



NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

EVERY FRIDAY	NUDE FOOD FRIDAY
3 rd May	Cross Country
7 th May	Public Holiday – Labour Day
8 th May	P & C Meeting 5:30pm
15 th , 16 th , 17 th May	Naplan Testing
18 th May	Gympie Show Holiday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to our first newsletter of the term. Term 2 is always busy with numerous public holidays and events like Naplan, and report cards looming on the horizon.

Last week I had the absolute pleasure of taking the 5-6 class to Tallebudgera. This was the 2nd time we've been to this venue as a school and again the camp was fantastic. Our students got to experience so many wonderful things such as exploring the Burleigh Heads National Park, being towed behind a speedboat on a toboggan, a body boarding session and watching a magic show. Once again our students were beautifully behaved and were wonderful representatives for our school.

Many thanks to those students (and parents) who, marched with our school in the Gympie Community Anzac Day March yesterday. Yet again we had a good turnout of students who marched alongside our staff. It was fantastic to see our students marching yesterday!

In the last week of term we received some sad news that Mrs Yates our fantastic cleaner was leaving us. Mr Yates got a new job in Perth which meant that both Mr and Mrs YATES were relocating to Perth. Mrs Yates had been at Kia Ora for 12 years and over that time Mrs Yates had become part of the fabric and identity of our school. So whilst we are sad to see Mrs Yates go we are also happy that both Mr and Mrs Yates are close to their family again. Thanks for always doing a great job at our school Mrs Yates.

We welcome Eybonnie Maker into the role of school cleaner. Eybonnie will be with us until the recruitment and selection process for our school cleaning position.

We also farewell Mrs Dickson who is on long service leave until term 4 2018. Ms Heaney will be replacing Mrs Dickson for the duration of her leave.

Next Thursday we will be holding our Cross Country at the Kia Ora Pony Club. The event will start at 9:15 with all age groups running. All parents/grandparents are more than welcome to attend. Students will need a hat and a water bottle to take over the road with them as there will be no access to water over at the pony club.

Please remember that all students must be accompanied by their parent/caregiver if at school prior to 8:15. There will be no staff member on duty until this time.

YEAR 2 - 3 - 4 CLASSROOM NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a bit of a break over the Easter Holiday. Thank you for having the children so well organised for their first week back. Much appreciated too, that almost all students are arriving on time in the morning. Class starts by 8:45, and as you know students who arrive at 8:15 have a short play and then come into the classroom for reading club. This was started last year and during this time we aim to listen to students read, help those who are still developing their word and decoding knowledge as well as share some interesting literature.

We have commenced our English Units and this term students will engage with the Narrative genre. To accommodate our year levels some of our students will focus on a great novel by Elizabeth Fensham, *Matty Forever*. It is a great story about friendship and the challenges it can bring. The other students will work on the narrative genre and will use a range of books by authors on the same topic. Both groups will explore how characters develop, the use of language by authors and the features and devices authors use for this genre. In Maths, students continue their general number consolidation and extension. This term we will work with fractions, (decimals for yr 3 and 4) time and money also.

Homework commences in week 3 (30th April) students will again have spelling, reading and some maths work to complete during the week and bring in on Fridays. We do encourage students to bring their reading folder each day, as it is a good routine to establish. That way, students are less likely to forget it on Friday. A reminder that Cross Country is on Thursday (3rd May) next week.

Regards Mrs Mac (Tracey McWilliam)

Triple P parenting support to suit your family. Parents and carers all have different needs, which is why Triple P offer many different ways to get free positive parenting help.

For in-person, one-on-one or group support you can find a provider by:

- selecting your location
- contacting your local child health service
- phoning 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) which is available seven days a week between 6.30am and 11pm.

For phone support call Parentline on 1300 30 1300 and ask to speak to a Triple P provider. Parentline is available seven days a week between 8am and 10pm.

To attend a seminar, please search the calendar or undertake the online program.

For further information, visit Triple P's website.

