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**Principal’s Message**

**Preparing Your Child For School Tests**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2013 will be held from Tuesday 14th May to Thursday 16th May.

If your child is absent from school during this period, they will still be able to participate in testing sessions on Friday 17th May. Please contact the school in this instance.

There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class.
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks.
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading.
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests.
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests.
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school, please contact your child’s teacher.

Jouwana Habash
Principal

**DATE CLAIMER CORRECTION**

Please note change of day for the Yr 7 Information Night at Centenary Heights High School. It will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 12 June from 6:00pm – 7:30pm**.

**LACE UP AND WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL**

Parents and students are encouraged to lace up their shoes and take part in Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 24 May. You are invited to get up early on this day and join thousands of other Australians walking all or part of the way to school. For those who live too far to walk, why not try parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way? The day promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. For more information, visit the Walk Safely to School website at [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au).

**Invitation**

Prep Parent Information Nights for 2014 Prep Students

**Monday 27th May, OR 2nd September 2013 6:30pm**

Prep Classroom (E Block) Off Mackenzie St.

Do you have a birth certificate? It is needed to enrol a student

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Abby Oxford (PW), Kai Tareq (PS), Mabel Braddy (PG), Riley Gardner (1E), Tyson Woods (1R), Bronson Wood (2G), Masyn Scott (2P), Lola Taylor (3M), Tammy Dinchong (3P), Ethan Dwyer (3/4R), Dahra Rissman (4E), Kodi Luscombe (5G), Dion Warren (5L), Ebony McGee (6M), Leroy Gardner (6/7G), Hannah Wilson (7B), Freyja Benson (A1), Gaby Greco (A2), Kailum Twomey (A3).

**GOTCHA AWARDS**

Corey Stark-Biddle, Jayden Harris, Joshua Kratzmann, Angus Akes, Ella Dwyer, Charlize Caldwell, Kiara Donald.

**Date Claimer – Attention Students & Parents**

Centenary Heights State High School will hold its annual Year 7 to 8 Information Evening on Wednesday, June 12 this year. An overview of the school and the enrolment process will be provided on the night. All parents and students considering or intending enrolment in 2014 are encouraged to attend. Parents of students in earlier year levels are also most welcome. For further information about Centenary Heights State High School you could phone 46367500 or visit our website: [http://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/wcmss/](http://centheigshs.eq.edu.au/wcmss/)

Date: Wednesday, June 12 2013
Venue: Centenary Heights State High School Assembly Hall
Time: 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
Right and Wrong and Being Strong:

Kids are works in progress. They aren’t born knowing right from wrong. Somehow, over the years, we hope to guide them to become respectable, responsible adults. In order to install a healthy sense of right and wrong in children, we need to understand that they go through several stages of moral development.

Very young children tend to believe, “Whatever I want is fair.” They can learn to do what’s right, though, to please adults and stay out of trouble. Early-elementary children consider, “What’s in it for me?” They may begin to embrace the concept of “Do unto others” - mainly because they believe in actions by social approval. High-schoolers finally start to achieve a sense of self-respect and respect for keeping the “system” working smoothly. Ideally, children evolve into grown-ups who can judge various life situations according to a well-informed moral sense of right and wrong.

While we can’t necessarily control when and how children will move through each stage of moral development, we can steer them in the right direction. Families and classrooms can focus on a few, firm, clear rules, with immediate and consistent consequences. Adults also need to catch kids in the act of doing right-sharing, empathising, using good judgement-and praise them for it. Most important of all, we need to be aware of the messages our own actions are sending.

Yes, children will take a zigzag course toward moral virtue (some more than others), but the set of values handed down to them will be the anchor that holds smoothly. Ideally, children evolve into grown-ups who can judge various life situations according to a well-informed moral sense of right and wrong.

This can be used to open the door to healthy, helpful discussion between you and the children in your care.

parentfurther.com.au
Take care till next week
Chappy Carmen

TUCKSHOP

A big welcome to Elizabeth Wembri for helping out in the tuckshop. As you can see we are still in need of a couple more helpers on a Thursday for an hour or two. It is a fun morning and morning tea or lunch is supplied. Please contact me ASAP if you can help out. Don’t forget Friday treats are on this Friday from 3pm.

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Volunteers and Home bakers are always welcome. Larry 0417 731 126 or leanne.heuston@bigpond.com

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

We are looking for some parents to help with the fitting of our Performance Uniforms. The Senior Choir will be performing at the Eisteddfod on 26 May. If you have some time during school hours and would like to help out, please contact Aaron Sapiecha on 0412 329 649 or at mintste@yahoo.com.au or leave a message at the school office.

P & C NEWS

MOTHER’S DAY STALL - GIFTS FOR $3, $4, $5 & $6

Thanks to everyone who supported the stall today. There should be lots of happy mums on Sunday. A HUGE thank you to all the mums who helped sell the gifts and set up the stall. It was very much appreciated. Leftover gifts from the stall today will be sold on Friday 10 May at 3p.m. for children who may have been away today or who wish to purchase extra gifts.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE!

Don't forget to get your Mother’s Day raffle tickets from at the office. Tickets cost $1. The winner will receive a night off from cooking with a KFC voucher, a $100 skin sensation voucher, a bottle of wine & chocolates. The raffle will be drawn on Friday.

FETE MEETING!

A meeting is being held in the Staffroom in the Admin building at 9am on Friday, 10 May for anyone who is interested in the progress of the fete. If you have an idea for the fete that you would like us to know about if you can help in any way (big or small) please join us. Everyone is welcome and any help will be GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Shauna Whitley (Fundraising Coordinator)

OSHC

This week our OSHC children have been engaged in various aspects of construction. We have seen lots of creativity in the art area with the children making animals, robots and other exciting projects out of recycled boxes and materials. We always welcome family donations of recyclable materials that can be used in our art area as our resources quickly become depleted and we believe it is a great way to encourage sustainability in our community. Our seniors have been enjoying the greater challenge of our Knex construction set we recently purchased with some more complex building projects undertaken.

After Anzac day ceremonies, many of our children came to OSHC, proudly wearing their poppies which led to conversations on what Anzac day means to them, showing pride in their heritage, community and nation. We have a growing number of children completing homework in the afternoon with Robert. If you would like your child added to our homework list we would be happy to add them.

We have started collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers to earn points toward acquiring new equipment for our OSHC and any sticker donations would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,
Suzanne Evans, Co-ordinator OSHC.

Payments Due

| Payments for Excursions, Performances or Student program will not be accepted after the payment due date under any circumstances. | 17 May | UNSW Spelling Test - $11 |

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