Principal's Message

Welcome to Education Week! I always think of this as an odd term, because we believe that EVERY week is about education, but it is the week when we hope lots of parents can visit us and learn a bit more about what we do.

There are activities on every day this week, so we hope to see you all at least once! Thank you to the P&C who will be running a morning tea café on Thursday and Friday. We encourage K-2 parents to bring along a picnic to share with their children on Friday. Make sure that you check out the flyer, which has all the details of times and events for this week.

Next week our Recorder and Violin ensembles will be playing at The Opera House. We are very proud of these children and all the hard work that they have put in to their practicing at home and at school. Thank you to Mrs Vukovic and Mrs Wang for their tutoring of the violin students, and Mr Harrison for his assistance with the recorders.

Growing our children’s brains

Teachers have been talking to the children about how to grow their brains and become smarter. We use the analogy of the brain being a muscle that needs to be worked. If we only do easy work (like lifting light objects) our brain will not grow stronger. Doing work that is just a bit difficult helps our brains to grow. It takes effort, we need to make mistakes and learn from them, we want children to enjoy challenges, not be worried about them. Parents can help us in this. Instead of asking children for results in tests or about how many things they get right, you can ask them about what they learnt. What they struggled with and how they solved a problem. If they haven't had to struggle, then we are giving them work that is too easy! They need to know that effort, sticking with a problem, with help if necessary, is what will help them learn - and it feels good.

Another analogy I have used with children is about practice. When people walk across an area of grass over and over again, a path is formed. We have all seen this in parks. When we practice something - like a times table for instance - we form a path in our brains until it becomes automatic. The more often we practice, the more permanent the path becomes. We are actually changing the shape of our brains when we create these paths.

Don't forget the book fair in the library all this week, and parents of children in years 2 and 3 have a special session on Monday afternoons this term from 2.15.

3-6 Athletics

This hasn't been cancelled, merely postponed. Hopefully the weather will be kinder on August 6th.

NAIDOC

Next Monday 3rd August we will be celebrating NAIDOC Day. The theme this year is "We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate. As part of the day's celebrations, students will be participating in various related activities and we will be having a mufti day to support The Fred Hollows Foundation and Australian Literacy & Numeracy Foundation for children in remote and indigenous communities. Please wear an item of clothing which is red, yellow or black and bring a gold coin donation.

Looking forward to seeing you during the week,

Anthea Donaldson
Principal

Class Awards

KA  Joelle
KD  Tahlai
KR  Ruhan
1F  Yashri
1L  Mafua
1N  Sajaad
2F  Emran
2L  Joshua
3B  Harun
3/4S Brian
4H  Abhinav
5M  Manraj
6M  Sameer

Library News

Bookfair is in full swing. Come along and buy a book - some great bargains available.
8.30am - 8.55am, 1.10pm - 1.30pm 3pm - 3.30pm
All books sold get a free bookmark and a raffle ticket for some book prizes.

Don't forget our Parent Workshop for Parents of Year 2 and 3 on Monday afternoon at 2.15pm. Would love to see you there

Mrs Sell
Class News

Kindergarten

The cooking lessons from "our lives" theme has started very enthusiastically, with all classes being involved in some hands on cooking. Please ask your children what they have made and how they helped during the cooking lessons.

We have many opportunities for you to come and be involved in Education week. You can come and watch the gymnastics lessons that your enrichment money helps pay for. KA & KB are Tuesday at 11:15, KR & KS are Wednesday at 9:35 and KD & KN are Wednesday at 11:55. Also could you make sure that your enrichment money payments are up to date, so that your child does not miss out on this great experience. If you are unsure please discuss with your classroom teacher about the payments.

We would love to have you all come into your students classes on Friday at 10am before staying around for the K-2 athletics carnival, followed by lunch with your child.

We are looking forward to seeing you in our classes for a great week!

