



Ma Ma Messages

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Dates to Remember

TERM 2	
May	
Week 3	
Week 4	
13	NAPLAN - Literacy
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15	NAPLAN - Numeracy Mobile Library Van P&C Meeting
16	Cross Country
Week 5	
Week 6	
29	Mobile Library Van
June	
Week 7	
Week 8	
12	Mobile Library Van P&C Meeting
Week 9	
Week 10	
26	Mobile Library Van
27	Soccer/Netball Carnival Last Day of Term

Principal's Diary

(This section of the newsletter outlines meetings and events during the school year where the Principal will either be out of the school or unavailable.)

06 May Assistant Regional Director visit
(10am – 11:30am)

Facilities Meeting
(1:30pm)

09 May Budget/Finance Meeting
(9:30am – 11:00am)

Students of the Week

Teejay and Terry were the proud recipients of this week's Student of the Week awards.

In the Classroom

Sight Words Certificates:

Deena: Watermelon Words
Yolk Words
Flamingo Words

Terry: Cobolt Words

Ashley: Yolk Words

Cross Country

Students aged nine (Born 2005) and above this year, will be participating in the Lockyer Zone Cross Country next Friday 16th May at Lake Apex.

The expectation is that all of our students in these age groups will participate on this day.

We are asking for parents to be responsible for taking their children to and from the Cross Country or organising transport for their children.

The students have been training hard with Mr Donaldson and have been training themselves during the week.

NAPLAN Testing

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your

child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the [NAP website](http://www.nap.edu.au/) (<http://www.nap.edu.au/>).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mr Pearen.

Congratulations Bernie

Congratulations to Bernie who was placed 1st in her division at the recent Warwick Pony Club Campdraft.

Discover kindy fun!

The kindy section of the department's website is now home to fun activities, resources and events. The '[Fun and games](#)' page, features the 'Monster Match' game which was distributed to more than 35,000 rural and remote families in Queensland. The game was developed as part of the '*Kindy counts!*' campaign to communicate the benefits of kindy.

Visit

<http://www.qld.gov.au/kindyfun>

Transition to school from kindergarten

Starting school is a major life transition for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years' teachers in schools and kindergartens. By managing the transition to school in a supportive way, children's

continuity of learning is maintained.

A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community. Have a look at the Step up into education website (<http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/>) for more information and resources.

Chappie's Corner



31st May 2014

Last year, 1,600 communities & ¼ million people participated in NDoT events across the country. Please visit the website <http://www.thanksgiving.org.au/> for more info.

It was created 11 years ago as an opportunity to connect with your local community, using the universal language of gratitude. Studies show that daily expressing gratitude reduces depression, increases academic achievement and improves relationships.

In 2014 the suggested focus includes two primary groups:

Transport and Travel

We are thanking people who work in the transport and travel industries. This would include bus, train, tram, taxi, and truck drivers. Also, pilots, transport companies, couriers, and travel agents.

Neighbours

On the personal level, we are encouraging people to thank their neighbours. In our view the concept of neighbours goes beyond the person next door to

include those who, through their thoughtfulness and kindness, contribute in any way to make our lives more pleasant.

Here are some links to You tube clips that explain the power of gratitude:

Louie Schwartzberg: Nature. Beauty. Gratitude. http://www.ted.com/talks/louie_schwartzberg_nature_beauty_gratitude.html

The Science of Happiness – An Experiment in Gratitude <http://youtu.be/oHv6vTKD6lg>

(This one reduced me to tears!)

The Happiness Test Perfect Score! http://youtu.be/KKKu2_Lw1m8

P & C News

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be every Monday and orders need to be in by Thursday of each week.

Please place your money in an envelope and write your order on the order form attached to each week's newsletter.

We would like to thank Tenthill Store who are the providers of the lunchtime food component of our tuckshop each week.

P&C Meeting

The P&C Meeting that was due to be held this week has been postponed.

The next P&C Meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 15th May at 5:30pm.

Raffle Donations Needed

If you are able to donate any items for the raffle that the P&C are conducting at the Tent Hill Turnout it will be greatly appreciated.

These items can be delivered to the school any time prior to the event which is the 24th May.