Wednesday, 18 May 2016

Dates to remember
P&C Meeting 19th May
Regional Cross Country 20th May
National Simultaneous Reading Program 25th May

Principal News

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Year 3 and Year 5 students who gave their best effort in last week’s NAPLAN tests. As I have mentioned before, NAPLAN testing is a ‘point in time’ test which means that the students are tested on Writing, Literacy Conventions, Reading and Numeracy on the particular day of the test. What is more important is what and how our students go throughout the entire school year. This information is more ‘robust’ for us as educators because it is not ‘point in time’ information but an accumulation of various assessment tasks across the year. As teachers we judge the individual student assessment tasks against Guides to Making Judgements and the assign an A to E rating on the student’s report cards in effort and achievement. This is not to say that NAPLAN information is not important. It is but only paints a small picture of achievement and effort. Our Semester Report Card paints a much bigger picture of academic performance and the effort that was given to achieve this.

So, I thank all the students, staff and parents who supported this ‘point in time’ testing. From a school Principal’s perspective, NAPLAN testing gives us an insight into how our school is travelling in terms of embedding the new Australian Curriculum in our programs and also how we are travelling in terms of our improvement agenda against other schools. Not a direct comparison but an observation about where we need to put our effort and energy. Incidentally this is the first year that the NAPLAN tests directly relate to the Australian Curriculum.

Our school has had the privilege and pleasure to introduce 2 new staff members. Firstly we would like to introduce Mrs Tahlia O’Brien to our School. Tahlia will be working in Mrs Mather’s Grade 3 class in the mornings as a teacher aide and then teaching across all classes in the afternoon. Tahlia will be teaching several components of the curriculum area called “The Arts”. She will be including Creative and Expressive Arts in her lessons. Welcome Tahlia. Our second new staff member is Sam Halstead. Sam was successful in our merit selection process for 10 hours a week cleaner. Welcome Sam.

Parents we need your help. Please use the road crossings supervised by the road crossing supervisors. We still have parents escorting their children across William Street, not using the crossing. Not only is this extremely dangerous, it is also providing inappropriate role modelling for our students. We need to teach our children ‘the right thing to do’.

P & C News

We would like a big thank you ‘shout-out’ to all who supported the Mother’s Day Stall, whether it was in the form of donations, or shopping on the day, we greatly appreciate your support. And of course a special thank you to our organiser and helpers: Sarah, Corinne and Michelle - whose efforts raised $504.00. You guys are amazing!

Also a big 'thank you' to Candice & Steve, Naomi & Ollie for the donation of many 'market' items which will be put to great use throughout the year :).

Our next P & C meeting will be held this Thursday, the 19th of May at 3:30 and we look forward to seeing all the regular faces and any newcomers at the meeting room in the library.

Attendance Matters

As you would have seen on parade last week, we will be calculating our weekly attendance rates a different way from now on. Instead of using cumulative results each week, based on the whole year’s figures, we will use the current MONTHLY figures. This will make the monthly pennant awards more accurate and weekly results more current. Our overall attendance award at the end of the term will still be awarded to the class with the best attendance for the YEAR (Cumulative). Congratulations to Year 4/5 for taking out the first place at last with a monthly attendance rate for May of 96.45%! Awesome results!
Student of the week!

Prep - Cameron for always working quietly.
Prep1 - Peyton for improvement in confidence in reading.
Prep1 - Camelia for trying hard and improvement in reading.
Year1/2 - Max for outstanding progress in his reading.
Year1/2 - Chaelyn for demonstrating great ideas in his writing.
Year2/3 - Bianka for putting in a super effort to complete her NAPLAN tests.
Year3/4 - Naomi for her focussed work when completing NAPLAN.
Year3/4 - Samuel for his effort and attitude towards learning.
Year4/5 - Shadean for being a friendly classmate.
Year5 - Whole of Year 5A for their wonderful efforts in NAPLAN and staying focused.
Year6 - Zech for his attitude towards his learning in class.
Year6 - Joachim for improvement in his writing and efforts.
SEP – Lesley for being a great role model
Principal - Ilena for being trustworthy and honest in returning a lost phone.

National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday, 25 May our school is participating in National Simultaneous Storytime which is held to encourage students to participate in, and to enjoy, reading. For Storytime, schools around Australia come together each year to read the same book at the same time.

This year the book chosen to read is:

**I Got This Hat** - written by Jol and Kate Temple

I got this hat in China. I got this hat from a miner. I got this hat from a deep-sea diver. I got this hat from a racing-car driver...

Hats. Only the headless dislike them. Everyone else loves wearing them! In this fun title we take a peek at the world around us through the playful medium of hats.

Students will be making hats to take, or wear, to the event.
Persuasive Writing by 3A

Television is a Bad Influence on Children.

Do you agree or disagree?

TV is a bad influence on children

The kid was watching TV when suddenly it turned off. He turned to see his dad with the remote. The kid was totally furious. Is the TV a bad influence on him?

Children should have limits for TV watching time. In 2010 Professor John held an experiment to see how many children have too much TV. He said more than half the children on Earth have too much TV.

