Calendar of Events

MAY
12-14 NAPLAN
14 Tuckshop
15 Cross Country—Lake Apex
22 Disney Dress Up Day

JUNE
8 Queens birthday holiday
26 Ball Games Carnival
End of Term 2

Our school newsletter is published every fortnight and also available on our school website.

EVERYDAY COUNTS!
Our school target is 95% attendance. 2015. ONLY 126 DAYS LEFT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION BY MAKING SURE THEY ARE AT SCHOOL. Parents must supply a reason for an absence. Either text, phone or send a note stating the reason your child is away.

P&C Association
Tuesday 12th May
School library
3.30PM
All Welcome

SCHOOL HOURS:
School commences at 8.55am
School finishes at 3.00pm
Please be prompt.
Late arrivals need to sign in at the office.

From the Principal...
Mrs Kowitz is currently on leave at the moment and Mrs Peach is the Acting Principal in her absence.

NAPLAN tests for all students in Years 3 & 5 will be held next week. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the skills in the areas of reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

All students in these year levels need to be at school on time. It is imperative that parents call the school if their child is sick on any of the days by 8:30 am.

Students have been prepared for these tests at school and through their homework activities for this term. The best way families can help to prepare their children is to ensure they go to bed early the night before and to eat a healthy nutritious breakfast. All students will need to ensure they have 2 pencils, a good quality rubber and a sharpener to complete the tests.

The test timetable is as follows:
Tuesday 12th May is the Language Conventions and Writing test. Language Conventions is a mixture of spelling, editing and grammar knowledge. The writing test consists of providing students with visual stimulus around a topic. They will required to write either a narrative or a persuasive argument to the given topic.
On Wednesday 13th May, students will complete the reading comprehension test, which consists of a Reading magazine with a range of different texts and questions requiring multi-choice answers.
On Thursday 14th May, students will undertake a Numeracy test.

If you wish to know anything further about next week or the testing please contact your child’s teacher.

Around the Classrooms ..

Prep—Yr 2 (Mrs Samuelsen) We would like to welcome Mrs Shandelle Voll into our classroom. Mrs Voll is a student teacher from Griffith University and is going to be working in our classroom for eight weeks. We are sure that she will enjoy her time with us.

Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Peach) In Maths this week we have been learning about angles and comparing angles to right angles. We have discovered that angles are everywhere around us. Fractions and using a knowledge of fractions to share fruit was an interesting problem, especially if we wanted everyone to have a fair share!

Yrs 5/6 (Mrs Kowitz/Mrs Martin) In Geography this week we have been looking at maps and finding places using the lines of latitude and longitude. We are now progressing to reading choropleths (maps that have colours that indicate information), and we are particularly focussing on South-East Asia.

Congratulations to our Students of the Week: Lucas, Johny, Layla, Chyane, Bly and Matthew.
SCHOOL NEWS...

HOMEWORK CLUB
Miss Daw’s homework club will start up again on Tuesday morning next week (28th April) for those students requiring extra assistance with their homework. It starts at 8.30 in the morning until bell time. There are also some students who may need Internet access to complete some work such as Reading Eggs, Language Perfect (German) or IMPACT practice due to data issues or poor service at home. This time slot is also available to those people so they don’t miss out on important learning opportunities. Please see Miss Daw if you would like to participate.

CROSS COUNTRY
Students competing in the Zone Cross Country next Friday, May 15 are reminded to be on time, take food and plenty of water while at the event. Students not competing are expected at school as usual.

BOOK FAIR
We will once again be hosting a Book Fair from Thursday May 21 to Tuesday May 26. Shop times are as follows: 8:15—8:45am and 3:00—3:30pm.

As part of our book fair activities we will be holding a Disney Dress Up Day on Friday May 22. Students are encouraged to change into their school uniform after the parade.

P&C STRAWBERRY STALL

INVITATION TO ALL FAMILIES!!!

You are all invited to take part in our BIGGEST fundraiser

What: Strawberry & Ice-cream Stall at the

When: Friday 17th & Saturday 18th July, 2015

Where: Gatton Show

Once again we are calling on ALL families to support this fundraiser. It is by far our biggest fundraiser, generally raising $3000 and requires everyone’s help to make it a SUCCESS!!!

Please add your name to the roster (which is located in the Library foyer notice board), every timeslot needs to be filled to make everything run smoothly (and hopefully I won’t need to chase too many of you up to fill spots!)

Thank you in advance for volunteering your time to support your P&C which in turn supports EVERY child.

If you need more information or can help with organising please call Kym 0409063838.

Playgroup

A big thank you to all those parents who have been attending our Playgroup. It’s been wonderful to see you all each week and great to get to know you and your children. Thanks for the support. For those yet to make it, why not come for a visit. Every Wednesday 9-11am.

GERMAN NEWS:
Welcome back to the new term! I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday. Just a quick reminder that Language Perfect homework is set each week and that this homework relates to the work covered in class and is a good way of revising learnt vocabulary, sentence structures and other learnt work. In two week’s time we will be having the Language Perfect World Championships where our students will be able to compete against students from around the world. I am looking forward to seeing the student’s knowledge and progress in learning German.

Tipp Kick competitions will begin in the next couple of weeks, with our Lockyer Valley Championships early in Term 3. I am looking forward to seeing the students engaging with this fun and interactive activity playing soccer on a board game.

Alles beste, Frau Chapman

Tuckshop Reminder

A reminder to all families that tuckshop orders are due at school by tomorrow, Friday 8 May. Tuckshop will held at school next Thursday 14 May.

ANZAC Day

A big thank you to all the students, parents and ex-students who attended the ANZAC day march. It was great to have such support from our school community and to represent our school with pride on such an important commemoration.
5 Ways to Pursue Happiness
Mental health experts suggest many ways we can seek the good life:

Give
Generosity is beneficial to your physical and mental health. Making someone else happy not only makes you feel better, it delivers measurable improvements in some health conditions. Doctors suggest that moving attention from ourselves may reduce exposure to stress hormones. Giving also empowers those who receive.

Connect
Your mother was right to point out that it’s not all about you. Social researchers say that looking outward instead of inward is fundamental to giving life meaning and keeping perspective. For those struggling with isolation and loss, re-engaging in community may begin with rediscovering the joy of helping others. Look for opportunities through community groups or churches.

Have faith
Believing that we are connected to something larger than ourselves and that our lives have meaning is an intrinsic human need. Research shows that an active spiritual life can have physical and mental health benefits.

Love mercy
Express gratitude for the good things in life. Love and mercy are two sides of the same coin and health professionals agree. Anger and resentment are very aging.

Be engaged
Be mindful of what’s happening in the here and now rather than worrying about the past or future. Life is now. Quit reading about happiness and go and talk to a real person. Go on, the list is all finished!

Marg Thorpe. Chaplain