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FRIDAY, 2ND JUNE 2023

CALENDAR

MONDAY, 5TH JUNE
Wednesday, 7th June

FRIDAY, 9TH JUNE

Monday, 12th June

Thursday, 15th June

Monday, 19th June

Wednesday, 14th June

Wednesday, 21st June

Friday, 23rd June

Monday, 10th July

Tuesday, 11th July

Wednesday, 12th July

Thursday, 13th July

Friday, 14th July

Monday, 17th July

PARENT / TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEW BOOKINGS OPEN ON COMPASS

Junior Unit Gym program continues

Walker's Doughnut Fundraiser Orders due before 9th

CURRICULUM DAY

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Walker's Doughnut Fundraiser Collection Day

Payment due for Middle Unit Gym - \$38

Junior Unit Gym program continues

Payment due for Senior Unit Gym - \$37

Junior Unit Gym program concludes

LAST DAY FOR TERM 2, early dismissal of 2:20pm

FIRST DAY FOR TERM 3

Senior Unit Gym commences

Senior Unit Gym continues

Senior Unit Gym continues – NO CANTEEN

Senior Unit Gym concludes

Middle Unit Gym commences – NO CANTEEN

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS – NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

School Organisation

Dear Parent/s, Guardian/s and Carer/s,

Week 6 has been productive, but again, a challenge due to absences, with many children and staff falling ill due to COVID, the flu or gastro. Many families have taken up the advice to test and have found their child to be positive, keeping them home to stop the spread, which is appreciated. Remember, we have plenty of RAT's at the Office now thanks to a generous donation - so let the Office know if you need a box sent home. If your child is positive, even if well, they are better at home whilst testing positive, to stop the spread... as the staff get sick and it's very hard to have quality programs running without our usual staff.

LET'S GET MOVING, CAKE STALL & PICNIC

A huge thank you to all who came along last Friday, braving the cold... and participating in our LET'S GET MOVING celebration afternoon, including a visit from Grandparents / loved ones. Alli Watts and the students put on a great show outdoors, which was favourably received by the community. It was also terrific to see the community also getting into the action with their own performance of NUTBUSH CITY LIMITS. Gold!

Our Parents and Friends Club put on an amazing Cake Stall, including hot tea/coffee, soups to purchase and much more. Well done P&F and thank you to all whom supported on the day or made items to sell! It really was a great community afternoon and I was so impressed with the children's performances - hope you also enjoyed the afternoon as much as I did!

ATHLETICS

On Monday, many of our children from Year 3-6 (who qualified for the Area Aths Carnival), participated at the Flora Hill Aths Track carnival - supported by Brett, Pam, Leisha, Dean and Amy M. The behaviour of our school children was noticed as being extremely positive - well done to all for setting the right example! Our students not only did their best, but many excelled, winning heats and even events. Shortly, Brett should be able to indicate who qualifies to go on to the next level of the competition. A big thank you to all involved for making it such a great day!

STAFFING

Sharyn Burnett remains on Carers Leave until the end of Term. If you have the need to speak to Sharyn, please contact me in the meantime. Kate Dole has had some minor surgery, has been away for over a week, had hoped to return, but due to complications, won't return until the 13th of June at this stage. With swift moves, we have been able to cover Kate's class with one teacher for the period of her absence, so welcome back to Eve Acquisto... who will be Kate until she returns. Roberta Mathers begins some Long Service Leave on Monday - heading home to Canada for several months. Roberta will return mid Term 3 and is covered by Meryl Jacobs on Mondays and Wednesdays.

COVID

As mentioned above, we have a lot of COVID in the school. Please regularly check your child with a RAT if symptomatic (tests now available from the Office). If positive, remain at home while unwell and returning a positive test. Also advise the school as we will code the absence as pandemic meaning no medical certificate is required.

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Next term, on Monday, 17th July, parents, teachers and staff will meet to share learning progress for Semester 1. There is no school on this day, so advising families early to arrange care. We expect all families to attend an interview on this day. Due to Nicole Peach being absent on the 17th, her families can book in for an interview on Monday, 24th July instead - students from this class won't attend school on the 17th of July either, however, will be able to attend school on the 24th as Nicole's class will be covered by a CASUAL TEACHER, enabling her to meet with parents and ensure children in this class have a normal day. Interview booking arrangements have been sent out on Compass, and bookings can be made via Compass from next Monday, 5th June.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week we have been focusing on NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK across the school, within classes. Last week we also acknowledged Sorry Day on Friday, as did the majority of Australians. But what is Reconciliation Week for those that don't know? National Reconciliation Week celebrates the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and all other Australians. Every year, the week is held between the same dates, 27 May to 3 June. The dates draw attention to significant historical events. May 27 marks the day in 1967 when the referendum was passed for the Federal Government to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, allowing for proper recognition in the census. June 3 marks the day in 1992 that led the Federal Government to recognise native title, acknowledging Indigenous Australians as the original occupants of Australia. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023 is Be a Voice for Generations. The theme encourages all Australian's to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives - where we live, work and socialise. For the work of generations past and the benefit of generations future, it calls on us to act today for a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all. How will you be a VOICE FOR GENERATIONS?

