IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Every day counts at our school!!

Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the new State Government initiative to improve student attendance.

The new program – Every Day Counts – has four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
- schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
- attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
- children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend or skip school.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education.

Going shopping, visiting family, birthdays, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are NOT acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future.

If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or upon returning to school in the form of a signed note to your child’s teacher.

To try to address the issue of so many students leaving early from school, parents will now need to meet with one of the administration team to explain the reason. If deemed to be reasonable, then a register will be completed by the administrator and signed by the parent. To this end, we ask parents to please make all appointments outside school hours.

For more information or if you need support regarding your child’s attendance, see our school administrators and download the guide for parents at: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/.