Principal’s Message

NAPLAN results have been sent home this week for students in Years 3 and 5 who sat the tests earlier in the year. Parents and carers are welcome to make an appointment to discuss their child’s results with their teacher or me. Data obtained from the NAPLAN tests will be analysed by teachers to determine focus areas for future professional learning and to review current practices, as it can be a useful tool to use to evaluate what we are currently doing.

The Rostrum Public Speaking Competition was held on Tuesday night at GNPS. Students in Years 5 and 6, from 14 local primary schools, competed in the competition. Abbey, in 5/6T, was our representative and she spoke extremely well. The standard was high and Abbey should be very proud of her achievement. Well done, Abbey!

Our Book Week Parade was a fabulous display of creativity and fun. Congratulations to all who participated and thank you to those mums and dads who came along to watch. It was difficult to recognise some children because their costumes were so amazing. Thank you also to Mrs. Morris who organised the parade.

Leonie Pearson

Awards

Well done to all the students receiving awards at assembly last week.

Library Award: 2OK
Mrs O’Connell’s Awards: Blake – 3/4L
Charlotte – 2OK
Mathletics Award: Connor – 1B
Listening Award: Miss Laing’s 3/4/5/6 mixed class

Class Awards

KH: Isabella, Henry, Izaiah, Mason
KN: Josh, Alex
KM: Dylan, Cayden, Jack
1B: Nate, Jordan
1M: Corey, Rebekah
1/2M: Claire, Vivian
2OK: Elyssa, Nicholas
Miss Laing: Gladys, Jeremy, Ridley
5/6G: Jenny, Ben, Emily, Kyle
5/6T: Abbey

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A few small schools in the area have been involved in a puppet making project. They have asked us to be an audience for their show. They have been working with a professional puppeteer who will do a professional show for us as well.

It is a free event which will be in the school hall on Friday 28th August at 11:30am.

**ASSEMBLY CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK!**
If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please let the office know.

**Assembly Item with 1M**

1M put on a wonderful performance at last week’s assembly with a musical item of The William Tell Overture. All the children put in a great effort and enjoyed themselves.

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**Birthday Celebrations**

From time to time children bring in special treats for their class to help celebrate their birthday. If you bake a cake could you kindly write the ingredients down as we have children with allergies.

Cupcakes are a great way to share around the class as sometimes cutting a cake can get very messy for the teachers and children. Any small individual item is an easy way for the birthday child to pass the treats around.

The children love celebrating their birthday so let’s make it as easy as possible.

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**Lunch Box Items**

Please ensure your children are bringing healthy food and beverage choices to school as it helps with their learning and concentration in the class. Sugary items do affect the children’s behaviour so it would be greatly appreciated if they could be saved for when they are at home. Soft drinks and cordial in their drink bottles should also be an after school treat.

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**School Meetings**

14th September 2015
Fireworks 6:30pm
P & C Meeting 7pm
The children were able to consolidate their learning about the early settlement of Australia which they have been studying in class. Each child was given the identity of a convict, early settler, soldier or governor and given appropriate costumes to wear on the tour.

Following this we ate lunch at First Fleet Park and then boarded a ferry from Circular Quay to Cockatoo Island. On arrival we explored the island with a guide who explained the significance of Cockatoo Island in Australia’s history. Later that evening we enjoyed the spectacle of the city lights.
A night of camping in semi-permanent tents had us well rested in preparation for Taronga Zoo the next day. Being in the front row at the seal show had its disadvantages, i.e. getting wet, but one very lucky student was chosen to pat and shake hands with a seal. Members of the public commented on the wonderful behaviour exhibited by our students at the Zoo.

What a fabulous experience for all!

Thank you to the staff and parents involved in making this such a fantastic excursion.
The year six camp is fast approaching and there are still a number of families that have not paid the full amount.

This needs to be finalised straight away!

Please contact the office if you are having difficulty with the payment.

Parents are reminded that school camps are priced on the number of students participating. Where a child simply changes their mind about attending – **No Refunds** will be issued after final numbers are given which is approximately 4 weeks before the event.

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**FOUND IN PLAYGROUND**

A small child’s bracelet has been handed to office staff. If this is yours please contact the office.
What a fabulous parade we had with some amazing costumes worn by students and teachers. The characters they represented brought the books alive.