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Keeping in Touch

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Under Eight's Day: On Monday the good ship Toowong was invaded by pirates. Children from Prep to Year 2/3 celebrated Under 8's Day. The children were involved in swash-buckling activities where they made hats and puppets, played pirate games and were entertained with a pirate ship jumping castle and then watched a pirate performance. The children had a lot of fun and were in very hearty spirits by the end of the day. A huge AAArrrrrrrr!! to Mrs Swetman for organising this great day and thanks to the class teachers for organising their activities too.

Chess Classes: We still need a few additional chess players on Monday mornings from 8:00 to 8:45am if classes are to continue next term. If you are interested please come along or ring Connie on 0409 794 745. Lessons are \$8 each.

Brendon Madden

Band News

Next week two of our talented musicians will be attending the District Music Camp. This is quite an honour as it equates to regional sport representation. Nikolas M (Violin) and Hamish G-R (Violin) worked very hard in the lead up to auditions for the camp and this paid off for them - it also developed their playing skills to a high level - Well done boys!

The Senior Band has been busy preparing new pieces to play on assembly: Air and Dance, La Bamba and Canciones Mixicanas (Mexican songs). They are also further developing their jazz skills with Louie Louie. Good work all!

Our Year 5 beginners have been doing extremely well and their progress is astonishing! They received their first Band piece last week and it looks like they'll receive more sooner than I expected! Remember: Try to Play Everyday.

Parents are reminded that you are welcome to come along to the activities room to discuss your child's progress or simply sit in and listen to rehearsals - Fridays, 8:00am.

Koss Siwers (Conductor)

School for Parents

Home Readers

Home readers are an important resource in supporting the progress of children's reading. They are structured in such a way as to reinforce sight words and repeat familiar words by slowly increasing the difficulty of the text. They are pitched at early reading levels. Reading these books with your child should be an enjoyable experience. Children should succeed and should be reading at a level where they feel competent, not frustrated.

Students from Year 1-3 share home readers from the bookcase near the teacher aides' room. While we use the same books, systems for implementation will vary from classroom to classroom. If you are unsure please discuss this procedure with your child's teacher and please assist others by regularly returning your child's books.

Leigh Hobart