FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

This week:
- NAPLAN
- After school request
- School plan and school report
- Mother’s Day

**NAPLAN**

Next week Years 3 & 5 and thousands of other students across Australia sit tests in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy.

There is no special preparation needed to do NAPLAN. The pressure is on teachers and me; if we have done our job well enough, we have nothing to worry about. NAPLAN gives the school a lot of information about where we can lift our game to improve your child’s learning outcomes.

The best ways a parent can prepare a child for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that it is a bit like a driving test – everyone has to go through it. It’s not what you do on the day that matters; it’s the lead-up. So if you have learned from your mistakes and completed the hours to the best of your ability, it won’t be a big deal. Please ask Mrs Wardlaw (Year 5) or Mrs Heymans (Year 3) any NAPLAN questions you have this week as the first test is next Monday.

**After school shenanigans on the lawn**

I love the way that parents hang out at school just before and just after the dismissal bell has gone to catch up with one another. So that we can further encourage this community building, your P & C is looking at ways it can make the area out the front of the admin block more appealing, more comfortable and better suited to catching up. Extra seats, some shelter and other enhancements are being explored.

I’ve really only got a couple of favours to ask, and I hate to sound like the fun police. Mums and dads, can you please supervise kids to ensure they follow some simple rules on the lawn to keep kids and property safe?

- Keep out of the car park (because of the risk of being struck by a moving car).
- Play tip-only chasing games without tackling or wrestling someone to the ground (because of the risk of injury).
- Play games without large or small balls being used (there has been damage to cars in the car park and the risk of breaking windows is high)
- Leave the lid to the storm water pit in place (because there is a deep pit often filled with water that a child could drown in).

**School plan and school report**

The school plan and school report are posted on the website for your information.

**Mother’s Day**

Thank you to the lovely volunteers who helped the P & C to run our Mother’s Day stalls this week. I hope all mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers and anyone who has a mothering role, can take the time this Sunday to enjoy any praise or compliments, food and other special treats, and above all, time, that family and friends give you because you deserve it.

I hope you have a great Mother’s Day and have had a great week at our great school.

Trish Peters
Principal

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**Calendar**

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**Students of Week 2, Term 2, 2015.**

- KJ Abigail Griffith
- KN Max Kollington-Liddle
- KP Sofia Wardlaw
- MC Marcus Restom
- KJ Abigail Griffith
- 1B Rhiannon Jackson
- 1C Olivia Kilby
- 1E Owen Foreshew
- 1G Jada Matthews
- 1T Matilda Cohen
- 2C Kyce Essadki
- 2H Caleb Henry
- 2K Sam Fink-Mackenzie
- 2M Riley Henderson
- 2/3H Jerome Lewis
- 3A Mia Pashley
- 3M Jackson Matterson
- 3S Serenity Williams
- 3W Leah Haigh
- Library - Ethan Shadbolt-Connors
Class Item 3M

This week 3M shared with each other why their mothers are so special.

She is really creative.
She takes us everywhere.
She tries her best.
She seems to enjoy everything.
She is the best teddy bear and cook ever.
She is especially good at making and baking cakes.
She buys us what she can.
She listens and cares.
She rarely ever gets angry because she’s the best mother ever.
She has taught us manners.
She has also taught us that you don’t get everything you want in life.
She teaches us that laughter is the best medicine.
I am so grateful of my mother.
-Kirsten Finlow

She is as bright as the moonlight.
She is always excited.
She calls herself exquisite.
She is an inspiring woman.
She is a pattern of happiness.
She is perfect.
She is a calm person.
She becomes infuriated when we fight.
But that rarely happens.
She hates the fact I’m growing up.
She will always love me no matter what.
She is very strong-minded in terms of manners.
She is always kind no matter what.
She is a representative person speaking up when needed.
She teaches me to never ignore family.
I love my mother with my whole heart.
-Zak Brookes

She is incredibly creative.
She is always nice to me and never yells unless my brothers and I do something wrong.
When I am angry or sad she knows exactly how to cheer me up.
She teaches me what life is about.
She teaches me to try new things and be confident.
She is funny and has the answers to all of my questions.
She is my mother and I am so grateful of her.
-Jackson Matterson

She is incredibly fabulous.
She takes me travelling.
She gives me opportunities.
Mum lets me do anything but she tells me to do jobs that I love.
She gives me lollies.
She is so intelligent, she knows all the answers to my maths questions.
I love when my mum gives me a whole bunch of stuff for my birthday.
Mum gets upset when my siblings or I are misbehaving.
I love when my mum watches TV shows with me.
We watch freaky movies together.
She teaches me how to draw.
She teaches me how to be polite.
She teaches me how to be grateful.
She is my mother.
-Krisna Sumerta

Happy Mother’s Day!

