CAFE ON THE COURT will be held on the morning of Thursday 6 May and will finish in the prep classrooms.

CAMP RUMBUG
Our year 5/6 students had a wow of a time at the camp last week and came back exhausted, but happy. During their time away, the campers were cared for by a number of adults, including staff, parents and prep teachers. We are very thankful to each of the people willing to give up their own time to assist with the camp and help to make it the huge success it was.

Special thanks to Chris Weeden for being the camp organiser, ensuring all planning, preparation and at-camp organisation was in place and successful and that the camp ran smoothly.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
A huge and hearty thanks to all of the PFA members involved in preparing for and running the Mothers Day Stall yesterday, which was a huge success and a valuable contribution to our calendar as a “service” and for fundraising.

PREP INFORMATION AND TOURS
(May 19th – 23rd – Education Week)
School tours and an information session are being organised for the families of prospective new preps for 2015.

Tours of the school are available on the morning of Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd, both starting at 9:30am. The starting venue will be the school theatre, enter via the auditorium and gymnasium foyer near the prep playground.

On Wednesday evening (21st), starting at 7:00pm, we have an information session which includes an insight into a day in the life of a prep student, presented by our current prep teachers. This session will also start in the school theatre and will finish in the prep classrooms.

The school will begin to receive enrolment forms from next Tuesday. If you have siblings at the school and won’t need to attend a session, please drop in to the office or call to request enrolment forms. For planning purposes, the sooner we receive the forms the better and we would like all enrolments completed by Friday June 27th.

NAPLAN
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) for Years 3 and 5 will take place next week from Tuesday May 13 to Thursday May 15.

This testing will take place in your child’s classroom and each assessment session will go for between 40 and 50 minutes depending on the task and year level.

Testing will take place next week as follows:
- Tuesday 13 May: Language Conventions / Writing
- Wednesday 14 May: Reading
- Thursday 15 May: Numeracy

Classroom teachers have focussed on familiarisation of the testing format and strategies to assist your child to complete the assessments efficiently and accurately to the best of your child’s ability.

Strategies that teachers have introduced which may assist your child include:
- Ask for help to read the instruction if you do not understand it
- Read the question carefully and all choices before marking anything
- Think about what the question is asking you to do
- Find key words or phrases in the question that will help you choose the correct answer
- Don’t spend too much time on any one question
- If you are not sure either circle the number or put a ? next to it
- Answer the easiest questions first
- Do your best and then move on
- Try to answer every question. Make the most intelligent guess you can if you are not certain

Children are reminded that it is okay not to know everything as these tests will have some questions designed to challenge the limits of your child’s knowledge beyond their expected level.

Specific strategies for numeracy include:
- Draw symbols, pictures, diagrams to show the information that is in the question
- SHOW WORKINGS e.g. Immediately change a horizontal equation to a vertical equation e.g.
  \[ 134 + 129 = 134 + 129 \]
- LINE UP PLACE VALUE correctly on your working out paper (thousands, hundreds, tens, ones)
- UNDERLINE KEY INFORMATION in the question e.g. least, most, likely, same, next, etc.
- LOOK FOR A KEY in a graph or pictograph

NAPLAN assessment is about creating an accurate picture of your child’s literacy and numeracy learning development, at a given point in time.
KIDS MATTER
A team of teachers and a team of student leaders attended the Kids Matter conference at Melbourne Park, held over Monday and Tuesday. Kids Matter is a framework for schools that identifies the key elements conducive to effective mental health growth and development in young people. The conference had a range of guest speakers talking about some aspects of those key elements and topics relating to community partnerships, partnerships with parents, digital citizenship, staff well-being and resilience in children provided us with a wealth of information, anecdotes and school examples to consider.

Our student leaders took part in a voices from the schoolyard “world café” session, discussing, clarifying and extending their knowledge about “what makes good mental health and well-being” and were both excited and highly motivated by the session.

Our Well Being Curriculum team will further consider some of these elements for future planning.

Best wishes,
Phil and Andrew

CURRENT NEWS
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.

CLASSROOM TISSUES
As the cooler weather has arrived so has the season for sneezing and runny noses and we are asking families to send a box of tissues for use in the classroom. Thank you.

COMPLETE KIDS
Due to high demand and program popularity we have increased our places available for both our before and after school care. Vacancies available Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Call 9740 2111 to book your place.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
MONDAY 12TH MAY AFTER ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY AFTER SCHOOL
ITEMS $2 - $5

5/6 CAMP – LOST PROPERTY
There is a large amount of lost property from the 5/6 camp. All outside rms 5 & 6

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PUPIL OF THE WEEK
TERM 1, WEEK 10

Junior School - Preps
 Thoughtful reflection of their learning

Middle School
 A great term at school

R1 Chelsea W, Chloe T
R2 Charlotte P, Riley W
R3 Darcie M, Ella R
R4 Chloie M, Jaxon G

R11 Logan J
R12 Amy C
R13 Lachlan C
R14 Patrick C
R15 Jordan M
R16 Amy C
R21 Cailyn D

Year 1/2
Teacher’s Choice

R17 Abbey H
R18 Matthew B
R19 Luke C
R20 Cameron R

R22 Ahnaf H
R23 Madeleine P
R24 Bailey P
R25 Rhys H
R26 Rylee S

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
TERM 2, WEEK 1

Junior School Preps
 For enthusiastically starting
 Term 2

Middle School Enthusiastically participating in all learning activities

R1 Jai L
R2 Jacqueline B
R3 Brooklyn M
R4 Zoe R

R11 Madeleine M
R12 Luke B
R13 Keisha H
R14 Mia S

Year 1/2
Sharing their knowledge about Anzac Day

R15 Charleigh W
R16 Skye H
R21 Jesse L

Senior School
Striving for accuracy

R17 Felix O
R18 Noah K-C
R19 Jackson V G
R20 Cameron W
R22 Wiremu A
R23 James G
R24 Angus M
R25 Lorenza K C
R26 Jacob W

R5 Connor O
R6 Colley M
R7 Jordan G
R8 Anjelina M
R9 Cody W
R10 Milo B

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
TERM 2, WEEK 2

Junior School Preps
 Being a caring and positive member of the classroom

Middle School Striving for accuracy

R1 Bailey H
R2 Alicia M
R3 Connor P
R4 Abbey M
R5 Hayden G
R6 Nathan W
R8 Isaac M
R9 Mia R
R10 Emma W
R11 Sean M
R12 Rohan C
R13 Lachlan M
R14 Phoenix M
R15 Stefan V
R16 Ben C
R17 Talia C
R21 Connor W
R25 Alexis C
R26 Alexandria R-D

Senior School
Persisting in learning tasks when challenged

R7 Talia C
R8 Isaac M
R9 Mia R
R10 Emma W
R11 Hayden G
R12 Nathan W
R13 Lachlan M
R14 Phoenix M
R15 Stefan V
R16 Ben C
R17 Talia C
R21 Connor W
R25 Alexis C
R26 Alexandria R-D