Road Safety and parking
Parents would be aware that the roads around the school are very busy at student drop off and collect times, and that parking spots are at a premium. There are a number of strategies that parents can employ to lessen congestion at these times. These include:

- use the “kiss and drop” bays– the driver **must not** leave the car
- Walk or ride with the children to or from school
- Park away from the school and walk to the school site

Parents/caregivers need to be aware that **under no circumstances** should they park on the verge, lawn or driveway of houses fronting the school site. It is an offence under the Local Government Act to park a vehicle on land without the consent of the owner or occupier of the land on which the vehicle is parked. Please be aware that Shire Rangers regularly patrol parking around the school and anyone found to be in breach of parking regulations can be fined up to $100 per offense.

Administration Change
Ms Anderson is taking Long Service Leave and will not return to the school until Week 2 Term 4. During her absence, Mr Snelling will be operating in the Deputy Principal role.

School Photos
Information packs have recently been sent home with all children about school photos, which are to be held next Wednesday 10th August and Thursday 11th August. Children are required to take the envelope containing money or credit card details with them when they visit the photographer. **Envelopes are not** to be handed in to teachers or the school office. Parents are asked to ensure that all relevant details are completed on the envelope and that the envelope goes to school with your child on the day their photographs are taken.
This week we started our School Banking! It was great to see Parents & Students coming in excited to start. If you haven’t set up an account you can pop into the Office at School and grab the relevant paperwork and off you go! It’s a great opportunity to encourage and teach our children to save and appreciate the value of money.

8.15am Wednesday Mornings in the Library

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August 9th is Census Night .. Our Moment to PAUSE and make a difference

The Census provides important information about Australia’s people and their housing. Households will receive a letter from August 1 with instructions on how to complete the Census.

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Envelopes have been sent home with students and need to be returned with the student on the day they are having their photo taken. Should you require Family photos they need to be booked via the School office and family photo paperwork will also need to be filled out.

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We had our Free Dress Fundraiser day for Heidi on Wednesday 3rd August. A fabulous amount of over $1600 has been raised! This is an amazing effort and a huge thankyou to all that participated!
2nd Hand School Uniforms

2nd Hand School Uniforms are available for purchase should you require them from Margaret at Strong Angels on 97957591 12 Ducane Road, Gelorup
Give Margaret a call to organise a pick up time and day

P&C NEWS
This term the P&C is running the Picture Plate Fundraiser...
$25 per plate
Plate templates are available in the office. Please complete and return to the P&C box in the office by Friday 12th August

A bug congratulations to one of our Year 3 Students Hayden Carter! Hayden has recently been to the Philippines where he competed in the 14th WEKAF, Eskrima World Championships. Eskrima is a Filipino stick fighting martial art. Hayden won GOLD for Under 9’s mixed, single stick .... SILVER medal for forms .... BRONZE medal for double stick!
ENGLISH ENRICHMENT POETRY SLAM COMPETITION

On Thursday 28th July some of our Year4/5 English Enrichment Students performed in our own Poetry Slam competition. All students were involved in poetry and spoken word recitals however a few students also chose to push themselves outside their comfort zones and compete in the Poetry Slam.

Congratulations to all students who entered and presented. A special congratulations goes out to Thomas and Gemma for taking out equal first and Gabriel for taking out second place.

PLAGG
You see me standing, you think I’m ok
But…
Really I’m dying inside

And you ‘Plagg’, are the very reason why I cry
But you have also saved me by saying RUN!

When I need to

You are those negative thoughts in my head….
But you’re also my closes friend

Oh! And don’t think that I am done with you, dear reader
You think that I am peaceful in my mind!

Oh No!
You are so very, very wrong

“You stink!”
“You suck!”
“You’ll Fail”
“What they said is true”….

The whole lot!
That is what really goes on in my head

All because of ‘Plagg’

Written by: Thomas Rm 14

FOREVER

My eyes stung with plundering pain as my tears drizzled down my face

I saw darkness and gloom cover the night sky as the Flowers that surrounded the meadow soon dissolved into the soil they once loved

I hear the footsteps of my nightmares
Follow my every step
No matter where I turned they were always there

I felt my body shiver as I entered a place I was not welcomed, I knew something was not right

Suddenly a shadow appeared
With the voice of a thousand knives
Racing towards me, and eyes full of thick red blood

I stood frozen with fright, as the dark figure took me away
Behind the bars of loss and kept me secret ….
Forever

Written by Gabriel Rm 14