Kind Regards Damian

YEAR 5 – 6 CLASSROOM NEWS

In the 5-6 class we all have to admit it's a bit difficult to get back into the swing of things after being at the beach for a week. The 5-6 class were so beautifully behaved last week that it was an absolute pleasure spending a week away with this class! Congratulations parents on the terrific job you have done with your children! They did a great job of representing our school and community.

Next week we will resume our normal English and Maths programs. Homework will also kick off again next week.

We've got a busy few weeks ahead of us as we get ourselves ready for Naplan. This years Naplan testing will take place on the 15th, 16th and 17th of May and it will involve our year 3 and year 5 students. Students will be tested in spelling, grammar and punctuation, writing and numeracy over the three days.

Kind Regards Damian and Jackie

YEAR PREP - 1 CLASSROOM NEWS

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new term. Lots of things happen in term two, including issuing report cards in the last week. Of course that means that assessment will be occurring throughout the term so please send your child to school every day, unless they are sick. Every day counts.

Last week I sent home two letters; an information letter and a Show and Tell topic sheet. Please see me if you did not receive them.

This term the Preps have started learning sight words. They will have five new words to learn every week. There are also mini reading books that go with the sight words that reinforce the words. Prep students will have sight words, a fold up reading book as well as revising Jolly Phonics sounds for homework. Please return homework folders to school every day.

All students will be expected to do a Show and Tell talk each week this term. Students should choose a topic from the list glued into their homework book. The talks are much better if the students practise their talk at home beforehand. Show and Tell talks will be assessed this term.

We have started new units in both maths and English. In science this term, students will be learning about the different properties of materials. HASS will continue to be about family history. Reading groups have changed a bit with each student reading every day with an adult. The students have responded well to the changes.

Students will need a small, clean, glass jar for an upcoming activity. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could send along a jar by the beginning of next week. The preferred size is from a baby food jar to no bigger than 250g. Lids are not required but can be sent along too as they make good stencils for tracing circles.

We would like to welcome Traist to our prep cohort. He has settled in very well.

Just a reminder that our class has a Class Dojo account where parents can see what we have been doing in class as well as keep track of Class Dojo points earned. Students get a pick out of the

treasure box when they have accumulated 20, 40, 60 (etc) points.

Kind regards, Thea Politanski

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop will resume next week, Wednesday 2nd May. A menu will be sent home shortly.

Please keep in mind that orders must be in by 9am the day before tuckshop to ensure that no one misses out.

Orders to be written on brown paper bag. 1 bag for first break order and another bag for second break

P & C NEWS

The next P&C meeting is Tuesday 8th May at 5:30pm. All agenda items need to be emailed to Debbie by midday on the 4th May.

Please email your agenda items to debnkel2009@hotmail.com

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

If you have an outstanding account, please ensure that payment is being made. Please see the office staff to make a payment plan if required.

UNIFORMS

Uniform Sales: The uniforms will only be sold on Monday afternoon from 3:15 - 3:30 and Wednesday from 2:30 - 3:30. Alternatively, you can send money and what items you require to school with your child and they will be sent home. Please note that eft facilities are unavailable for uniform purchases.

LOST DOG

13year old Female Husky. Missing from the Neerdie area. Grey and white with black markings. Last seen yesterday afternoon on Toolara Road. Ice blue eyes and wearing a collar with large red tag.

Please phone or text 0431 470 432 if you are aware of the whereabouts of this dog.

NUDE FOOD FRIDAY

WHOLE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT INITIATIVE

The whole purpose of this initiative is to reduce the amount of rubbish we generate at here at our school. If students have a waste free lunch box they will be given a token. The tokens received will then go into a draw to be held at the end of term.

Each Friday, students are encouraged to bring a waste free lunch.

EYE SPY CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the students that have recently received an Eye Spy certificate. Well done everyone. Keep up the good work.



STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to our student leaders. Our leaders were presented their badges on Tuesday at parade by Mrs Lally, our P&C President. We were also lucky enough to have our adopt-a-cop attend our parade.



