Principal’s Message

Cross Country Carnival

Last Friday’s Cross Country Carnival was a very successful and enjoyable day. All students did their best and are to be congratulated on their efforts and behaviour. Congratulations also to our age champions. A big thank you to Miss Taylor and Mrs Quilter for organising such a successful Cross Country. Those students who qualify for the SRPSSA Cross Country at Jindera Golf Course on Tuesday 27th May will be notified shortly.

NAPLAN Assessments

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 sat the first of their NAPLAN Assessments today – Language Conventions and Writing. Tomorrow students will complete the Reading assessment and on Thursday, the Numeracy assessment. Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students will receive their child’s results of the assessments in September.

Walk to School Day

Next Friday 23rd May is National Walk Safely to School Day. Students are encouraged, where possible, to walk to school to promote “Active Kids are Healthy Kids”. All students will receive a sticker on the day.

Staff Leave

Ms Fage will be on leave from Monday 12th May until Friday 23rd May. Miss Emma Kissell will be in the office during this time. Ms Fage will return on Monday 26th May.

Program & Resource Fee

Thank you to those families who have paid their child/ren’s Program & Resource Fee or arranged to pay by instalments. Your support is very much appreciated and is a great investment in your child/ren’s education and our school. Don’t forget there are EFTPOS facilities available and in the coming weeks you will be able to access online payments through our website. Further information will be in future newsletters.

Too Sick for School?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E.

Yours in Education

Craig Allibon
PRINCIPAL
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**Dates to Remember**

*Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*
13th, 14th & 15th May
NAPLAN Assessments

*Wednesday 14th May*
Book Club orders due at school

*Friday 16th May*
Netball Knock Out Competition
Round 1

*Tuesday 20th May*
UNSW Computer Competition

*Tuesday 27th May*
SRPSSA Cross Country

*Wednesday 4th June*
UNSW Science Competition

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**HOME REMEDY FOR HEAD LICE!!**

Head lice become a continual problem this time of year....

Coconut Oil and Apple Cider Vinegar: Coconut Oil dissolves the lice’s outer skeletal shell instantly. Apply the oil thoroughly to the hair and comb with a nit comb and then rinse with vinegar. No nasty chemicals! Add a second rinse with the vinegar and comb through again with a nit comb. Repeat as necessary.

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**SRC News**

We had our Mother’s Day stall last Wednesday and sold almost everything! Make sure you listen up at morning assemblies to find out about the handball competition that the SRC are organising. It will be held at lunch times starting next week.

Good Raffle Winner Week 2: Congratulations to Clayton Scott.

Good Raffle Winner Week 3: Congratulations to Annie Coles

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**Book Club**

Just a reminder: all Book Club orders are due back at school by Wednesday 14th May.

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**Notes sent home recently**

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If you did not receive your note please come to the office.

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**REMEMINDER**

School banking for the Commonwealth Bank and Hume Building Society is done on Monday.
Class K-1

Well done K-1 on another day of fantastic behaviour at the Cross Country Carnival last Friday. We are enjoying our dance lessons with Bec on Thursdays. Please remember to label jumpers so they can be returned to the correct owner.

Class 1-2

Students began delivering their 'Family' speeches yesterday. Speeches will continue until Wednesday. The top speakers from both Year 1 and Year 2 will share their speeches at Thursday's Assembly. A note will be sent home Wednesday afternoon if your child has been selected. Spelling homework activities resume this week. It is reminded that students are expected to read nightly for 10 minutes, complete nightly spelling activities in their workbooks and any given Maths worksheets each week. Students who continually forget to hand in homework will be asked to complete the tasks before school or during lunchtime. Congratulations to Makaela Scheetz on reaching 25 marbles. She has been rewarded with a small prize. Well done!

Class 3-4

This week we are starting to write our speeches. They will be written in class and can be adjusted or added to at home. All students have thought about a favourite place they like to go to, visit or is make-believe. Every Thursday before recess our class has a dance lesson in the Hall. This Tuesday to Thursday there will be the Year 3 NAPLAN testing in our classroom. Year 4 students will work with Mr Kent during this period of time. Homework has begun for the term and can be brought in on Friday or on Mondays if the weekend is needed. Friday is preferable. Please keep up the home reading students!

