We look forward to hearing of their adventures and all about the positive experience they have been a part of. Many thanks to the adults in attendance for their wonderful care and tireless work during the camp!

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing is fast approaching for year 3 and 5 students. Please remember that it is a point in time measurement of progress and only one piece of information in the assessment jigsaw. Students are being prepared for the tests, by being familiarised with the format and provided with some simple strategies to assist when solving the problems posed in the test, including asking for help when they need it (teachers are able to read questions to students in the Mathematics component), making sure they read the whole question and all the answer choices, eliminating obviously wrong answers, circling key words, skimming text for answers and checking answers at the end.

All students have also had experience at writing Persuasive and Narrative Texts, one of which will be the task for the Writing component. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted May 13 – 15. All year 3 and 5 students participate, unless parents formally request that their child does not participate or an exemption is granted.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

Our student leaders represented the school and laid a wreath on behalf of our community at the Sunbury RSL ANZAC service. Our students represented the school in a positive and respectful way. Many thanks to the members of staff that attended and special thanks to Karen Francis for organising our representation. On Monday morning, we held our school ANZAC ceremony. For those in attendance, it was, as usual, a reflective occasion and our students demonstrated a very respectful attitude, sustaining their attention and involvement throughout. The choir performed 2 songs reflecting on those lost at war and the meaning of ANZAC Day. Readings were read by Nyah and Raees and I read some words that helped everyone to understand the meaning of the day and the relevance it has to us as a society. All classes laid a “wreath” as a symbol of their remembrance. The wreaths are currently on display in the foyer.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

CAMP

By all accounts the 5/6 students, staff and parent volunteers are having a good time at camp. The beautiful Camp Rumbug Foster North (an ACA accredited campsite) is located in South Gippsland and is set in over 30 acres of glorious natural bushland, and is the perfect environment for children to immerse themselves in the quintessential Australian flora and fauna experience.

The campsite accommodates all campers under one roof in clean single-sex bunk style rooms close to leaders’ rooms. With a huge shared dining room for maximum interaction during meal times and indoor activities, weather is never a factor. Tent style accommodation exists on site too for outdoor adventure camps.

The bushland setting with stunning views of surrounding hills and a distant Waratah Bay offer many fun and challenging activities including canoeing, rock climbing and abseiling, archery, ropes courses over land and water, as well as a huge outdoor campfire area.

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Many thanks to Kelli for her organisation and her rousing version of the national anthem. Special thanks to Margaret Jagor for coming along as a former member of the armed forces, as well as for her special talk to the 3-6 students after the ceremony on the role of women in the army.

STUDENT REPORTING
Teachers soon begin the task of preparing half year reports, to be forwarded to parents on June 20. We aim to provide an effective summary of student progress, highlighting some key achievements and planning for areas requiring further improvement, focus or challenge, and are based on student assessments from across the curriculum, teacher observations and student work. The reports are followed by Parent Teacher interviews on June 25.

Best wishes,
Phil and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS
PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge is part of our school reading program, and as such, we promote it in our classrooms and throughout the school. We value the Reading Partnership between the school and home and encourage you to read to and with your child and record their home reading on the challenge website. The aim of the challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Please do not hesitate to email me should you experience any difficulties logging on or your child/children to the Reading Challenge site as I can usually “fix” problems through my administrative role as the Challenge Coordinator.
Jo Fogarty (Literacy Coordinator)
fogarty.joanne.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

EDUCATION WEEK
Have a blast during Education Week with this year’s science theme! This will begin May 19th and conclude on Friday the 23rd. There will be a number of activities for students and parents to participate in at Killara. Our classrooms will be open for you to visit on Wednesday the 21st May from 2.15 pm and you can participate in a science related activity with your child/ren.
The SLC will run some lunchtime activities and our popular annual Paper Plane Fly Off for the lower, middle and upper school.
Science books will be on display, teachers will swap classes for a session and there will be a whole school Home Learning Task that is science based.
So start perfecting your paper plane prototype ready for Week 5. We hope you can share in the fun.
Thank you
Mandy Marks-White

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Friday, May 23 is Walk Safely to School Day. Walking to school has many benefits, including encouraging a healthy lifestyle, promoting safe pedestrian behaviour and reducing the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles. On the day, we will be surveying the students of the school to find out our impact on the environment. There will be reminders at assembly also. If walking to school is not an option due to the distance from your home, you can park your car a short distance from the school and walk from there. Thanks in advance for your support and encouragement.

TODDLER STORYTIME
Our first Toddler Storytime for Term 2 will be held on Monday 5th May in the Library. Our theme will be ‘Counting Songs and Stories’. We will also be playing some musical instruments.
Come along and have a good time! Plenty of room for prams and first time visitors.

PFA MOTHERS DAY STALL
Our stall will be held on Wednesday 7 May. Gifts range from $1 - $10. Any donations for the stall are still much appreciated.

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