Welcome back to a new term. As a staff, we are very excited about the opportunities this term presents.

This week we have commenced our new learning groups. The purpose of the Learning Groups is to provide a much more tailored approach to learning for our students. In these Learning Groups, students will receive explicit instruction in Reading, Spelling, Writing and Math.

Students have been responding very well to our new Learning Groups and we are already seeing some great learning in progress.

At 9:50 each morning students stop for a short Brain Break. Students can eat something small and healthy such as a piece of fruit, yogurt, cheese, vegetable sticks or half a sandwich.

Because we would like to maximize our learning time in the mornings, PARADE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS AT 2:30PM COMMENCING NEXT WEEK.

Our new Brain Break offers students the chance to have a quick, healthy snack and get some fresh air.

Please remember to pack your children a snack for Brain Break on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. There is no Brain Break on Wednesday as we have PE and Music.

Our Learning Groups are flexible and so students may move between groups as needed. However, we will limit movement as much as possible to provide a stable and secure environment for students to learn.

We welcome Mrs Margaret Little who will be teaching one of our Learning Groups on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

If you have any questions about our new Learning Groups please contact your child’s class teacher in the first instance and they will be happy to explain how the Learning Groups work and the enormous benefits they provide your child.

**Active Outside School Program**

This term we will again be offering the Active After School Communities Program.

This term we are trialing a before school program.

**Tuesday mornings**

Students will be able to come at 7:45 for a multi-skill program.

This will be run by Miss Armstead and Ben Smit.

**Thursday afternoons**

will be cricket at the usual time of 3:00 — 4:15.

Please complete the reply slip on the back of the newsletter if your children would like to participate.
New App for Queensland Schools

New QSchool app

You can now download the QSchools app and subscribe to receive the latest news from our school on your smart phone or tablet. QSchools is free and available from the iTunes store and Google Play.

The link to this app is now on our school website.

Stop Harassing Me Post Card

In 2009 BABI Youth Support Coordinators in partnership with the Wynnum District School Based Police Office identified an increasing number of incidences of cyber and text bullying throughout the Wynnum/Redlands high schools.

At this time there seemed to be limited options for students to respond to cyber-bullying. They could only either ignore the behaviour or report it to Police and/or schools.

If incidents occurred outside of school hours there was confusion about how far the schools’ bullying policies could extend and how involved the school could become in dealing with reports of cyber bullying.

The development of the ‘Stop Harassing Me’ Postcard created a middle step between these options for harassed students.

This enabled students and school community to take a pro-active approach to cyber-bullying. The Postcard empowers students from grade 7-12 to inform the bully in a safe and legal way that the messages are illegal and that they want the messages to stop.

www.stopharassingme.org.au/

BIG ARVO

Thank you to Nyree Mannion for organizing our Grantham Big Arvo. It was a fantastic day with close to 250 people through the gates on the day. The slides and jumping castle were a big hit along with all of the other activities. Thank you also to Teen Street for assisting with the activities and for digging out our long jump pit ready for our athletics practice.

Thank you to all the helpers on the food stall. It was very successful and we appreciate all your hard work throughout the afternoon.
PLAY GROUP is on again this term, however it will be held in the Drama Building as our multi-purpose building is being used for learning on Monday mornings.

Our school has been successful in getting a grant of $35000 to put a partition wall in the multi-purpose room. This will allow us to use it for more than one group at a time. We will also be putting a cover over our deck to make a safer transit for students in the wet weather.

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Absence Note
Every Day Counts

My child ___________________ was away on _____________________  

Reason: ____________________________________________________

GET ACTIVE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

I give permission for my child/ren___________________________ to attend the active after school program on TUESDAY MORNING ☐ and/or THURSDAY AFTERNOON ☐. I understand that children attending AASC must follow our school rules at all times.

Signature:___________________ Date: ____________________