School Communication Channels

There are several ways you can communicate with school about a range of things. Gone are the days when it was just a note that was sent home from teachers or a note sent in by parents to teachers. In all, regular parent communication helps busy parents and carers in a multitude of ways such as:

- attend events on time.
- make timely payments of school items and excursions.
- send children to school in the appropriate attire and with the right equipment.

We now use notes, the newsletter, the website, electronic roadside sign and the Skoolbag app to get information out to you. You are encouraged to use the Skoolbag app to report a student absence or change in details. There is also a very handy paper advice form for notifying us of any changes in routine. These forms can be filled out within seconds from your phone for example, and sent immediately.

A new form to our school website offers an additional way for parents and students to report problem incidents at school. These incidents may be about instances of significant concern between students where our expectations of being a Safe, Respectful Learner may have not been upheld. It can be found at:


This report form can be read in conjunction with our complaints handling policy which outlines how we deal with matters that cause concern. Please continue to report potential hazards by phone ONLY so that concerns can be addressed in a timely manner.

Calendar for Cultural Diversity 2016

Submission of artwork from NSW government schools

The Calendar for Cultural Diversity promotes inter-cultural understanding and community harmony in NSW public schools. The calendar identifies national and international days and events of school, indigenous and religious significance and features artwork created by students in Years K-12 attending NSW government schools.

Schools are invited to submit artwork for possible inclusion in the 2016 calendar which addresses the theme, Walking Together.

2016 is the Lunar Year of the Monkey.

Artwork specifications

- artwork should reflect the theme
- relate to learning areas
- be 8 x 11 in size for reproduction purposes
- be the work of a single student or a group of students.

Possible media includes:
- drawing – ink, felt pens, charcoal, pastel, crayons
- electronic – computer software, digital camera, scanner
- mixed media – collage, photo montage
- painting – watercolours, oil, acrylic, gouache, poster paints, crayons
- photography – camera can be conventional, digital, disposable
- printmaking – etching, monoprinting, linocut.

Closing date: 7 August 2015

For more information, phone 02 5444 8091.
**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

On Monday MSP Photography were at our school taking photographs of all students. If you did not order a package but would like to do so, you can contact MSP direct on 4966 8292 to arrange payment. There are no additional search fees if your order is placed within 7 days.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Entertainment books are available from the school office. We will not be sending them home with families this year; if you would like to purchase one they are available from the office for a short time only. They are $60 each and payment may be made by cash or credit card.

**Family Day Care at Kincumber**

We currently have vacancies Monday Tuesday and Wednesdays. Educator has a bachelor degree in teaching/arts and certificate 3 in children’s services. Beautiful and calm service. Educator with Jelly Beans Family Daycare.

All Enquiries:
Head office 1300 153 559.

**Goldie Gotcha Winners**

Students can earn Goldie Gotchas outside the classroom for being safe, respectful learners.

Every Goldie Gotcha earns a House Point.

Each week a K-2 and 3-6 student are drawn out to receive a FREE TNT. Congratulations to these students:

**K-2**
- Dunlop—Rhiannon Jackson 1B
- Piper - Sam Painter KN
- Pickett - Imogen Williams 1B
- Davis - Nash Cleal KP

**3-6**
- Dunlop - Byron Smith 2H
- Piper - Mark Liu 2M
- Pickett - Hunter Hudson 2C
- Davis - Summer Baker 2M

**STEWART HOUSE**

It’s that time of the year when we ask you all to make a small donation of $2 to Stewart House, which in turn will give you a chance to win a family holiday worth $4000.

Each year 1,800 public school children visit Stewart House from many parts of NSW and ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs along with out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Stewart House envelopes were sent home last week and need to be returned to school by Wednesday May 13.

The school will also be selling Stewart House key ring torches in the near future for $3 each as an additional fundraiser.

More information to follow.

Thank you for your generosity.
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