“Your children need your presence more than your presents.” - Jesse Jackson

One of the most frustrating aspects of parenting is getting kids to stop arguing with you.

For example:
Mum - “Tarnie, can you please pick up your toys?”
Tarnie - “I haven’t finished playing with them.”
Mum - “It’s time for school, hurry up.”
Tarnie - “Can I just play for another five minutes?”
Mum - “Pack up NOW, you’ll be late for school.”
Tarnie - “I don’t want to go to school, I WANT TO PLAY.”

As can be seen in the above example, tempers are starting to fray, and the arguing back and forth is getting nowhere. Sound familiar?

It is actually us, the parents, who are causing the arguments. By arguing, or in some cases, insisting upon having the last word, we are inviting our children to engage in an argument.

The most effective way to prevent rows is to not allow your child to draw you into an argument. Starting today, tell yourself that you are not going to argue. Instead, try getting down to your child’s eye level, addressing them by name, give a clear instruction i.e.”Tarnie, it’s time to get ready for school, please pack up your toys.” Calmly, give the instruction twice before backing it up with a logical consequence. Be sure to praise them when they do as requested.

As I am an accredited Group Triple P Practitioner (children up to 12 years of age), each fortnight, I will share some parenting tips with you. In the next newsletter, we will look at logical consequences. Later in the year, I will be facilitating some mini parenting workshops, which will be open to all parents, carers and members of the wider school community. In the interim, if you would like some support with parenting issues, please feel free to contact me.

As your School Chaplain, the provision of emotional support and a listening ear is a large part of my role. If I can be of service, please give me a call.

If you enjoy learning about nature, join us at

LAKE EACHAM NATURE KIDS CLUB!

Nature based activities for 6 -10 year olds
Come and learn about the flora, fauna and ecology of
the Wet Tropics!
Bookings are essential! 4091 8102
Lake Eacham Picnic Area

Wednesday afternoons. Program will run for 6 weeks:
11 May - 15 June. Topics will include Treasures in the
forest, Butterflies, Bower birds, Nature detectives, Nests in the
making and Terrific Trees!
3:45 - 5:15 pm and it’s free

Activities are run by the Tableland National Park
Volunteers along with Queensland Parks and
Wildlife rangers. Please note that volunteers possess
‘Working with Children’ Blue Cards. Parents are welcome to stay for the sessions if they wish.

For further information and to enrol, contact Jodie
40918102 or email Jodie.eden@nps.qld.gov.au. As we only take 15 children per program, please enrol
early to secure a place!

Newsletters are published fortnightly beginning the second week of each term and sent home with students (youngest in the family), as well as being on our website.
Well done to all competitors in our Interhouse Cross Country last week. It was a fine, sunny day and it was wonderful to see parents supporting their children while they competed.

Congratulations to all placegetters, with a big effort put in by the students who came first in their age groups. Well done!

The Primary District Cross Country will be held at Butchers Creek on Friday 6th May, and Secondary District Cross Country at Ravenshoe on Friday 29th April.

Students who met the time trials for district level and will be going to either Butchers Creek are:
- 8 years boys: Landon Drew, Denzel Leo, Taj Wieland
- 9 year boys and girls: Luke Bailey, Zara Wojskowicz
- 10 year boys: Sam Leo, Ferlyn Hunter
- 11 year boys and girls: Blake Wojskowicz, Thorn Roulstone, Harry Earlsman, Matty Carroll, Bethany Bailey
- 12 years boys: Kallum Collett, Eli Bond

Secondary students to compete at Ravenshoe will be notified in the near future.

Hello my name is Carol Chapman, Community Education Counsellor for the Atherton State School and Herberton State School P-10.

I am looking forward to meeting, working with and supporting the students, their families and teachers to build better and stronger links between the schools and our community. Please feel welcome to contact me at any of the schools.

Thought for the Week

“Sometimes life throws dirt at you, all you can do is to grow flowers with the dirt that life has given. It’s all about making something good out of your problems.”

Written in 2014 by Rodney M., Age 16 - Zimbabwe

Gardening fun! Bean and mandarine time .... Thank you Paul for maintaining the vegie gardens. Bottom photo shows Naomi Salam, our student teacher who has been in lower primary for the week.

School community members, friends and families are invited to attend a

**Cyber Safety Parent Information Evening**

at Mount St Bernard College, 15 Broadway, Herberton (Gate 1 entrance)

Thursday, 28th April 2016

6.15–8.00 p.m.  Mercy Hall

RSVP : Ph. 40961444 by 26th April

Refreshments provided

Susan McLean is Australia’s foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people, and was a member of Victorian Police for 27 years. Widely known as the ‘cyber cop’ she was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people.

