

Principal's Message

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to Sophie, Heath, Reg, Kyan, Piper, Elliott and Lincoln. Their picture will soon be posted on our website.

School Uniform

At the P&C AGM, the five year uniform review was undertaken. The only substantial change is the introduction of a sports shirt and shorts, which will be on display when it is available. The other decision made was to enforce the current uniform, right down to the footwear. For many of our students, this will mean no change at all. For others who need reminding, normal day-to-day shoes are **black**. They can be black sports shoes (no contrasting colour laces) but not casual black slip-ons that offer little or no support. Socks are fold-down (ie covering the ankles) in grey for boys and white for girls. Term 2 will be a period of grace – from the beginning of Term 3 students not in full school uniform will not be able to access Playground C or attend any off-site activities.

National Partnership

Following the information session attended by Mrs Gandy, Mrs Karolis and I on Monday, the focus for our NP funding will be Literacy. Between now and Friday 17 May, teachers will be busy gathering data on our students' reading and comprehension, so that programs meeting their specific needs can commence.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 & 5 students will be tested next week, with Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. A "catch-up" day is available on Friday for students who have been absent during the week. I have spoken to both groups and reminded them that while NAPLAN is important, there is no cause for panic. I'll be happy if everyone does their very best.

Sporting Accident

Our popular Student Leader and sports star Mitchell suffered a broken leg at the Area Rugby League Carnival on Monday. His mother reports that he is in good spirits under the circumstances. We wish him a speedy recovery.



Coming Events

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| 10 May | Zone Cross Country
K-2 assembly 2pm
Monsters' Day for
<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i> |
| 14-16 May | NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5) |
| 17 May | NAPLAN catch-up day
Zone Girls Touch Trials
Student Leaders' Conference -
Wollongong |

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The office is open from 8.30am to 3.15pm



Principal's Message Cont.

NAPLAN – a skills snapshot

If your child is in Year 3, 5, 7, or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests on May 14-16. And despite what you may have heard there's no need to panic or start an intensive study program with your child.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

Assignments due?

Is your child unsure how to work to a deadline? Teach them how to find the end date and work backwards to plan their preparation activities. These assignment starters on popular topics also help kids to kick-start their projects.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

Fire Station Open day

Kids could have their dreams come true and get to climb up on the big red truck. There will be activities, show bags and a chance for kids and their parents to meet their local fire fighting heroes on your local station's open day.

Find out more: www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Get the Maths on Risk-taking

Kids can't cram maths, especially concepts half understood; the foundations must first be in place. Listen to broadcaster and maths fan Adam Spencer on loving maths for our kids' sake and what to do when it's all too hard.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/mathematics-tips/the-sum-of-us>

Principal's Message Cont.

Have a great week, especially all those Mums on Sunday. Allow yourselves to be spoilt! I found this quote for you on the Internet – enjoy!

My mother taught me **religion**.

You'd better pray that comes out of the carpet!

My mother taught me **time travel**.

If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!

My mother taught me **foresight**.

Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident.

My mother taught me **irony**.

Keep crying, and I'll give you something to really cry about.

My mother taught me about **contortionism**.

Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!

My mother taught me about **weather**.

That room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it.

My mother taught me about **envy**.

There are millions of children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do!

My mother taught me about **anticipation**.

Just wait until we get home.

My mother taught me about **receiving**.

You are going to get it when you get home!

My mother taught me about **humour**.

When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me.

My mother taught me **wisdom**.

When you get to be my age, you'll understand.

My mother taught me about **justice**.

One day you'll have kids, and I hope they'll turn out just like you!

