcare, and in the last couple of weeks planted seeds and seedlings—some of these include beans carrots, beetroot, flowers, cauliflower, eggplant, rockmelon, tomatoes and capsicum. I look forward to seeing you in Term 4: remember Worm Warriors is on every Thursday at 8.00am!

From the Kitchen...

Our Year 5, 6 and 7 students learnt a new skill this week, using fresh kale from our garden - how to make Kale Chips! This is handy to know, as you will always have a delicious nutritious snack on hand if you grow some kale at home. The cooks then brought the chips out to lunch and talked to the rest of the students about how to make kale chips, before sharing them around. Most of the students like the chips, but some of the students loved them! Why not try them at home!
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number **13 17 88**.
Gold Coast Chinese Festival Gala 2014

Sunday 5th October
Broadwater Parklands, Southport

Dragon Boat Regatta From 8 am
Sports, Corporate, & State of Origin Races

Cultural Activities From 9am until 4 pm
Food Stalls, Workshops, Performances, & Competitions

Fun for all the family!
James Street, Burleigh Heads

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SUN 19TH OCTOBER
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A new parenting support program is now available free of charge to every parent of a child with a disability aged 2 to 12 years in Queensland.

Stepping Stones Triple P is a specially tailored program for parents of children with special needs and is part of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, one of the world’s most effective parenting programs.

Stepping Stones gives parents the skills to raise happy, confident children and build stronger family relationships. It also helps parents manage problem behaviour and developmental issues common in children with disabilities.

A Group Stepping Stones Triple P program will commence Thursday 9th October at Disability Services. For information, please contact Sarah Garrett or Rowena Woolley at Disability Services or to register, go to www.triplep-steppingstones.net