Miss Richards

Year 1 and Year 2

This week is Education week and we invite ALL parents to come along. Gymnastic classes are on:
Tuesday 28th July - 8.55am 2A & 2F, 9.35am 2G, 1F 1-4G, 10.15am 2L, 11.55am 1L & 1M
Wednesday 29th July - 12.35pm 1N & 1H
Open classrooms are 9.30am on Friday 31st July and then K - 2 Athletics Carnival starts at 11am. Picnic lunch with the K - 2 children at 1pm followed by presentation of Athletics awards at 2pm.

We are having an excursion shortly to Centennial Parklands. Please ensure you have signed the permission note and your Enrichment fees are up to date. Year 1 is going on 18th August and Year 2 is 11th August.

Year 3

Welcome to Education week. All parents are invited to come along and watch our gymnastic classes.
Tuesday 28th July 2/3J - 10.15am 3B - 12.35pm
Wednesday 29th July 3H - 10.15am
Open classrooms are on Thursday 30th July at 11.30am (including 2/3J).

Please continue to make regular payments to the Enrichment program so your child doesn’t miss out.

Year 4 and Year 5

Firstly, I would like to remind parents that this week is Education Week. You are invited to come up to school and watch a gymnastic lesson, visit classrooms on Thursday after recess and come along to our 3-6 assembly. We are looking forward to having you visit us this week.

A reminder that the English Competition will be held tomorrow, if your child is participating please ensure that they are at school by 8.55am.

Finally, have you been talking with your son or daughter about the books they are reading? Each week they will be reading for many different purposes, whether it is for research, practising reading skills or for enjoyment. It may only take a few minutes, but it is an important discussion to have.

Enjoy the week,
Mr Clarke

Year 6

Thank you to the parents who have been paying instalments for ‘Enrichment Fees.’ Most of the students are now participating in the gymnastics program and will be able to attend the excursion that is coming up.

We are constantly talking to our students about the reading challenge and the need for students to strive towards their goals, even when it is hard. Please talk to your child about their progress. We are tracking their progress over time, focusing on consistent growth and looking for any students who are not moving or below where they should be at this point in time. Our main goal is to strengthen reading stamina and build life-long readers. The book fair is on at this moment in the library. What a perfect opportunity to purchase books at a great price.

We hope to see as many parents as possible come up to the school on Thursday to watch the Year 6 students teaching a Peer Support lesson. It is a wonderful program that promotes leadership skills, organisation and teamwork. This is a great opportunity to see your child teaching and mentoring others.

We hope you are continuing to track your child on Edmodo. We would be very appreciative on any feedback you may have about this learning tool. Please feel free to come and see us at any time.

Year 6 T-Shirts will arrive soon and be handed out to the students who purchased one.

Happy Education Week! Please come along for a visit if you can!

Mrs Rhodes
Sport News

We were held to ransom again by the weather last week with some sporting events happening and others postponed because of the weather!

Our 3-6 Athletics Carnival was postponed due to the rain, the backup date is August 6th. K-2 students are excited that their Athletics Carnival will be this Friday 31st July on the school field at 11am, family and friends welcome.

Our PSSA teams competed in the next round of their winter competition last Friday. All students were excited to play after all the cancellations. They are hoping that this week brings luck for the competition as well. Don't forget training afternoons during the week and your bus fare, water, school hats, uniforms and personal safety equipment for game day!

Friday's School sport was an exciting afternoon of rotated activities, cleverly arranged by Mrs Harris and Mrs Abraham. Thank you ladies for the variety of activities and the opportunity to develop skills.

We have had 2 challenging yet fun sessions of Gymnastics where we have learnt about and developed our balance. We are most excited for our next lesson and hope that our parents will be able to come and watch our lesson this week (please see Education Week note for details of session times).

Finally thanks to our mums who prepared our delicious burgers last Thursday, we hope you are able to repeat the supply on the 6th August on our back up day.

University English Competition

Tomorrow, Tuesday 28th July, the English Competition will be held. Miss Stuart and Mrs Seccull will be supervising. The competition will take place in the morning session, students will be advised of the exact arrangements at morning assembly.