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**Naplan**

Dates—May 13th, 14th, 15th

**Preparation Tips**

* Good Breakfast
* Lots of sleep
* Make sure children have a fruit or vegetable for Crunch & Sip everyday
* Plenty of water to keep brain hydrated

This term Year 4/5 students are writing a multimodal feature article. So far we have investigated sources and decided whether they are reliable. We have also gathered footage of the Black Panther found in Flotsam

This term Year 3/4 will be looking at humorous poems by different authors. They will identify structural features and poetic language devices. They will use this knowledge to evaluate the poems by expressing their personal viewpoint using evidence from the poem.

Year 3/4 Science Grass Heads

Year 4/5 History lesson
Good Afternoon Parents

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/).

A tip that schools received for parents:

*Students perform at their best at NAPLAN with plenty of sleep the night before the test; a great breakfast before they come to school; and a lowering of stress levels.*

Naturally, we wish your students well and if you have any concerns, please contact the office.

Mike
Rule of the Week

BE SAFE: EXIT A ROOM IN AN ORDERLY MANNER

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO EXIT THE ROOM IN AN ORDERLY MANNER?

Students need to be responsible for leaving their room tidy and exiting without disruption. Students can then move to another lesson, lunch break or to go home with safety and minimal noise.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

⇒ Listen to your teacher’s instructions
⇒ Pack up your books and equipment
⇒ Pick up the rubbish from the floor and place in the bin
⇒ Stand behind your chair
⇒ Close the windows at the end of the day
⇒ At the end of the day place the chair on the desk
⇒ Exit from the room safely and quietly as instructed by your teacher
⇒ Move to the next lesson, lunch break or to go home

Attendance Award—Every day counts

Attendance Award Week 1—Year 3/4

Facts

◊ 5 classes above 95%
◊ Weekly average 94%
◊ Congratulations Year 3/4 on 100% attendance for Week 1

HPE Award Week 2—Year

How can your class get the HPE Award?

♦ Active participation by all students in the lesson
♦ Listening to instructions and following directions promptly
♦ Participating to the best of each student’s ability
♦ Being considerate of others

Cathy Cameron
Dean of Students

How can you prepare your child for NAPLAN?

As a parent it helps your child, if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It’s better to see them as learning opportunities for kids.

It’s also worth remembering that many children don’t stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his/her stride here are some tips to help prepare your child or young person for the NAPLAN tests:

1. Take your cues from your child: If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.

2. Focus on doing their best and trying hard: Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results.

3. Listen to any concerns they have: If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings by saying, “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.”

4. Give them some relaxation ideas: Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5. Have your child prepared with a good night’s sleep, an adequate breakfast, getting to school on time and having a pencil and a rubber to do the test.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it’s going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.


Cathy Cameron
Numeracy Coach

Computer Skills—20th May

Tuesday 20th May—Computer Skills
Interhouse Cross Country—Wednesday 7th May 2014

Start Time: 9.15am—At the Cricket Pitch

1. 9 years Boys / Girls 1 km
2. 10 years Boys / Girls 1.5 km
3. 11 years Boys/ Girls 2 km
4. 5 years 200m
5. 6 years 300m
6. 7 years 500m
7. 8 years 700m
8. 12 years 3 km
9. 13 years / 14 years / OPEN Girls 3 km
10. 13 years /14 years / OPEN Boys 3km

All students have received a letter outlining the event. If your child has a serious medical problem that would prevent them from participating in the event, (even walking the course) please fill in the form and return it to school.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle, their lunch for the day and a broad brimmed hat.

MacIntyre Cross Country is on Friday 16th May. Notes will be given to eligible students. These notes and medical forms need to be returned to school by Tuesday 13th May at the latest. Please indicate transport arrangements for your child.

Cathy Cameron

WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 23 May 2014!

Julie Campbell

Literacy Update

With only 2 weeks to go before Naplan, staff are consolidating preparation for their students. I have worked with all year levels involved using scaffolded writing tasks and this has been linked to explicit lessons with their own class teachers.

The online program called “Project 600” with a Year 3 reading group has been going well – except when we have glitches in our access to the internet! The students have been enthusiastic participants, not only improving and expanding their reading skills but also their ability to use this type of lesson. It is great to see them explain to other students how to use these strategies.

The Interhouse Spelling Challenge is happening in the middle of the term.
Texas Little Athletics
Sign On Day
12th May 2014
2pm - 4pm at Texas State School Oval

Season Starts: 26th May 2014
Season Finishes: 28th August 2014

Twice a week Mon-Thurs 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Your choice to go both days or just one!!
Monday – Track/Running
Thursday – Throws/Jumps

For more info contact
Kath Roberts 0427 747 264 or Jody Stewart
0417 563 880

Kid’s Gym
Tuesday’s at 3:30pm – 4:30pm
For students in grade 4 – 10
If you wish to attend or want more information please contact Shannon on 0746533207 to book in.
Please don’t just turn up as there is paperwork that needs to be filled in and spaces are limited so I would hate to have to turn someone away.
Starting Tuesday 13 May 2014

Maths Olympiad 2014
Students in Years 5-7 will be selected to participate in the Maths Olympiad again in 2014.