If kids watch too much they will get lazy because they won’t exercise. TV shows could be too violent and inappropriate. It could give kids bad behaviour.

TV also damages kids’ eyes. They wouldn’t be able to see properly. Are you sure your child wants glasses?

Finally, kids should definitely have less TV. Parents should limit TV time now! Tell your child they need to watch less TV.

Jai Schwarzer

TV is good for kids

Where are all the kids watching Daffy Duck? He must be so sad that all the children don’t like him anymore. Kids outside tired and sweating madly because they can’t come in the cool air-conditioned room to watch telly.

Oh and by the way, that’s why scientists invented ratings so that kids didn’t watch too high movies! It’s not like a five year old is allowed to watch MA15 is it? You have to be fifteen.

Kids love watching Cat in the Hat and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory but they can’t do that because Mum and Dad don’t let them. They feel like e parents hate them and just because they think they’re having fun.

Mr Crumpnick in 1998 said that kids are allowed to watch three hours a day and the kids would be fine but at the moment they have no TV a day!

I think kids are having no fun. What do you think?

Naomi Mitchell

Television is a bad influence on children

I agree that TV is bad for kids. It is bad for them because if children watch too much TV they can get headaches. Families don’t want to see their children get headaches do they?

Families don’t spend that much time together because kids just want to watch TV all day. Am I right? Children can get nightmares.

One day my friend and I were at her house and I said “Come on we should play on your ramp.” And she said “Nah” and sat there watching TV and then she got a headache and told her mum.

What would happen if you were cooking dinner and your children were watching something violent instead of doing their homework and the next day they forgot to do their homework and got a detention.

Since my two brothers were watching TV and they both got a headache at the same time on the same day and lasted for the same time. So do you agree or disagree?

Melika Kessler

Television is bad for children

Even though TV is fun to watch it is not good for people. You could have eye damage and you will be blind.

Professor Adams says it is certainly bad because you won’t get enough exercise if you are sitting down and watching TV all the time. You would get really fat.

My friend got really mad at his parents because they had not enough money to pay for a big bill from the kids watching too much TV.

When you watch too much TV you won’t get any new friends. You would be sad and have tears running down your cheek all because of the TV.

Do you think people should watch TV and get fat?

Nanami Anderson
3A Shadow Stick Investigation

On Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} May, Year 3 worked in cooperative teams to conduct a Shadow Stick Investigation, as part of our Science Unit: Spinning in Space. Shadows were measured and observation made over the course of one day. We will be reviewing the results of our investigation to discuss:

- What happens to the length and direction of shadows during the day?
- When are shadows their longest and shortest?

Using their observations, the students will discuss and compare how shadows change during a day.

Each team had a
- Manager – to collect and return all materials
- Speaker - to ask for help
- Director - to make sure the team understands and completes each step.

Team Skills
- Move into your teams quickly and quietly
- Speak softly
- Stay with your team
- Take turns
- Perform your role
Tuckshop operates **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** first lunch only. Orders must be in before 9.30am. Please write your orders on separate brown bags. Write your child’s name, class, order, amount and total. Try to provide the correct money as change may get lost. Bags are available from the tuckshop for 10c each.

### Fresh Sandwiches and Wraps

(Wholemeal Only)

- **G** Salad $4.50
- **G** Ham and Salad $5.00
- **G** Chicken and Salad $5.00
- **G** Egg and Lettuce $4.50
  - Sweet Chilli/ Mayo $0.20
- **G** Vegemite and Cheese $2.50

- **G** Salad plus choice of Ham/ Egg/ Chicken Mayo/ Balsamic $0.20

### Toasted Sandwich (Wholemeal or Multigrain only)

- **G** Ham and Cheese $3.50
- **G** Chicken and Cheese $3.50
- **G** Cheese and Tomato $3.00
- **G** Cheese $2.50

### Drinks (order and over the counter)

- **G** Water $1.00
- **G** Plain Milk $1.00
- **G** Flavoured Milk $2.00
  - (Chocolate or Strawberry)

### Hot Food

- **G** Fried Rice $3.00
- **G** Pasta Bolognaise $3.00
- **G** Pizza Subs $2.00
  - Ham & Pineapple
  - BBQ Chicken
  
  (All the above - Made in the Tuckshop)

### Meal Deals

- **A** Sandwich (any filling, toasted or fresh) with Treat and Corn Cob $5.00
- **A** Fried Rice OR Spaghetti Bolognaise with Fruit Cup and Flavoured Milk $6.00

### Other Items (order and over the counter)

- **G** Fresh Popcorn $1.00
- **G** Apple Slinky $1.00
- **G** Whole Orange in Quarters $1.00
- **G** Frozen OR Fresh Seasonal Fruit $1.00
  - (eg grapes/ pineapple/ orange)
- **G** Fruit Cup in juice $1.00
- **G** Corn Cobb $0.50
- **G** Boiled Egg $0.50

### Tuckshop Treat

- **A** Changes daily $1.00
- **A** Icy Poles $0.50

### SMART CHOICES:

**GREEN FOODS (G) HAVE PLENTY …**

**AMBER FOODS (A) SELECT CAREFULLY**