Gerald Raciti welcoming our new permanent Community Education Counsellor, Carol Chapman, to Herberton.
FREE ADMISSION
Herberton State School
is inviting the
Herberton Community to share our
Mobile Planetarium experience

Wednesday 27th April
Herberton Primary Campus Hall
from 6.00 p.m.

Sessions run for approximately 30 mins.
Please pre-book now to have the session time
you prefer. Sessions 1 and 2 (6-7 p.m.) are now full.
Phone the primary school office on 40961333.

The Mobile Planetarium is a 6 metre inflatable
air-conditioned dome that is a travelling digital
theatre that offers a Stadium Show and digital
theatre in surround vision and sound. The digital
film covers the dome interior totally immersing
you in the picture, with spectacular and amazing
images zooming across the dome. The Dream
Dome brings the excitement of a major theatre
and the films are Astronomy presentations which
are both educational and entertaining with shows
suitable for children and adults.

Temporary Position
Teacher Aide
Expressions of Interest are invited for the position of
Teachers Aide (generic) at Herberton State School P-10
(Primary Campus). The position is Temporary for the
remainder of the 2016 school year. The position involves
supporting teacher and students in and out of class, clerical
activities, supervising students under teacher direction, as
well as playground and bus supervision.

The ability to work as a team member, liaise with staff and
students is essential along with the capacity to learn new
programs as required.

The applicant would be required for a minimum of 20 hours
per week. An application package is available at the Primary
and Secondary Campus Offices.

Education Queensland is an Equal Employment Opportunity
employer. Applications close 3.30pm Tuesday the 26th April
2016.

Please submit your Expression of Interest along with your
Resume to: The Business Services Manager
Herberton State School P-10
P O Box 630
HERBERTON Q 4887

Casual Position Available
SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

We are seeking interested persons for a casual position,
approximately 1.15 hours per day, on a rotating roster,
school days only. Position available in Herberton area.

Approved applicant will be required to undergo a
medical assessment and pass a blue card application.

Pay rate starts at $27.50 per hour.
Please call 07 4045 8515 for an application package.

Teacher Aide and Cleaners Relief Pool
Expressions of Interest are invited from persons wishing to be part of
the Teacher Aide Relief Pool and the Cleaner Relief Pool at Herberton State School P-10 for the remainder of the 2016 school year.

Registering for these positions will enable you to be on call for any relief work that becomes available during the year. Teacher Aide duties are to support teachers and students during the hours of 8.45 am - 3.00 pm, whilst Cleaners work split shifts that vary from 5.45 am-9.00 am and 3.00pm – 6.00pm.

The ability to work as a team member, liaise with staff and
students is essential.

An Expression of Interest for one or both pools of no more than
two pages outlining your skills and attributes can be posted to
P O Box 630, Herberton 4887 or handed in at the Primary and
Secondary Campus Offices.

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employer. The Applications for the Relief Pool will close
3.30pm Tuesday the 26th April 2016.

The Business Services Manager
Herberton State School P-10
P O Box 630
HERBERTON Q 4887

Uniform Shop
Now Open
Wednesdays from 9-10 a.m.
Fridays from 9-10 a.m.
Please place orders at office at other times

Lest We Forget
Our valued Cleaner, Wendy Birkett, is leaving us for the greener pastures of Tasmania. Wendy has been with us for a period spanning 13 years and a permanent cleaner with us for 7 of those years. Wendy has always been an avid supporter of our students and has given voluntarily of her time over many years to ensure that funds were raised to allow our Year 10 students to attend their Year 10 Dinner at no cost to their families. Her beaming smile and lovely laughter have been her trademark, and her caring nature has ensured that she is always there to give a hug or a shoulder to cry on for many of our staff over the years.

During her time with us, our students have been able to rely on a happy greeting and an extra special effort to ensure our environs are kept in beautiful condition.

On behalf of all of the staff, past and present, over the past thirteen years I would like to wish Wendy all the best for her future. She will be missed around our school.

Goodbye and Good Luck, Wendy!
Welcome back to school everyone. I trust you had a wonderful time with your children over the Easter holidays. Term 2 promises to be another busy one, and I am again excited to be working with you.

Thanks to everyone who has introduced themselves to me as they see me around. I’m really enjoying working at Herberton and getting to know the students, staff, family and community members.