EDUCATION STATE PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

On Monday, 5th June, I will head to Melbourne, along with all State School Principals across the state, to participate in the EDUCATION STATE PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE. The day will be spent hearing from top presenters, discussing the current challenges in Education, ways forward, excellent teaching approaches and much more. It's also a great networking event, allowing Principals to learn from one another. Whilst I will be away Monday, our Learning Specialist (Ainsley) will ensure the school is in good hands. I'll be back on Tuesday 😊.

CURRICULUM DAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that our Term 2 Curriculum Day is fast approaching, occurring next week on Friday, 9th June. There is no school or OSHC on this day for students as a result and alternative care arrangements will need to be made for children. Don't forget also that Monday, 12th June is the King's Birthday Public Holiday across the state, with no school occurring. This creates a 4 day weekend for families to either have a break and catch up OR go away. For staff, whilst we work Friday, the Monday provides us with a chance to enjoy a 3 day weekend. The children are getting tired, so the break comes at a good time, enabling batteries to be recharged in readiness for the last few weeks of Term 2.

EDUCATION MAGAZINE

We sometimes have parents ask for recommendations for books and content for students as it can be really difficult to identify what is age appropriate and would be of interest to kids. The INmag is a locally produced magazine that is filled to the brim with writing, art and content that is created by kids all around Australia. Not only can kids read the INmag, they can also easily submit content as well! By being able to read a magazine that has content from kids of a similar age, students can potentially imagine themselves as a creator of content and can create their own work with a purpose behind it. Please find information below about the INmag. <https://www.theinmag.com.au/theinshop>
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MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you for our yummy fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Harper & Tyler enjoying their mandarin and pear 😊.

See back page for FREE child ticket code for the Braves games!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Tommy W & Conna B.



With 3 weeks to go, the Term is flying by and before we know it, we will be celebrating our student awards and sending children home for a two week rest. Lots of assessment and testing is still occurring at school, so it will be full-steam-ahead and busy times for both children and staff alike. For now though, have a lovely weekend.

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Values of 'Safety' and 'Respect' by playing appropriately in the yard:

FSN Mitchell G
FSJ Mason E

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

GYM

Yesterday we started our Gym program and our students had a fantastic time at Jets Gym. We look forward to continuing this program each Wednesday for the next three weeks.

HOME READING / CLASS VOLUNTEERS

Home reading not only builds knowledge and confidence, but it also helps our students to develop their sense of responsibility by bringing in their journals and changing their books each day. Unfortunately, we have several students who have lost their reading journals, so if this is the case in your family, we can offer an alternative reading log.

We would also like to ask if there are any family members who can offer some time to listen to our students read. You would need to have a current Working With Children Check card to work onsite with our students. Please see Jen, Roberta, Ainsley or Wendy if you can volunteer. Thank you.

READING SUPERSTARS!

Congratulations to the following reading superstars:

50 nights

JJ Conna B, Connie P
JW Rhemmi C

75 nights

JJ Elias S, Bradley H

100 nights

JA/R Jade L
JJ Jack LB, Ava C
JW Cooper M, Vincenzo P

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying our School Values at the Let's Get Moving performance on Grandparent's Day:

JA/R Callum V
JW Zoe B
JJ Hunter G

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':

MD Amber L
MC Georgia E
MP Claudia V

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating resilience during athletics:

SB Korbin H
SK Sonny D
SL Isla G

Brett, Kate & Leisha

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

PICTURE PRODUCTS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who purchased products, we have an updated delivery date of late July / early August. We will advise of exact date once known.

WALKERS DOUGHNUTS FUNDRAISER

Order forms have been sent home last week, and orders can be placed on Qkr – but please remember to still send the order form back to the Office, thank you. Orders are due in by the Curriculum Day, Friday, 9th June with delivery on Thursday, 15th June.

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS

ATTENTION families! We need your help ☺. Our canteen is run by the school and does not receive any funding, with profits going back into the school. With the help of our volunteers, we are able to keep prices down.

If you can spare 1 hour once or twice per term on a **Friday – morning OR lunchtime**, and you are able to help (it's lots of fun and you don't need any cooking experience), please leave your contact details at the Office. Thank you, your help is greatly appreciated.

You don't have to be a mum or dad to help, aunties, uncles and grandparents are all welcome, you just need to have a Working With Children Check card – it's free for volunteers, and easy apply online. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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