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Principal’s Message

NAPLAN

The Assessment Program National Literacy and Numeracy for Year 3, 5 & 7 will be held in the week commencing May 14th. All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are expected to participate in the assessment program. If you have any questions or concerns or if your child has special circumstances that will impact on their participation in this program please, do not hesitate to contact me or a member of our administration team.

Project 600 – Year 5 Reading

Students from our school are involved in Project 600 – Year 5 Reading. This is an online learning program that develops the reading skills of the students involved. The program is delivered by our school in partnership with Education Queensland’s Darling Downs South West Region and Brisbane School of Distance Education. Lessons will be delivered until May 2013. The students are really enjoying and benefiting from the program. Here are some quotes:

Student Quote 1 Jayme: “I really like being with the other people in the group and communicating to other schools. Being online is an amazing experience because you get to do different things”.

Student Quote 2 Meg: “I like learning about different reading strategies and its fun learning with other people”.

Student Quote 3 Jessica: “I like how I’ve learnt how to skim and scan better. This will help me to read better in my classroom”.

‘Take a Stand Together’, Friday 15 March

Our school is taking part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 15 March. We encourage students to behave responsibly and safely every day, but on this day we will be putting the spotlight on our anti-bullying strategies by working together with students to identify how we want our school to look and feel, and the different roles that they can take to ensure that our school is a safe and happy place to be.

The Bullying. No way! website has information for parents and students of all ages about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence. http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/

Jouwana Habash
Principal

CHAPPY CHATTER

Teach Your child to Resolve Conflicts Well:

How do you teach children to sort out their arguments without world war breaking out?

A peaceful conflict resolution is a skill you can teach your child. Begin by modelling positive ways to work through differences, and then consider these tips:

- Teach your child to use "I" messages. This can be trickier than it sounds. You want your child to learn effective "I" messages, such as "I am mad that my toy is broken", rather than "I hate that you broke my toy!" Effective "I" messages identify what a person is feeling and why without blaming.

- Focus on the conflict at hand. When people get upset, they tend to drag in past transgressions to fuel their anger. Focus on working through only the current conflict.

- Listen. Ask your child how they suggest the conflict be resolved. Too often, parents try to step in too quickly and take charge of the situation. Give your child the chance to work through differences.

- Encourage your child to admit when they’ve made a mistake. It’s important for your child to realize when they’ve done something wrong and to admit it.

- Brainstorm specific solutions. When your child is new to resolving conflicts, they often don’t know how to solve them. Sometimes having an adult name a variety of solutions can help your child begin to think of what works for them-and what doesn’t. Over time (and with practise), they’ll come up with their own creative solutions.

- Praise your child when you see them resolving conflicts well. Resolving conflicts peacefully is a complex skill. Notice what your child is doing right (such as calming down before trying to talk it out) rather than what he is doing wrong.

Modelling effective conflict resolution skills and encouraging your child to peacefully address disagreements is the first step in raising your child who can effectively solve conflicts. By starting the process at home, you can ensure that your child gets started on the right track when it comes to conflict resolution.

Take care this week.

Chappy Carmen

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day falls on 21st March. We will be celebrating with a special parade on Tuesday 19th March. Harmony Day celebrates the great diversity of cultures we have within our country, communities and schools. If you or any other family members were born overseas, or are Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander, we welcome you to take part in our Harmony Parade. Flags, artifacts, National Dress or symbols of your culture will help make this a colourful and memorable day. Last year we had 47 different cultures represented, and look forward to this year’s parade.

Payments Due

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Payments for Excursions, Performances or Student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances.

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STUDENT of the WEEK
Kiara Donald (PW), Kelsey Cosgrove (PS), Thomas Howard (PG), William (1E), Hayden Baker (1R), Ayden Bell (2G), Bethany Callow (2P), Laura Carelse (3M), Amity Kelly (3P), Jack (3/4R), Lillian Hansen (4E), Ruby Akes (5C), Charlie Tirkentine (5L), Cameron Horvatic (6M), Izac Crump (6/7G), Declan (7B), Lily Rangott (A1), Patrick Garvey (A3).

LIBRARY MONITORS
Jemma
Declan
Anne-Marrie
Lily
Lachlan

BOOK FAIR
Our bookshop in the library runs until 3:30 pm Friday 15 March. Parents, family and friends are most welcome to browse the great selection on offer before and after school (8:15 – 8:45 and 3:00 – 3:30). Thanks for your support. Proceeds are used to buy library books for everyone to borrow.

GREEN and HEALTHY NEWS
Clean-Up the School.
A big thank you to our students who participated in the cleaning up of areas around the school for Clean-Up Australia Day.

Litter-free Lunch – next Wednesday 20th March is a litter-free lunch day. All students are encouraged to bring their lunch in reusable containers. This is a money saving, healthy approach to packing school lunches AND saves a lot of litter going to the bins.

National RIDE to school DAY is Friday 22nd March. Ride – Scoot – Skate to school and participate in the Lunch time fun.

P&C News
P & C Fundraising
“Guess the Easter Egg Competition”
In the office there is a jar of Easter Eggs. Come in and have a try at guessing how many chocolates are in the jar. Each guess costs 50 cents. Write your name and your guess on the envelopes provided, enclose 50 cents and place envelopes in the P & C slot. Winners will be announced on Wednesday 27th March in the newsletter.

TUCKSHOP
THANK YOU ALL for your continuing support by using the tuckshop services provided by the P&C association. Profits raised are used for school improvements and resources to benefit our children at our great school. As you can see I am short a couple of helpers next Thursday 21st, so if you can help out please let me know. Don’t forget tuckshop is open every Tuesday and Thursday for both breaks and Friday treats are on each and every Friday from 3pm.

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Volunteers and Home bakers are always welcome ● Larry 0417731262 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

OSHC
Hi and Welcome to another week of OSHC news!
Only two weeks until the Easter Vacation Care period and the booking sheets are out now. Please fill out and return your booking asap so we can finalise rosters and confirm incursions. Please note we are closed for all public Holidays and Thursday 11th of April, Toowoomba Show Holiday. We have some great activities planned, including the Karaoke Jukebox, worms, Go Karts, fashion parades and much more! Our room is looking great at the moment, with a bit of a move around to facilitate a Senior area and a new Homework area. Thanks to Aaron for his muscles this week! We are really outgrowing our space however, and need more parents to assist us on the Steering Committee to ensure there is an operational service at Gabbinbar in 2014. Please see Davina if you can help.

We say goodbye to the chicks this week, the children have really enjoyed watching them grow and holding them every day.

Davina Quinn
Coordinator, Gabbinbar OSHC
P: 07 46315266 M: 04 0776 7346

Doctor Who Club of Australia
The Toowoomba Local Group of the Doctor Who Club of Australia hold meetings every second month in the Toowoomba City Library. To celebrate Doctor Who’s fiftieth anniversary, Event Cinemas are screening for one night only (March 14) Doctor Who: Series 6 - Episodes 1 And 2.
“Impossible Astronaut” & “Day Of The Moon”.
There will be prizes for best dressed. Link to Event Cinemas page below.

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