Teaching and Learning
Mr Raciti, Mrs O’Sullivan and I met with Mrs Lisa Hawke (Principal Education Advisor School Improvement, FNQ Region) this week to begin work refining the school’s pedagogical framework, curriculum and assessment model, social and emotional learning plan, and student support system. Mrs Hawke will be working with us on finalising these documents and programs. Our aim is to develop and deliver world-class teaching and learning programs.

With the help of staff, I have begun reviewing our school’s Responsible Behaviour Plan. We are ensuring the plan meets current requirements and helps our students learn best. The updated plan will be presented to P & C members for review and endorsement before distribution to the community. I have very high expectations of student behaviour and look forward to working with you to ensure our children grow into fine young men and women.

Staffing
This term we welcome Ms Carol Chapman to our school as our new Community Education Counsellor (C.E.C.). Ms Chapman is working Thursdays and every second Wednesday this term. Ms Chapman joins us with considerable experience as a C.E.C. in Mount Isa. She has already introduced herself to many of the students on both campuses and has also talked to our leaders about organising NAIDOC this year. More details on that closer to the event.

You’ll notice in this newsletter that we are advertising for a temporary teacher aide, as well as a relief pool of cleaners and teacher aides. These roles are vital in our school, so please apply if you are interested.

Farewell to Ms Wendy Birkett, one of our amazing cleaners who is leaving us for greener pastures in Tasmania. We wish you all the best Wendy, and thank you very much for all the things you have done for the Herberton community. Ms Donna Jones will be temporarily replacing Wendy until we can advertise the position permanently. Welcome aboard Donna.

New Autism Hub and Reading Centre open
The Autism Hub (http://education.qld.gov.au/autismhub) and Reading Centre (http://education.qld.gov.au/readingcentre) located in Woorooloombabba, Brisbane are now available to provide resources, training and advice to parents and schools state-wide. The new Autism Hub will work in collaboration with existing state and non-government services, and a network of regionally based autism coaches, to help improve engagement and academic achievement of students with autism. The Reading Centre will provide specialist reading advice to parents and teachers, including strategies for teaching children with dyslexia.

Get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge
Did you know your child can get Microsoft Office 2016 free of charge, just for being a student at our school? All you need is your child’s school email address to sign in.

To help prepare your child for success, the Department of Education and Training has teamed up with Microsoft to provide free Office 2016 to every Queensland state school student. With Office 2016, your child will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

You can install a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office on up to five compatible PCs and Macs, five tablets and five smartphones. Your Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a state school student.

Ask your child to follow these simple steps to get Office:
- For PC and Mac, visit http://portal.office.com, log in using your school email address, click through to install and follow the onscreen process.
- For tablets and smartphones, download from your app store and sign in with your school email address.


Upcoming Events
As you know, next Monday 25th April is ANZAC Day - a very important day on the Australian Calendar. All students and staff are encouraged to attend the Herberton ANZAC service on Monday 25th April. Students will also lay wreaths. I hope to see as many students as possible commemorating the day and representing our school at this ANZAC service.

On Tuesday, 26th April, all F.N.Q. principals are required to attend a Regional Business Meeting and Showcase with Ms Patrea Walton (Deputy Director-General), Mr Selwyn Button (Assistant Director-General), Ms Leanne Nixon (Assistant Director-General) and Mr Bevan Brennan (Assistant Director-General).

On Wednesday 27th April we will be hosting a mobile planetarium for the students during the day; and for the community from 6 p.m. We sourced funding through the Rural and Remote Education Access Program, so the planetarium is free of charge to students and the community. Places are filling fast for the after-school community sessions, and you must pre-register to secure your spot. Please phone 40961333 to book your place, if you haven’t already done so.

My supervisor, Mrs Shirilee Gallo, will be visiting on Monday 9th May to review my, and the school’s, progress.

From the Principal cont.
And on Friday 13th May I will be meeting with Mr Damien Knight (Principal Advisor Student Protection) to learn about this new role within the region.

In May, there will be the next round of Year 7 and 8 immunisations, as well as hearing checks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students as part of the Muluugu Health Service. The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests will also be held in May, from the 10th to the 12th.

Enjoy the long weekend and I hope to see many of you on Monday at the ANZAC service.

Regards

Chris Honan
Principal

Well Women’s Clinic
(Medicare eligible clients)
Atherton Community Health
Wednesday 18th May
Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc.
All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.
For appointments phone 40910263

CAR & BIKE SWAP MEET & SHOW
SAT 18TH JUNE 2016
9AM AHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Stall Holders, & car/bike entries
need to arrive between 8am & 9am.
Stall holders fee - $20
Car & bike entries FREE
All proceeds support the Local Schools Chaplaincy Program

For enquiries ring Don on 4095 4470 B/H or 4095 3804 A/H

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