Principal – Jacqueline Fiedler

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

NAPLAN

Over this week our students in years 3 and 5 have been completing the Australia wide NAPLAN tests. Students have been well prepared to do their best. Thank you parents for ensuring your child has a good night’s sleep and come to school in time as the tests start right on 8:30am.

However, it is important to remember that this a point in time test. Our teachers continually collect data on students learning and can provide detailed information to parents about students and how they are tracking against the expectations of the Australian Curriculum over the course of the year. Parents are always welcome to make a time to discuss your child’s progress with teachers.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Thank you for your support for the P & C Parent Group Mother’s Day Stall. I hope your children selected you something nice and you had a lovely day together.

Thank you to Kat Simmonds for coordinating the Parent Group and the many parents who assisted on the day. Your help was greatly appreciated and the stall raised $870.00 which will go towards supporting your child’s learning.

MOTHER’S DAY PAMPER MORNING

A huge thank you to Chappy Carol and her wonderful helpers from the Salvation Army Church and Harvest Church for providing a lovely pampering experience and morning tea for some of our mums and grandmothers who were able to pop in last Thursday morning. By the look of sheer bliss on the faces all were thoroughly enjoying the event. They also left with a special gift to enjoy for later and the staff were given a lovely gift bag at the end of the day. We are truly blessed to have Chappy Carol and her band of volunteers making so many peoples’ day just that little bit special.

It will be our opportunity to thank Chappy Carol next week as it is Chappy Week. To celebrate, come and have a free brekkie with Chappy Carol outside the Tuckshop on Tuesday morning to show your appreciation.

Bell Times

8.20am – Students move to classrooms
8.30am – Morning Session
10.30am – 1st Break Play
11.00am – 1st Break Eating
11.10am – Finish Eating
11.15am – Middle Session
12.45pm – 2nd Break Play
1.00pm – 2nd Break Eating
1.10pm – Afternoon Session
2.30pm – End of School
ENROLMENTS
Enrolments are now being taken for Prep 2017. Our first open day is Wednesday 18 May at 9am. Enrolment packs are available from the school office. Please advise your friends, neighbours and family who would like to join our wonderful school.

UNDER 8’s DAY
We have lots of wonderful activities planned for Under 8’s Day. All our Prep to Year 3 students will participate. Parents are very welcome to join us along with younger siblings. We have opened the celebrations to our community so if you have friends with young children who would like to come along please extend the invitation.

Jackie Fiedler – Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
26 - 29 April 2016

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3 – 6 May 2016
Ryan, Amber, Millie, Lacey-Rose, Lucas, Emily, Jett, Kaenin, Maia, Joshua, Taliyah, Corey, Zara, Jade, Jake, Cypress, Jackson, Maddy, Matthew, Sam, Justine.

Australian Kids & Family Reading Report
In late 2015, Scholastic, in conjunction with YouGov, conducted a survey to explore family attitudes and behaviours in Australia around reading books for fun. The key findings of this research, are as follows:

- More than half of children aged 6–17 (58%) believe reading books for fun is extremely or very important and 60% of kids also say they love reading books for fun or like it a lot.
- Just over one-third of children aged 6–17 (37%) report they are frequent readers, with kids aged 6–8 being the most likely to read 5–7 days a week.
- As children grow older, reading competes with many screen-related activities, and 75% of parents with kids aged 6–17 agree: “I wish my child would do more things that did not involve screen time.”
- Across ages, three-quarters of children (76%) say they know they should read more books for fun; a similar number of parents (78%) wish their child would read more books for fun.

Don’t forget to keep reading aloud to your children regularly. The report also stated:

- Across ages, the overwhelming majority of kids (86%) say they love(d) being read books aloud at home or like(d) it a lot—the main reason being because it is a special time with parents.
- More than half of children aged 0–5 (57%) are read aloud to at home 5–7 days a week. This frequency declines to four in 10 kids aged 6–8 (41%), and continues to decrease with age.
- Of those children aged 6–8 whose parents no longer read books aloud at home, half (51%) did not want their parents to stop.
This term, we are continuing to work hard on two focus comprehension strategies. The first one we have been learning about is – **INFERRING**. The second one we are learning to do now is – **SUMMARISING**.

A summary is a shortened version of a text that contains all the main points. Summarising is an important skill that helps us when we are researching, gathering and presenting information. Finding key words and phrases helps us to summarise the text.

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### WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY

20 MAY 2016

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2016!

For more information, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

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**Chappy’s News**

Ladies Pamper Breakfast was such a lovely morning last Thursday. Many mums were treated and I’d like to thank the ladies from Bayside Salvos and Harvest City Church who came and helped make us all feel a little bit special.

Next week is Chappy Week - come and enjoy a free breakfast on Tuesday 17th May from 7:30 – 8:45.

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10 – 12 May
NAPLAN

Wednesday 18 May
Prep Open Day

Friday 20 May
Free Dress Day

Friday 20 May
Walk to School Day

Tuesday 24 May
School Photos

Thursday 28 May
Under 8’s Day

Events Calendar

Tuesday 17 May
Free Chappy Breakfast

Tuesday 7 June
P & C Meeting 6.30

Thursday 26 May
Tuckshop Meal Deal

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