Class 4-5

We have a busy week this week, with Year 5 doing NAPLAN testing today, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no home-learning sent home this week except for spelling revision. If you would like your child to have a practice test at home, they can be downloaded online. I still encourage students to revise their tables at home as much as possible. Well done to all students who participated in the Cross Country last Friday. Expression of interest notes for our Ballarat excursion in Term 4 were sent home last week; please ensure that you get those into the office as soon as you can so we know numbers. Have a good week.

Class 6

Last Friday saw the whole school participate in our Cross Country Carnival. What a fantastic day! It was great to see the high level of participation by our students who ran as best as they could with great results. The Year 6 girls will be attending the Netball Knockout this Friday afternoon at Henty. Expression of interest notes for our Ballarat excursion in Term 4 were sent home last week; please return these to the Front Office as soon as possible. Please read through our “Year 6 Term 2 Note”. I have requested that students bring in their own resources. This will help them organise their belongings come high school next year, and learn to take responsibility for them themselves.
Cross Country Carnival

Well done to all students who competed in the Cross Country Carnival last Friday. The day ran very smoothly and students should be proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to our age champions:

- **5 Years Champion (Boy):** Jake Hamson
- **5 Years Champion (Girl):** Matilda Wright
- **6 Years Champion (Boy):** Colby Lloyd-Wilson
- **6 Years Champion (Girl):** Sophie Dowell
- **7 Years Champion (Boy):** Thomas Hamson
- **7 Years Champion (Girl):** Phoenix Sadler
- **8 Years Champion (Boy):** Harrison Miller
- **8 Years Champion (Girl):** Charlotte Manton
- **9 Years Champion (Boy):** Mitchell Way
- **9 Years Champion (Girl):** Ruby Kane
- **10 Years Champion (Boy):** Karl Pearson
- **10 Years Champion (Girl):** Kayleigh Cook
- **11 Years Champion (Boy):** Jaspar Butterworth
- **11 Years Champion (Girl):** Georgia Way
- **12 Years Champion (Boy):** Rory Jenkins
- **12 Years Champion (Girl):** Ellie Mazzocchi
- **13 Years Champion (Boy):** Luke Fox

Congratulations to Hume who narrowly defeated Hovell on the day.

Netball Knockout Competition

Nine Year 6 girls are travelling to Henty this Friday 16th May to compete in the first round of the Netball Knockout Competition. Thank you to Mrs Schulz for offering to transport 6 girls. We are seeking another parent to transport the remaining 3 girls. Students will be leaving school at 1:30pm to play at 2pm at Henty Public School. Miss Ross will supervise students at school.

SRPSSA Athletics Carnival

Names of students who have qualified for the Southern Riverina Athletics Carnival have been displayed at the front of the school for the past week. The Southern Riverina Athletics Carnival is in Week 6. Notes will be sent home early next week. Again please speak to Miss Taylor if you are unavailable to attend the carnival, especially if you are part of the relay teams.

Whole School Sport

Whole-school sport resumes this Friday. Sport will now be after lunch at 2:30pm for Terms 2 and 3.

Premiers Sporting Challenge

The Premiers Sporting Challenge begins next week (week 4) and will continue until the end of week 4 of Term 3. Students need to complete at least 30 minutes of physical activity daily to receive an award.
Fortnightly Calendar Updates
Your Friend on the Fridge!

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Week 3

Monday 12th May
Tuesday 13th May  NAPLAN Assessments – Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday 14th May  NAPLAN Assessments – Year 3 and Year 5
Book Club orders due back at School
Thursday 15th May  NAPLAN Assessments – Year 3 and Year 5
Friday 16th May

Week 4

Monday 19th May
Tuesday 20th May  UNSW Computer Competition
Wednesday 21st May
Thursday 22nd May
Friday 23rd May
Congratulations to John Scott and Bev Piltz, who were the lucky winners of the P&C Mother’s Day Raffle on Saturday 10th May.

Thank you to all those families that donated items to be sold at our stall. We would also like to thank everyone who supported by purchasing items.

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Garden News

We are having a very busy time in our garden at the moment! We have spinach, silver beet, snow peas, red carrots, broccoli, cabbage and red onions growing merrily.

We have also welcomed four new chickens to our family. They have been settling in nicely.