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Term 2, Week 3,

DIARY DATES

26th May School Tour
27th May - 3rd June Reconciliation Week
27th May Student Free Day

Dear families,

I am pleased to report that we had a relative un-eventful NAPLAN week, with all students in grades 3 and 5 completing their 4 tests on writing, reading, language conventions and maths.

These tests give a valuable insight into the level of achievement within our student cohort. This information ultimately allows us to judge the success of the learning programs run within the school over a period of time.

This is the second year of running the majority of tests online. Despite the whole state experiencing an internet outage on one of the days, we managed to avoid the drama. I'd like to give a huge thanks to our Acting Senior Leader, Belinda Sturges, who co-ordinated over 600 individual tests that were completed between Tuesday and Friday. She also ensured that many students were able to complete catch up tests this week. I'd also like to thank staff who were involved in testing, staff who were flexible with timetables and ensured interruptions were minimised and Steven Grosvenor for making sure our technology didn't let us down. Parents will receive individual student results later in the year.

Parents Onsite

I would like to let the community know that from tomorrow, we are pleased to have people picking up and dropping off students from within the school yard. We are also happy to have parents volunteering in our classrooms. All that we ask is that if you have any Covid symptoms, or are feeling unwell, that you not attend on those days. I'm looking forward to being able to speak with people around the yard.

Assembly

We would also like to announce the re-commencement of our assemblies at 1.20pm next Thursday afternoon. Please look for an attendance registration that will be sent out early next week so that we can ensure that visitor numbers do not exceed venue Covid restrictions.

Notable Sporting Achievements

When I moved to the Mount, it didn't take long for me to realise that sport is a big part of many families' lives. Even more apparent, was that our student's sporting interests and opportunities reached wider than just football and netball. I quickly heard about student's being involved in baseball, cheerleading, motorsport and many other activities that didn't first come to mind when I asked if they played a sport. So today I would like to share some of the high level successes in the sporting arena that I have heard about recently.

Swimming

Some of our Year 5 and 6 students recently competed at the Hamilton Short Course Tournament. I spoke to Darcy and Alex who shared their results from the meet with me. Darcy managed to win an incredible 7 gold medals and Alex won 1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronzes. Both boys also teamed up in the Dash for Cash relay where they, along with their 2 other team mates, were victorious, sharing in the cash prize on offer. Congratulations to the boys as well as any other of our students who also competed at this meet. The boys will shortly be in the pool once again as they are due to compete in Warrnambool.

Cycling

Grade 6 student Freya is currently travelling hundreds of kilometres every fortnight to compete in various cycling races across SA and Victoria. Some of her best results came recently at Mount Buffalo in Victoria, where she raced in the time trial and 15km Road race. Freya was victorious in the time trial and came an agonisingly close second in the road race. Speaking to Freya, she was most excited about the amazing times she set in both events since they were significantly faster than the winner of the event in the previous year. This cyclist is ranked as a top future Olympic prospect. This week Freya's family can save on fuel as she is racing in a Mount Gambier event around the Blue Lake.

Well done to these students on their fantastic achievements. I know they are the result of an incredible amount of training and effort.

If any other students have achieved great results outside of school, I would love to hear about it so I can share the news with the school community.

Craig Scerri
Principal

Year 1 students have started their biological science

Science in Room 21

learning this term looking at insects. Room 21 has been drawing detailed pictures of ants and labelling their body parts. We have compared it to our new 'class pet' Buzzy the Bee and room 23's much more exciting stick insect pet 'Sticky' who came for a visit this week. We are hoping to answer our key question 'What features help different living things?' We have been trying to observe very closely to see the body parts and features of insects and are excited to soon do this for animals as well.



School Tour

We will be holding a school tour next Thursday 26th May at 9.30am. Please meet in the Library, we welcome you all to come along.

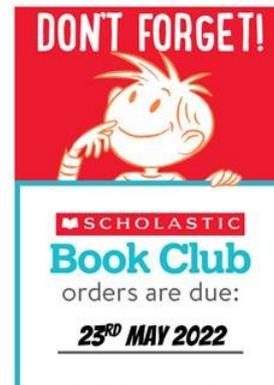
Lost Property

There is an abundance of lost property that has not been collected and is not named. Because of this, it makes it very hard for items to be returned to their owners. As we have so many of these unclaimed items we are offering for a **one time only** an opportunity for parents to come and collect uniform items at no cost.

We will set up tables with various sizes outside the front of the office on Thursday 26th May. Please feel free to come and help your self.

Can we please ask that the items you take are then clearly labelled and all other items you already have are also labelled with your child's name. This makes it far easier for the office staff to return it to your child.

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March in May

On Wednesday rooms 10 and 12, along with the students from the environmental group, went to Canunda National Park.



We did an 8.5km walk and stopped at different stations where we learnt about the natural environment around us. We saw and got told about a house that was used in the past by the people who farmed the land.

– Tristyn, Riley, Hayden.



At Canunda National Park we enjoyed listening to Uncle Doug teaching us about what happens in each seasons and about what the land looked like before European settlers came. – Molly, Tegan



Reading in Room 9



In Room 9 we are working on strengthening our reading stamina.

We build our stamina to help us read and focus longer. It's important to improve these skills in order to focus in different situations. We work as a team to set goals and brainstorm how we will reach success.

In this time we are collecting daily data so we can track our growth. We are already increasing our time and stamina!

Written by Olivia and Ava.