Competition dates are as follows:
21st May
11th June
30th July
20th August
10th September

Cathy Cameron
Numeracy Coach

Texas Netball Association
AGM and General Meeting
Thursday 8 May
7 pm at Stockman Hotel

Term 2 After School Sports
TUESDAY - Rugby League with Mr Edmondstone
FRIDAY - Soccer with Mrs Kent

Starting: Week 3 to week 9 (3.15pm - 4.15pm)
Meet at the tuckshop after school for afternoon tea.
Permission forms must be submitted before participating.

Millwood Junior Rugby League

Texas Home Game
Millwood JRL vs Goondiwindi JRL
Saturday 10 May 2014
Reg Saunders Oval Middleton St Texas
Kicking off at 9am
Under 7’s through to Under 14’s
Canteen Operating
Come and watch our local kids in action!
Hi Parents

Sunday is Junior Golf Day! Texas students have been out at the Texas Golf Course for 3 Coaching Clinics with Warwick Golf Pro, Rob McConville, and our local Golf Coaches Sgt Greg Moore and Ben Sinclair. Lessons are from 9am each Sunday.

Last Sunday, Golfers braved the icy conditions to work on their Green Maintenance, Putting, Chipping and Driving. The work the coaches are putting into our young “Tigers” is appreciated by both parents and the junior golfers too – their game is improving rapidly and they’re having heaps of fun!

Seen here on the course working on their chipping is Thomas, Stafford, Lachlan, Sophie, Harry, Calvin, Noah, Cailin, Caleb and Maddy

The course is in great shape after recent rains too! If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact Ben or Greg to get the ball rolling!!

All the best and have a Happy Mothers Day!!

The Caddy!

2014 PLAY SCHOOL LIVE IN WARWICK

SECOND CONCERT AT 12 NOON

Kids Promotions in association with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation is excited to announce everyone’s favourite children’s television programme is heading to Warwick with their national concert show “Prince of Bears”.

Two concerts will now be held at The SCOTS PGC College Assembly Hall on Wednesday May 14, 10am and 12noon.

In Prince of Bears, Big Ted has a royal adventure as he sets out to find his castle. On the way he is joined by his friends Humpty, Little Ted, Jemima and the rest of the Play School toys. They find themselves having lots of fun and adventure along the way in small farms and in large towns but will Big Ted find his castle....

The popular Play School live shows are specially designed to delight preschoolers and parents alike. The concert features songs, games and stories, presented by two Play School presenters, along with the real stars of the show the toys.

As with the television programme, everything in the concerts is carefully paced especially for children. There are songs to move to, as well as quiet times to just watch and listen. The familiarity of the material and the presenters combined, totally engage the young audience and there is lots of audience participation.

Join Big Ted and his friends in Prince of Bears, on sale now. Tickets available from the main office at The SCOTS PGC College or online visit www.kidspromotions.com.au
MOTHERS DAY CLASSIC INFORMATION
SUNDAY, MAY 11TH...

REGISTRATIONS .... START AT 7AM .... CASH ONLY PLEASE
RUN/WALK....... STARTS AT 9AM
4KM RUN/WALK ... OR 8 KM RUN.... MEDAL FOR FINISHERS

AWARDS FOR THESE CATEGORIES.....BEST DRESSED,
PRETTY IN PINK, CUTEST COSTUME, BIGGEST TEAM,
BRIGHTEST OUTFIT, BEST WIG, BEST SPORTSPERSON
AND A ONESIE (ALL IN ONE) RUNNER/WALKER.

COST... ADULT $20....
CHILD 16& UNDER $10...
CONCESSION ....$12
FAMILY...(2 ADULTS AND UP TO 4 CHILDREN)...$50
FAMILY....(1 ADULT AND UP TO 4 CHILDREN).....$30

AUCTION OF PINK JERSEYS...BRONCOS, COWBOYS
AND QLD....PINK FISHING ROD...ETC

DRAWING OF THE KAYAK RAFFLE ..... 

BBQ, DRINKS, TOILETS AND SHOWERS AVAILABLE
(NO ALCOHOL PLEASE)

DOGS ON LEADS, WHEELCHAIR FRIENDLY, SLIGHT
INCLINES......NO MAJOR ROAD CROSSINGS....CHILD SAFE
ROUTE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
BREAST CANCER RESEARCH
SO COME JOIN THE FUN.... WEAR PINK
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

For all student absences please phone
Student Absence Line: 4653 3366

LATE TO SCHOOL
Any students arriving at school between 9am and 9.30am must present at the Office before going to class.
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