Week 4 Term 2

Principal
Toby Morgan

Executive

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1
Jody Hall (Rel)

Stage 2
Tania Pilon (Rel)

Stage 3
Jemma Wallace

Support
Debbie Williams (Rel)

Dates for your Diary

May
12th NAPLAN starts
13th Whole School Assembly 2.45pm
P&C Meeting 7pm
Pastoral Hotel.
20th Primary Assembly (Support Classes)
Hosting 2.45pm
28th Infants Assembly
KMY Hosting 2.45pm

June
3rd District X/Country
Whole School Assembly 2.45pm
10th Primary Assembly
3/4B Hosting 2.45pm
24th Athletics Carnival

Message from the Principal

NAPLAN Testing
This once a year testing for all students in Years 3 and 5 commenced today and will carry over the next two days. Students will complete testing in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy. Whilst these tests are important, they are just a snapshot outlining your child’s ability and academic levels, and I believe much more importance should be placed on teacher and school based assessments. Please ensure all students in Years 3 and 5 are at school on these days and ready to sit the tests – early to bed the night before and a healthy breakfast are a great start.

Old Clothes
If you have old school clothes at home that are still in fair condition, could you please drop them in to the front office to be re-used. The school runs a clothing pool which sells second hand clothes for a small donation, and we are constantly assisting families so any donations would be greatly appreciated.

School Behaviour
Please remember that participation in all sporting events, school based excursions and public events is based entirely on student behaviour. Such events are not mandatory and students will not be allowed to attend if their behaviour is not satisfactory. This includes disrespectful attitudes towards staff and students, refusal to follow instructions and defiant behaviour.

School Contributions
Next time you are at school please drop in to the front office and pay your school contribution fees – these are $40 per child or $80 per family. These fees are used to purchase resources such as sporting gear and educational items and as we only receive limited funding for various projects, assist us greatly with the day to day running of the school.

Have a great week.
Toby Morgan Principal

Principal’s Award

Congratulations to Tyra Towney or giving 100% at all times.
Responsible     Safe     Respectful

Congratulations

Supa Breakfast
Breakfast is on Tuesday mornings,
in the Planning Room, from 8.30am to 9am.
Have breakfast & share some “good news” stories.

CAANTEEN Meal Deal
Thursday 14th May
Dagwood Dog + Ice block
$5.50

News From the Library
Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Dominic Quarman and Jessica Woods who are the first to complete the Premier’s Challenge. They will both receive their final prize at tomorrow’s K-6 Assembly and a certificate from the Premier at the end of the year.

› Are you good with words?
› Can you help me win a competition?

Scholastic are having a competition to win an author and illustrator visit to a school. Not just any author but the award winning EMILY RODDA!
In 25 words or less, tell us why you’d love to have author Emily Rodda and illustrator Marc McBride at your school. Entries are due to Mrs. O’Reilly by the end of term, so I can enter the competition on time.

LOOK!
Don’t forget to download the new Active School Phone App
What A Great Idea!!
It’s an easy way to send in late notes, request a meeting with a teacher, change your details and see what’s available at the school canteen
Why wait download it NOW

Students of the Week
Term 2  Week 3
KC     Caleb Kleppe
KMY    Chaise Triplett
1B     Inala Gibbs
1/2H    Harmony Fearne
2C     Brock Briggs
3/4B    Kelly Corcoran
3/4L    Lilly-Dawn Glover
3/4P    Ebony Midgley
5/6A    Riley Fish
5/6H    Tilly Hollier
Red    Hayden Kelly
Blue   Cooper Westcott
Yellow Ben Pepper

Uniform Award - Wk 3
K-2 was KMY & 3-6 was 5/6A

P&C Meeting
Wednesday
13th May    7pm
Pastoral Hotel    All welcome

Mothers Day Raffle Winners
1st Sue Rice - Watch
2nd Taneisha Triplett - Massage Voucher
3rd Delma-Jean Riley - Doona Cover
4th Amanda Gann - Pamper Pack
Congratulations to all the winners. We hope all our Mothers had a wonderful day on Sunday.

Out of Uniform Day
Thursday 21st May
Cost $1
“Favourite Football Colours”
Congratulations to all the new Students of the Week, Merit Award recipients, everyone who had a birthday & especially, Tyra Towney who received the Principal’s Award.

Look what we made for Mum

Happy Mother’s Day!
Speech Sound Pics Program

Tips for Reading and Spelling

In the early stages of reading it is vital that children only see 'speech sound pics' they recognise in the books they are being expected to read. This helps to develop their reading fluency and comprehension and also doesn’t require their brain to keep stopping and starting because it doesn’t know these sound pics. It is also important to consider that if the pictures in a book were taken away would the reader be able to code (blend individual speech sounds to make the word) it on their own? If the answer is no, then a more appropriate book at their code level may be required.

If you are teaching a child to read and they do not know a word, it is important not to ask them to ‘sound it out’ because they would have done so if they were able. At school they are being taught not to guess or leave out unknown words. Instead, they are given the speech sounds - the child then blends/combines these sounds to make the word. Alternatively, they might be told the word and they then have to map (separate/segment) the speech sounds with the sound pics (letters) in the word. This maintains the flow of the reading and meaning is not lost. When a child does not know how to spell a word, they are learning to use the SSP Spelling Strategy: say it, Duck Hand it, draw a line for each speech sound and number, work out the choices (with the help of the sound clouds).

Brospeak/Sistaspeak Program

On Friday afternoon, Stage 3 students who are involved in the program visited the Bangamalanha Centre in Arthur Street.

They were shown artwork & artefacts, some made by Mrs Ferguson’s

Some wrote a story in the sand. Boys played the didgeridoo with Mr Hall.
After they did their activities, they all enjoyed a nice afternoon tea.

PBL NEWS

The focus this week is Responsibility
Right place, right time. Do your best.