From the Principal…

The first day of May marks the beginning of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month and provides an important opportunity for all state schools and workplaces across the department to raise awareness of domestic and family violence within school communities. This year’s theme for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is ‘Not Now, Not Ever.’ All over Queensland, in our workplaces, schools, sporting clubs, neighbourhoods and communities people are taking up the challenge to put an end to domestic and family violence.

We can all play a role in changing the culture and attitudes that underpin violence in our community. Domestic and family violence occurs when one person in a relationship uses violence or abuse to maintain power and control over the other person. Abuse is not always physical — it can be emotional, verbal, sexual, financial or involve threats and controlling behaviours. All forms of violence and abuse should be taken seriously.

Domestic and family violence can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences. It is important to seek expert advice if you think someone you know is being abused. DVConnect provides free, confidential advice and assistance to friends, family and victims of domestic and family violence.

Anyone can call the state domestic violence service, DVConnect on 1800 811 811.

**EVERYDAY COUNTS!**

Our school target is 95% or higher which was met in Term 1. Congratulations. Good attendance is vital to getting a good education as well as the law in QLD. Also, it is a requirement that absences need to be explained. Please phone us or send a note if your child is sick. Holidays and other non urgent appointments should be scheduled for school holiday times.

**SCHOOL HOURS:**

School commences at 8.55am
School finishes at 3.00pm
Drop off time: not before 8.15am
Late arrivals and early departures need to sign in/out at the office.

**Calendar of Events**

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**P&C Association**

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday 9th June
School library

**Mother’s Day Breakfast**
SCHOOL NEWS...

NAPLAN tests
Congratulations to the Year 3 and 5 students for their efforts in completing their tests this week. While there is a lot of media hype around the pressure of these tests, our students demonstrated the importance of aptitude and perseverance when confronted by a challenge. It was reassuring watching the students use the problem solving and comprehension skills, that they have been taught at school, to think and reason their way through the tests. So ‘Great Job!’ everyone. A big thank you to parents who also supported the students. Results won’t be available until later in the year.

DATE CLAIMER...
What: Whole school excursion
Where: Brisbane Planetarium & Mt Cootha Botanic Gardens
When: Friday 10th June
Cost: $10 per student (no money required yet)
Some further details: This excursion has a Science focus and links in to our Science units this semester. Students will be travelling by bus to Brisbane departing around 8.30am. We will travel to the Mt Cootha Lookout for a brief stop and morning tea. Our next stop will be educational activities back at the Mt Cootha Botanical gardens at 11.30am. Prep-Year 2 are learning about ‘Life Stages’ and Year 3-6 are doing ‘Adaptations in the garden’. A quick lunch at 1.00pm (BYO) and then we are off to the Planetarium for a 1.30 show. We should be back at school by 4.15pm. As the bus will be full, any parents wishing to participate must find their transport and pay their own costs. Permission notes are to be sent home next week.

P & C NEWS
Pie Drive Fundraiser
Please support the P&C by ordering your pies. A form is attached to this newsletter. Monies raised will go towards paying for the bus for the school excursion.

Hot Dog Tuckshop
Orders for the Hot Dog tuckshop have now closed. Hot Dogs will be served at Morning tea time next Wednesday. **Students still require to bring their own healthy snack to eat at Lunch break.**

Uniforms Orders—contact Gemma Zischke.
Update on the Spray Jackets: should be available early next week.

Drop Off Times
Just a reminder that students should not be dropped off before 8.15am unless a prior arrangement has been made. Please note that while the office opens at 8.00am, admin staff are not responsible for student supervision. For safety reasons, please ensure there is a teacher present before you leave your child. While our staff make their best effort to be at school early, there are times we may be at professional development, traffic delayed or sick.

Our favourite saying from Emu Gully Camp:
“Aptitude not ability determines your future”