

4th May, 2016 Term 2 Week 4.

Date Claimers

05/05/16	Cross Country
10/11/12/05/16	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
16/05/16	Life Education Years 5 & 6
17/05/16	Mobile Library
23/05/16	Scholastic Book Fair at Ingleside
31/05/16	Mobile Library
13/06/16	Mobile Library
16/06/16	Hinterland Small Schools Athletics Carnival
20/06/16	Life Education – Whole School
21/06/16	Life Education – Whole School
23/06/16	Years 4/5/6 excursion to the Brisbane Planetarium
24/06/16	Prep/1/2 visit to Brisbane theatre
	Last day of Term 2
11/07/16	School resumes for Term 3

Principal's Info

ANZAC Day

Thank you to those students who marched in the parade on ANZAC Day, it was great to see you all there.

Many thanks also to parents and community members who donated books. The books will be a valuable asset to our school library. Your support of our school is always very much appreciated.

School Cross Country

On Thursday 5th May we will be running the school cross country from Prep – Year 6. The races will start at 9.30. Parents are invited to cheer along our students as they run for fun.

House t-shirts are available to purchase from school at a cost of \$10.00 each. We have all colours and sizes available.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure all students attend school, have a good night sleep and have a really good breakfast! Please be at school at 8:50 am.

Life Education – Years 5 & 6

On Monday 16th May Life Education will be providing the 'Talk About It' program with the

Years 5 and 6. An information leaflet with permission form is being sent home today. Please sign and return to the school office with appropriate boxes ticked. The cost for the program session will be \$6.00 per student. There will also be a parent information session at 9.00am on Monday 16th May before the students program.

Active After School Athletics Program

On Thursdays and Fridays for four weeks, starting next week 12th May the school is offering interested students the chance to participate in an Active After School Athletics program. This activity is only run on two days a week and will be split into two groups. Prep/1/2's will be held on the Thursdays and Years 3/4/5/6 will be held on the Fridays after school. The sessions will begin at 3.15pm and run until 4.15pm. Please let the office know as soon as possible if you would like your child/children to participate as each group is limited to 30 students only.

Prep/Yr 1 & 2 Excursion to Brisbane Theatre

On Friday 24th June the Prep class, Years 1 and 2 will be visiting QPAC Theatre in Brisbane to watch the 'Gazillion Bubble Show: The Science of Bubbles'. The tickets will cost \$20.00 per student for the show. We will be travelling to and from the venue by train from Varsity Station. Train fare to the venue is free for students, teachers and parent helpers attending the show.

If any parents would like to attend the show at a cost of \$20.00 admission (includes free train travel) please let us know as soon as possible.

A permission form will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Years 3/4/5/6 Visit to Brisbane Planetarium

On Thursday 23rd June Years 3/4/5 and 6 will be visiting the Brisbane Planetarium, travelling by bus to and from the venue. The cost will be \$20.00 per student to include admission and bus costs. The school will subsidise part of the bus costs for this excursion.

We will be leaving school at 9.00am and returning by 3.00pm.

A permission form with all the relevant information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day on Sunday 8th May to all Mother's, Nannas and Grandmother's! Hope you have a great day!

P&C News

Please find letter attached from Jane Ashton P&C President.

Mother's Day Stall

This Friday 6th May the P&C will be running a Mother's Day Stall. There will be a great range of gifts for mum's, nannas and grandmothers. Gifts range from \$3.00 to \$12.00. If you would like your child/children to choose something special please make sure they have money on the day.

Classroom Comments Prep/1

First I would like to say a BIG thank you to Azariah's Mum Emma for coming in on a regular basis to help children with their letter sounds. Your help is greatly appreciated THANK YOU! And another big thank you to parents for all the glue sticks that are still coming in! Next week our routine is going to change. In the mornings the children will come in and practice writing their sight words in their day book, while they are doing this Miss Debbie and I will be checking sight words and letter sounds. Your help would be greatly appreciated if you have any spare time. This will be from 8.50am to 9.20am when our guided reading groups will begin. You may have noticed that our new tidy trays have finally arrived and are situated at the front door. These are to house the children's hats, jumpers and notes/anything to go home. They are not for food or drink bottles. Hopefully we will have less problems with losing hats from now on!!!! I would also like to say how proud I am of the children in this class, they are showing great improvements. Well done everyone!

Tracey Cameron

Classroom Comments Year 1/2

It is with much anticipation that each child now has their own drawer to store their learning materials. I am endeavouring to ensure that each student is responsible for their own belongings and I need your help to succeed. At home, please encourage your child to pack up their personal belongings. This will not only decrease your workload but will teach the children an important lesson.

We have completed our genre study on oral retelling and written recalls of a previous event.

Each child shared their work with their peers which was all very exciting. Next we will begin to look at narratives.

Our maths unit will continue to revise fractions and money however, we will also start to look at number patterns and measuring objects. New Mathematics content has been allocated so if you have not yet given your child an opportunity to log on at home, now is a good time.

Finally, I would like to wish all mums a wonderful celebration this weekend.

Brenda Grima

Comments 2/3/4

Our class is continuing to work hard in all areas. In English the students were excited to hear the final chapter in the book 'Matty Forever'. This story has been great for teaching many of life's lessons about friendship, loyalty and trust.

In Maths students are comparing and contrasting pyramids and prisms. They have discovered new 3D shapes such as hexagonal pyramids and octagonal pyramids and made models of these. We are also delving deeper into fractions and how these may look on a number line.

In Geography the students will be making a model of the Sydney Opera House, if you would like to help on Friday afternoon please send me an email.

The class Merit award goes to Muki.

Muki is an enthusiastic and vibrant student who concentrates very hard during learning time. Thankyou Muki for actively listening and being a considerate class member.

Amanda Skuse

Classroom Comments 4/5/6

It has been a busy two weeks with lots of work to fit around the two public holidays. Well done to the children who are following our 'You Can Do It!' focus of 'Organisation' and showing excellent habits in the Classroom and with their bookwork.

A note came home recently with Year level passwords for Soundwaves and I encourage all the children to take advantage of this excellent resource. Again, reading at home is a major focus and helps children in so many ways. Those who have been enjoying our reading of the first

book in the Deltora series by Emily Rodda, are welcome to borrow books from the classroom as we have other books in the series available.

Particular congratulations this week goes to two students:

- Dior Brzezinski for demonstrating an excellent improvement in her spelling after working at home with Soundwaves Online.
- Jonty Dart for consistently trying his best and working hard to understand new concepts. In addition, Jonty has been excelling himself in his writing, producing incredible similes and descriptive language to create a vivid picture for his audience.

Good luck to all in Thursday's Cross Country ☺

Vicki Straw

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following students and staff:

May:

7th Mrs O'Rourke (G.O)

14th Jayden

15th Mollie

Have a great birthday everyone!

