We have a lot that can be celebrated in our school and I want to acknowledge one of these today. I really enjoy seeing the children participate and share with their friends their own creativity, individuality and sense of community participation. Just look at this little school…….thanks for supporting our dress-up as your favourite character during book fair week.

We celebrated reading on parade with the Premiers Reading Challenge recipients receiving their certificates.

Well done everyone. GREAT READING.

School dental van

If your child needs a dental check up please contact the dental van on 1300300850. They are presently at Babinda State School.

“Every day, in every way, every child is learning and achieving....”
Fun with maths
On Monday the 24th October the children were really engaged with practical and quite complex mathematical processes which affect our everyday lives. There were two 90 minute sessions given, that were age appropriate for both the senior and junior classes.
No waste Wednesdays
As we try to reduce our environmental footprint and educate the children about sustainable and environmentally friendly practices, I would like to thank the school community for supporting these initiatives.
School lunches on WEDNESDAYS are really looking great. We have almost eliminated wrappers and waste and the children have noticed a huge difference. If we all just keep doing whatever bit we can, then these small initiatives become habit forming and eventually a life choice that reflects sustainable considerations. Thanks everyone.

Book Fair and Premiers reading challenge
Thanks to everyone who supported our book fair so brilliantly. The books are great and there is a lot of research now that supports a direct correlation between reading and school achievement. Great work to all students who competed in the Premier’s reading challenge – WELL DONE, GREAT READING.

Just like us, kids pick up books because reading is fun. It lets them explore other worlds, go on adventures, and recognise themselves in their favourite characters, showing them that they are not alone.

Tips for encouraging reading
1. Let your child choose. Plan a field trip to the library and let your child choose books that interest them. A librarian can help steer them in the right direction, too. Keep books readily available at home, in the car, wherever your day takes you.
2. Read to your child. Establish a routine for reading. Whether before bed or at snack time, reading can fit into almost any part of your daily routine.
3. Read aloud together. It’s never too early to start reading to your little ones. For older kids, take turns reading each page of a favourite book.
4. Talk about what you are reading. Asking questions before, during and after the read helps your child make connections and increase reading comprehension skills.
5. Show your child that you enjoy reading. Be a reading model. Children often mimic parent behaviour. Let your child see you enjoying reading and soon you may have an avid reader yourself.
Junior classroom news
We have another really interesting unit of science exploration for the children to engage with in Term 4. The unit involves students using their senses to observe and explore the properties of movement and the sources of light and sound. They are manipulating materials to observe how light and sound are produced and how changes can be made to create light and sound affects. We are making our own push and pull toys.

IF ANYONE HAS SOME POST CYLINDERS WITH PLASTIC LIDS AT EITHER END WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE THEM.....we need 9.

We are going to make rain makers with lights!!!!! Just wait and see....they will be great!

Senior classroom news
In the senior classroom we are making pinballs in science to find out about force and motion.
Thursday 27th October

**Gotcha awards**

Thanks to the hard working book coverers and our very own budding magician Amelia Read.
Come as your favourite book character
Check out our fun and friendly book character dress-up day. It was just as much fun for the adults.....AND we read lots and lots of books on this day!!!!!
Senior students from McDonnell Creek State School are attending this event as school representatives. They will be laying a wreath and participating in the service. As this is a public event all community members are welcome to attend.

RETURNED & SERVICES LEAGUE AUSTRALIA
Gordonvale Sub Branch

President, Mr. Stephen Carr
Cordially invites

McDonnell Creek State School
To the

Remembrance Day
Commemorative Service

at the

Cenotaph, Norman Park
Gordon Street
Gordonvale

Friday 11th November 2016
10.30 am for 10.45 am start

RSVP by 4th November 2016
Please advise if you require a wreath to be provided by the RSL
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