Dear Parents and Community Members...

Assembly times for Friday, August 21 have changed

K/1C is in the Infants hall starting at 9:15am and 3:48 in the primary hall starting at 10am. These have been made because we have students performing in the Eisteddfod.

Last week we welcomed our local pre-school and day care centres to participate in our Oceans of Fun Day. Students rotated around different activities – outdoor games, art and craft and story reading. Everyone had a lot of fun. Thank you to all of the teachers involved for spending many extra hours preparing for our day.

A huge thank you to Dennis Hillery for donating many bales of hay to use as mulch in our front garden. The gardens are looking great.

Week 8 we will be holding a parent information afternoon/evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come up to the school and see what your child is learning and how you can further support them at home. Attached to the newsletter is more information. We really hope to see you there.

Last Friday we had an out of school uniform day to raise money for the Westpac Helicopter Service. Congratulations, we raised $260.90 for a very worthy cause.

For many, many years our school has sponsored a girl through World Vision. The front office has a 5c collection tin and welcomes any donations to support Thi Khanh Linh Ho.

I would like to thank teachers for the extra time and dedication to enhance the learning of our students. Some of the Professional Learning our teachers have been involved in over the past 18 months:

*Count Me In Too (CMIT) – A series of Adobe Connect sessions totalling to approximately 24 hours plus time to contribute to in-between session tasks. CMIT looks at what strategies students use to solve arithmetical strategies and how to plan purposeful learning activities suited to individual needs.

*Focus on Reading (FOR) – Delivered in school over 18months totalling approximately 34 hours of learning plus in between session tasks and in between school based modules. Focus on Reading 3-6 is an intensive professional learning program for teachers to support the explicit teaching of the key aspects of reading in the middle and upper primary years, specifically comprehension.

*Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) – Kindergarten teachers and teachers of grades 1 and 2 were involved in approximately 22 hours of in school training and received further in class support through demonstration lessons and team teaching. TEN engages teachers in classroom-based learning through observation, diagnostic interviews and reflection using classroom activities. Student learning is individualised and focuses on advancing early arithmetical strategies.

*Arithmetical Strategies – teachers of grades 3-6 were involved in two days of learning about the progression of student learning to develop more efficient arithmetical strategies and how to differentiate lessons to cater for individual students.

*Language, Learning, Literacy (L3) – Kindergarten teachers started their training this year and are still in the process of learning. It involves 12 in school half day professional learning sessions over the year. Students receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups of three. Students then complete independent, individual or group tasks. This occurs in the daily Literacy session.

*Writing focus Stage 1 – Teachers worked to become more familiar with the Literacy Continuum and shared work samples to enhance consistency across the classes. Student needs were looked at on an individual basis and future teaching directions were decided.

*Assessment for Learning – This has been a major focus underpinning all of our professional learning. Assessment for Learning is the process of seeking and interpreting evidence for use by learners and their teachers to decide where the students are in their learning, where they need to go and how best to get there.

*Differentiation – This has also been a major focus underpinning all of our professional learning. How to differentiate lessons to cater for all students in the classroom.

We have had some wonderful progress and results. Some of these results are:

* NAPLAN 2014: School Reading target exceeded: The percentage of students achieving greater than or equal to expected growth in Reading, from Years 3 – 5, increases from 35.7% in 2013 to 45.0% or higher in 2014. (Result, 51.9%)

* Mid Term 2 TEN Results 2015

Kindergarten - 100% Kindergarten students have reached minimum targets for the end of the year, 45% of students are above target - 39% of these students are at the end of year 1 minimum target while 6% have reached the end of year 2 minimum target.

Year 1 - 32% of students are on target, 45% of students are above target - 43% reaching the end of year 2 minimum target while 2% beyond end of year 2 minimum target.

Year 2- 49% of students are on target while 30% are exceeding the end of year 2 minimum target.

More results will be shared in future newsletters.

Have a lovely week.

Lorelle O’Brien

NAPLAN

Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN results will go home later this week. Please make sure school bags are checked.

Book Club

Book club has been handed out and is due back to the front office on Thursday, September 3 by 9am.
**Meal Deal—“Munch & Crunch”**

Nachos: A bowl of corn chips topped with tasty meat sauce and melted cheese plus a popper and a vanilla ice cream Dixie cup $5.00

Other choices: Hot dog in roll with cheese $3.00
Classic mince beef pie $3.50

**Thank you**

A huge thank you to parents and grandparents for your ongoing support to the canteen. It is very much appreciated by us all.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**DONATIONS (This Week)**

- **Lettuce**: Leonie Pederson
- **Mayonnaise**: Lara Flanagan, Kris McCowen
- **Blocked Cheese**: Sarah Nalder, Margaret Ellis
- **Mince**: Terri Smith
- **Tomato Sauce**: Bec Ebbern, Angela Kerrigan
- **Tomatoes**: Tracy Caldwell
- **Carrots**: Nicole Arnold
- **Margarine**: Marie Thomas

**Police Visit**

Thank you to Senior Constables Todd Cremer, Miranda Capsalis & Jason Dodds for speaking to our Year 6 students on Friday.

Senior Constable Cremer’s presentation to the students was highly valuable.

It raised students’ awareness and understanding of some key issues they may have to face including cyber safety, bullying and drugs. The information provided in the session should assist our student in making good decisions when dealing with these issues.

Key messages that students took from the session were:

- *Any digital image or message can be accessed and shared by anyone – there is no such thing true privacy once online.*
- *Online bullying is a crime which can have serious consequences for both the bully and the target.*
- *The potential outcomes of drug use are scary – drugs are not worth trying.*

For more information on safety online and technology use, checkout [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology)

**Twitter @SHPMPS**

SHPMPS is now on Twitter!

Follow us using '@SHPMPS' to see snippets of the great things that happen in classrooms on a daily basis.

The account has only just been established, but many more pictures will be uploaded as time progresses.

**Principal Award**: Annie-May Newman (Week 5)
OCEANS OF FUN
On Wednesday, September 2 we will be holding a parent information evening.

**Mrs Caldwell will host a session on how to help your child when reading K-2:**
*Overview of what is taught.*
*How to help at home.*
*Literacy games.*
Starting at 5pm

**Mrs O’Brien will focus on early numeracy strategies K-2:**
*Early Arithmetical strategies.*
*Targeted Early Numeracy*
*How to help at home.*
Starting at 5:30pm

Mr Pryce will discuss how technology can enrich the learning experience, at both school and home:
*21st Century Proficiencies.*
*How our school is changing its use of technology for learning.*
*What device should I purchase for my child?*
*Good educational apps and websites.*
Starting at 6pm

**Miss Coats will focus on learning and transition strategies 3-6:**
*Learning in our environment.*
*Transition to High School.*
*Briefing on English and Maths.*
Starting at 6:30pm