It is easy to become caught up in everyday business, but this term we have been taking the time to carefully reflect on the last few years and to look towards the future. Every four years, schools develop a new Strategic Plan which is the driving document for the next four Annual Implementation Plans. We gather information from a number of sources, including the School Review Report, School Opinion Surveys, Traffic Light Surveys, School Data Profile Report, Headline Indicators Report and by consulting with staff, students and community.

A draft outline has been developed in consultation with our Assistant Regional Director, Terry Cornish. This draft outline will be discussed at the next P&C meeting and staff meeting for input by all key stakeholders. I’m looking forward to working with our amazing team to create the best possible outcomes for our students, staff and families. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm for the last four years of our journey. Here’s to an exciting and productive 2017-2020.
Queensland Ballet
Vehicle “show and tell” day

We are really looking forward to our Vehicle Show and Tell Day on the 24th November. Thank you to everyone who has spread the word about this event. We have interesting vehicles coming from all over the place! We would still love more though, so continue to talk to friends and neighbours.

Walking and talking tour at Beaudesert SHS

Our senior students from Year 5 and 6 who are attending Beaudesert SHS took part in a walking and talking tour last week. The idea behind this was, that the two things that are daunting about going to high school are the number of people and the number of buildings. A quiet look around at 4pm was just the ticket to settle some of the nerves and build excitement about the next part of their educational journey.

Gymnastics

We are doing gymnastics every Friday afternoon for 45 minutes with the DanceFever team, thanks to a Sporting Schools Grant sourced by Mrs Thorpe. They are having a wonderful time balancing, jumping and rolling on some brilliant equipment. The coaches asked us to make a special mention of the help that Renee and Jimmy have given them every week, setting up and packing up the equipment. It is wonderful to hear community members praise our students so highly. Well done, Renee and Jimmy!
We LOVE gifted and talented clubs!!!
Prep Orientation

We had our first orientation day on the 8th of November. We look forward to welcoming Jonathon, Lily, Sonny, Ethan and their families to our terrific little school. We also welcomed Keaton into Grade 1 recently. Welcome, Keaton! Our second orientation day is on the 22nd November.

Star buddies

We had a lovely morning tea with some of our buddies from Star Gardens. Some of our visitors were friends from our G&T Star buddies group earlier in the year. Some were new friends. Ivy Joyce was still celebrating her 101st birthday from the previous day!

Swimming

We have two more weeks of swimming and we’re enjoying the warmer weather. This is a personal joy of mine to see our beginner swimmers develop the confidence and skills to enjoy the water and be safe. So much trust is needed when you begin swimming and our little group keeps stepping up to the challenges. It is also a joy to watch those same swimmers a few short years later, diving of the blocks and racing down the lanes.
End of Year celebration

If you haven’t been part of our end of year celebration, please come and see a staff member. There is a special thing that happens that is a bit secret and parents need to do something before the night.

Hats reminder

With the hot weather back, please make sure that all hats are broad brimmed. Caps don’t provide enough protection for play time at school and can’t be worn for outside play. Thank you for helping us to reinforce this important rule.
Tennis

Tennis lessons are going great! Please see Mrs Thorpe if you would like your child to participate in lessons on a Tuesday from 3.15-4.00pm. Lessons are only $10 per week for a small group session with an experienced, qualified coach.

School accounts

We would be appreciative if all accounts could be settled by the end of November so that our financial books can be closed off by the end of the school year. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please see Mrs Thorpe if you have any concerns or questions about this.

P&C

Our 8th November meeting had to be postponed and will now be this Tuesday (15/11/16) at 3.15pm. This is an important meeting with planning for the end of year celebrations and reflecting on the Strategic Plan. Please attend if you are able.
Dates to remember

November

14, 21  Swimming
15     P&C 3.15pm
22     Prep Orientation 9.00-11.30am
24     Vehicle “Show and Tell” day
25     Library van
28     Year 6 transition day @ Beaudesert High

December

2      Christmas Party
5      Year 6 Graduation dinner
6      Year 6 Big Day Out
7      Report cards home
8      Break Up day
9      Clean Up day