Also, the entries for the Literature sections must always be unseen. Sign of joy, sign of sorrow.

Hard: eat me... their face turns red!

KidsMatter psychologist Dr Lyn O’Grady suggests:

For dads to make the most of time with their kids, get a sense of how important they are to their kids.

This one goes out to the Dads! Research shows kids who have a solid relationship with their dad or a male who shaves themselves.

Remember there is no one right way to be a father.

For more information about why dads make a difference, go to www.kidsmatter.edu.au/dads.

Chappy’s Riddle

Answer to last week’s riddle: Easy: It becomes wet. Hard: He doesn’t shave. He doesn’t shave anyone who shaves themselves.

Little Athletics Queensland

Winter Championships 28 & 29 June

LAQ will be holding this Winter Championships at the Townsville Sports Reserve and it would offer a great opportunity for students to try out before their Interhouse and Interschool athletic competitions.

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 June 2014

- For children 6—16 years of age
- Nomination Fees per child
- LAQ Registered $10/Non LAQ Registered $15
- Visit www.laq.org.au to download nominations forms and for any further details required.

Dear Parents & Carers,

This newsletter is one of the ways we try to ensure that we have ongoing communication with you as parents. We consider it vital that you have an understanding of what is happening in the classrooms and that if you have something to offer that will help us achieve better education for your child that we get your input. Although we offer at least 2 workshops a term and have P&C every month sometimes parents are unable to attend so we try to ensure we are very explicit in the newsletter.

In all our classes students continue to monitor their goals/targets that they have set in consultation with their teacher. They continue to look at their number fact results and their spelling results, their reading and comprehension strategies and their C2G goals. Continuing awareness of these goals ensures that they are competing not with others but against themselves; they will be pushing themselves always to achieve their PB (Personal Best). Each child will have their own place to see how they are going with their goals and to look at challenging and extending themselves.

Our major goal continues to be to engage students in their learning. We are working on strategies all the time to encourage all students to be more actively involved in their learning. Students need to understand what they are being asked to do and what they have to achieve in every lesson. In any learning task or assignment children must understand clearly how their work will be judged and what the teacher wants to see in the finished task. Criteria sheets that children can understand, are vital so that they can set their goal and evaluate how they are going during the task. Students need to understand what is involved in achieving an A or a B and what they have to do to achieve the standard they want. Students need to take responsibility for their learning just as they do for their behaviour.

I have explained previously that the teacher as part of the Explicit Teaching Cycle will state the goal of the lesson. To make this more consistent and student friendly all teachers continue to use WALT and WILF.

I know that I have explained these early last year but thought that I would reiterate so that when you talk to your children you can use this terminology. Remember that the characters are just something to grab the children’s attention. WALT is short for WE ARE LEARNING TODAY these are the learning objectives for the lesson. WILF is short for WHAT I’M LOOKING FOR.

Some teachers have postcards displayed at the front of the room where the students can see them and refer to during every lesson; others use the interactive whiteboard.

At the beginning of the lesson they discuss with the students what they will be doing and then share with the students what they think is the key focus of the lesson. When the teacher has finished the lesson they then get their students to reflect on how they did according to the focus that was set. To help to engage the pupils we are explaining the purpose of the work that they will be doing in a lesson. If pupils understand why they are doing something then our belief is that they will put more effort into their work.

Reading success continues to be our major focus. At our last reading workshop I gave out some handouts and some parents have requested further information. Within this newsletter there is a sheet that gives information relating to supporting oral reading on one side and the other side offers information relating to Question Answer Relationships (QAR) different types of questions that support comprehension. I recommend you find that page and put it on the fridge if you want to help us guide your child to higher levels of literacy.

Sports festival nominations will be paid by the school thanks to REAP funding so any nominations already will be sent home with students next week. Please let us know if there is any issue regarding this.

THE ADMIN TEAM
TALKING TUCKSHOP

Thank you students for making sure your Orders for Ice Cream Day were in on time. If you are absent from school on Wednesday, we will keep your order until you return to school.

Tuckshop volunteers - 2 extra are required for Friday. If you would like to help out please let me know tomorrow if possible.

Weekly Specials:
- Monday: Ravioli
- Tuesday: Piece of Fish or Fish Burger
- Wednesday: Hamburger (What is on a Hamburger? Lettuce, tomato, carrot, beetroot, cheese, sauce and freshly made mince pattie.) These are very nice on a cool day.
- Thursday: Freshly made Spaghetti Cup
- Friday: Spaghetti Cup, Lasagne

Remember to post your lunch order on time please.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Byers — Tuckshop Convenor

2014 Tuckshop Roster

Wednesday 18 June — Araya Piakhan, Kym Sadd
Thursday 19 June — Rosa Marshall, Jennie Nash
Friday 20 June — Lina Marmara, Jan Marinoni, & 2 VOLUNTEERS
Monday 23 June — Helen Carey
Tuesday 24 June — Lina Marmara, Rosa Marshall

2014 Specialty Baking Roster

Wednesday 18 June — Lee-Anne Wailer
Thursday 19 June — Vicki Griffin, Sandra Coco

Thank you to our Tuckshop Convenor Lee-Ann Waller - Anne Waller for her time and effort.

ICE CREAM DAY

TOMORROW

NEWS from the Sports Desk

Congratulations to Alana Romano and Rachel Rinaldo on their selection in the HRPS Girls Softball team which will compete in the QNI Tournaments to be held at Forrest Beach State School 20 and 21 July. Well Done!