Relieving Principal's Message

Welcome back to another busy and productive week of school. I hope that all Mum's had a fabulous weekend. I am sure you were spoilt and lots of love was displayed over the Mother's Day weekend.

Now to business! This week all students in years 3 & 5 in all schools across Australia will be sitting the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy). The tests will be conducted in the student's classrooms beginning Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th between 9.00am - 11.00am. The test will provide the school with some data as to how the students are learning and how much they have progressed. The data from this test will be provided to schools and parents in late August. I urge parents to not place too much emphasis on the NAPLAN. You can support your child by asking some reflective questions at the end of the day. Here are some questions you might like to ask:

• How do you think you performed today?
• Which tasks were you able to complete easily?
• Which tasks did you find hard?
• How do you think you will approach these hard tasks next time?
• Which area of Literacy/Numeracy do you think you need help in?

Don't forget to ensure your child has a good night's sleep, start the day with a good breakfast and arrive at school on time!

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Relieving Principal

P & C News

P & C Meeting tomorrow morning 9am in staffroom. Everybody is welcomed to come an join in.

Thank you

Nepal Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who kindly donated some money to the Nepal Appeal for the recent earthquake. Our school raised $496.20. Well done.

Class Awards

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Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Please send in any unwanted, clean clothing in any plastic bag to your child's classroom.

The last day for donations will be Friday 29th May 2015.

Class News

Kindergarten

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the afternoon tea last week. It was a lovely chance to spend time meeting and getting to know each other.

Don’t forget to bring in the permission notes for the farm excursion that is coming up next week. Please note that enrichment fees of at least $50 must have been paid before the excursion. All the students are very excited about our upcoming trip.

The home reading program is a valuable opportunity to read with your child each night of the week. Ensure that the books are returned every day so that your child has a new book. If you are available to help out and make this program successful, please see the volunteers in the reading room after the morning bell.

Year 1 and Year 2

Congratulations to the year 2 students that participated in the Cross Country Carnival on Friday. Topic talks this week are all about your family. You received a template for the 'Family Quilt' in week 1. If you need another copy, please see your class teacher. We are looking forward to putting all the quilt pieces together to make a beautiful family display in our classrooms.
**Year 1 and Year 2 cont....**

Don't forget to return your library books each week so you can borrow some fantastic books from the library. We would love to see every student in every class borrowing on a regular basis.

Have a wonderful week!
Miss Langhans

**Year 3**

NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 will take place this week. Below is a list of ways you can help your child achieve their full potential for these tests:

- Make sure your child goes to bed early the night before (no later than 8.30pm).
- Encourage your child to get their uniform and bag ready the night before.
- Ensure that your child gets up a little earlier than usual so they have plenty of time to eat a nutritious breakfast.
- Please pack fruit break, a healthy lunch and a bottle of water.
- It is a good idea to arrive at school no later than 8.45am so your child is not rushed or panicked.

Talk to your child about these tests each day and find out what they enjoyed and what they found difficult.

- Encourage your child to answer all questions and remind them to edit and check their work carefully at the completion of a task.

Just a reminder of the tests the students will be sitting this week:

**Tuesday 12th May:**
+ Language Conventions (spelling, grammar & punctuation): 40 mins
+ Writing (either persuasive or imaginative text): 40 mins

**Wednesday 13th May:**
+ Reading: 45 mins

**Thursday 14th May:**
+ Numeracy: 45 mins

Year 3 students have been preparing for these tests within their classrooms and we know they will all do their best. Good luck to all the Year Three students, we know you will give it 100% and achieve wonderful results.

The first winter PSSA games will be held this Friday and training sessions will be held after school during the week. Students who have made PSSA teams need to bring back to their coaches two signed permission notes (PSSA and training note). On Friday every student in Years 3-6 should be in full sports uniform, have a school hat and bring a water bottle clearly marked with their name and class. School sport will also commence this Friday.

Thanks for your continued support in your child's education.
Have a fantastic week 4!

Mrs Heifetz

**Year 4 and Year 5**

A reminder that applications for Year 5 entry into an ‘Opportunity Class’ in 2015 are now open and that applications close on Friday 15th May 2015. Information packages are still available from Mr Clarke.

Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN assessment this week. The first assessments are Writing and Language Conventions tomorrow. A couple of final reminders; please make sure that your child has a good night’s sleep, a healthy breakfast and are at school prior to 8.55am.

Last Friday we held our cross-country carnival. I was impressed with the fine effort of all the runners in completing the race. A huge thank you to Mrs Abraham, Mrs Harris for organising the carnival and all the other teachers who assisted and ensured the races went ahead smoothly. Children who qualified for the Zone carnival will receive a permission / information note this week.

Finally, the updated reading lists have been posted on to the reading blog and children have received a hard copy of the list from Mrs Sell. If you have any questions about the reading program please see your child’s teacher or myself.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

**Year 6**

Over the last few weeks, our Year 6 students have been writing the first drafts of their very own picture book, inspired by the work of Anthony Browne. They are all now up to publishing their book, which will be their homework task for this week. We cannot wait to see their finished picture books!

Next week is the Writer’s Festival at Parramatta Riverside Theatres. There are still some spots available, however they will fill up quickly so make sure you return your permission note and money asap to avoid missing out on this fantastic opportunity!

Year 6 have been using Edmodo as an online educational tool to discuss their learning. We will be holding an information session for Year 6 parents on Edmodo on Monday 25th May at 3:30pm, so that we can get you online and involved in the great discussions about learning too!

Have a fantastic week!

**Library News**

Please make sure you return all books and ALL children must have a library bag - not a plastic bag as they don't last.

There is no Parent Meeting next week as I will be absent from school. We will resume 25th May looking at non-fiction. Mrs Sell