Stephen Lord

Excursions, Notes and Payment Due Dates

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

Tabloids – Last day to pay 21 May 2013

Notes sent home this week

125th Anniversary Celebrations

P & C Monster Bakers & Mothers Day Stall

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

Tabloids – Last day to pay 21 May 2013

Notes sent home this week

125th Anniversary Celebrations

P & C Monster Bakers & Mothers Day Stall

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

Zone Cross Country – Last day to pay 8 May 13

Amazing Me – Last day to Pay 27 May 13

Notes sent home this week

125th Anniversary Celebrations

Zone Cross Country – Selected Students ONLY

P & C Monster Bakers & Mothers Day Stall

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

Zone Cross Country – Last day to pay 8 May 13

Amazing Me – Last day to Pay 27 May 13

Year 6 Chocolates – Last day to Pay 7 June 13

Notes sent home this week

125th Anniversary Celebrations

Year 6 Chocolates Fundraiser

Zone Cross Country – Selected Students ONLY

P & C Monster Bakers & Mothers Day Stall

**NO PAYMENTS FOR EXCURSIONS
WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER,
“LAST DAY FOR PAYMENT”**

Uniform Shop

The girls Winter Tunic has currently sold out of size 8, new stock will not be available until Term 3.

The new sports uniform will be available to purchase in Term 4 2013. The uniform is unisex and consists of a light weight embroidered shirt with matching pinstripe shorts. We will advise you when the cost of these items are available.

The sports uniform will be compulsory to wear as of Term 1 2014.

We are also introducing a variation of our current school hat. The new hat is made from a light weight microfiber material, with slightly different design features. The cost of the hat will be \$10 each will be introduced when the current stock of hats are sold.

A sample of the hat is currently in the uniform shop if you would like to have a look.

Band News

All Band Invoices will be sent home on Friday 10 May 2013.

TERM 1 FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE!

Canteen

The canteen is open on the following days: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Permission Booklet

Permission Booklets have now been sent home. Thank you to the parents who have returned the booklet already.

If you have not returned the booklet to school yet, we require parents/carers to sign and complete it and return it as soon as possible intact.

The Power of One Anti Bullying Show

The Power of One anti bullying show, produced by *Sorren Bennick Productions*, will be visiting our school on Monday 27 May. They will perform two 40-minute performances (K-3, and Years 4-6). The K-3 performance keeps the solution to bullying simple - report! For the 4-6 performance the solution includes:

1. Report
2. Walk the target away
3. Intervene with the bully.

The performance portrays:

1. The roles in bullying (the bully, the target, the bystander).
2. The types of bullying (physical, cyber, exclusion).
3. The types of bystander behaviour (watching, cheering, ignoring).

The Power of One presents a message that children remember - that everyone has the power to report and deal with bullying when they see it.

Please note that the school's P&C are paying for this program. We would like to acknowledge their support for valued school programs.

Term 1 Reward Day

Last Friday, 3 May, the school celebrated a reward for students who stayed on Level Green for all of Term One. Students who were able to achieve that milestone were given an extra 15 minutes of play at recess. It was extremely pleasing to see that the overwhelming majority of students in our school qualified for the reward.

I would like to thank all students who qualified. I would also like to extend an invitation to those who didn't qualify for Term One to participate in the Term Two reward day which will occur in the last week of this term. All you have to do to accept that invitation is to stay on Level Green. Don't forget that Term Two is only nine weeks where Term One was eleven weeks.

Goal setting is a part of everybody's lives. We set goals in sport, academic achievement, making friends and many other things. If you don't set goals you won't achieve anything. I would like all students to set the following goal – ***I am going to qualify for the Term Two reward day.***

Mr Berwick
Assistant Principal

Dollarmites School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Co-coordinator has been in contact with the school and informed us that they offer Reward Redemption Days which we will commence this Term. Reward Redemption Day will be held once a Term on the Wednesday of Week 6 each Term. We will remind you of these dates in the lead up to Redemption Day.

This Term, the Reward Redemption Day will be held on Wednesday 5 June 2013 between 8.30am and 9.00am in the Library.

All students that are involved in Dollarmites School Banking can meet me in the Library during the nominated day and time to hand over their Tokens and choose a Reward that they would like.

\$\$\$ HAPPY BANKING \$\$\$





Thornton Bros

The school would like to thank Thornton Bros Flowers who are kindly donating a bunch of flowers to the school each fortnight to help beautify our office area.



Taara Gardens

For the Not-so- retiring!

Enquiries: Charlene Crocker: 0417 483931 or

Jenny Cheetham: 0418 265 416

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