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### FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

The holidays must have been pretty good for most students as we have all been very pleased with the way students have settled back into their classes ready for work and a busy Term 2. The nice weather for most of the holidays hopefully meant people could get out and about doing some fun and relaxing activities.

### KEY DATES FOR 2017

**Monday 8 May**

**Tuesday 9 May  
NAPLAN TESTING  
Grades 3 and 5**

**SCHOOL BANKING**

**Wednesday 10 May  
NAPLAN TESTING  
Grades 3 and 5**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY  
(Social Skills)**

**Thursday 11 May  
NAPLAN TESTING  
Grades 3 and 5**

**Friday 12 May**

### TERM DATES FOR 2017

**TERM 2**

**Monday 1 May -  
Friday 7 July**

**TERM 3**

**(Monday 24 July  
is a Student Free Day)**

**Tuesday 25 July -**

**Friday 29 September**

**TERM 4**

**Monday 16 October -  
Thursday 21 December  
(Friday 27 October  
is a Student Free Day)**



During the second week of the holidays the School Captains accompanied me to represent our school at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Kingston Beach. It was an early start but Mackenzie, Rosie, Jack and Jacob arrived well-dressed in their school uniform and I was so proud of the way they laid the wreath from Kingston Primary with respect and dignity. We did enjoy participating in the march up to the RSL Club at the conclusion of the Service and were pretty happy that we were able to keep in time with our lefts and our rights!

**NAPLAN** testing is on next week for Grade 3 and 5 students.

**Tuesday 9 May - Language Conventions and Writing,**

**Wednesday 10 May - Reading  
and**

**Thursday 11 May - Numeracy.**

All we ask is for students to do their best and not to worry about these tests.

Please remember that this is one of many ways we have to assess students.

We also know that these tests do not tell us everything about what makes children special.

Some children speak two languages, some play a musical instrument or do amazing drawings.

There are many ways of being smart!

**Dorothy Raymond - Acting Principal**

## NEW PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

Over the holidays our ECE playground had a makeover! Lots of coloured playground markings were done to encourage all our students to be active and engaged during break times. Hopscotch, computer keyboard, jumping/leaping lines, long counting lines, a maze, racetrack for small cars, Kindergarten bike track and many more! Our thanks to Luke, Scott and Jim from Hobden Painting who spent the two days renovating our yard!



**CHALK DRAWINGS ON SCREEN FREE DAY  
WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL**



## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVALS

Our Carnivals are on:

**1. Primary: Grades 3 - 6  
Tuesday 16 May - 1.30 – 2.45 pm**

**2. ECE: Kinder – Grade 2  
Wednesday 17 May - 11.30 am – 12.40 pm**  
Full information for all families will be sent home next Monday.

**REMINDER THAT THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN  
NEXT FRIDAY 12 MAY.  
CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 19 MAY.  
ORDERS NEED TO BE IN ON THURSDAYS.**

## SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)

### Information for Parents/Carers

We have been notified of some cases of School Sores (Impetigo). Children are excluded until appropriate treatment has commenced. Any sore on exposed surfaces should be covered with a dressing.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

**FRIDAY 12 MAY**

**GIFTS FROM \$1.00 - \$5.00  
(Limit of \$5.00 per child)**

**COME AND GET SOMETHING  
NICE FOR MUM!!**

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We are open on:

**Tuesday and Friday mornings 8:35 - 9:00 am  
and**

**Wednesday afternoon 2:45 - 3:10 pm.**

Payment by cash or cheque only.

Size 4 polo tops are now back in stock. We have also started stocking size 2 polos this year and a new shipment of these have also arrived.

## NEWS FROM OUR ECE CLASSES

<b>MS SCHREIBER'S KINDER UNIT D</b>	It was lovely to see everyone happily back at school. We had fun making nests out of noodles and melted chocolate as one of our activities based on the letter 'n'. Ask your child to sing you the 'n' song and tell you the sound the letter makes....
<b>MR RUSSELL'S (DOWSETT'S) KINDER UNIT C</b>	We have spent a lot of this week doing development checks on the children. They had great fun and the results have been really encouraging. If you have any concerns about any aspect of your child's development, please come and talk to me.
<b>MRS STEELE'S KINDER/PREP UNIT BB</b>	This week we have been learning about the letter 'Cc' and two dimensional shapes. We have explored the classroom, playground and our homes, looking for triangles, squares, circles, rectangles and more!
<b>MRS LUTJENS' PREP UNIT B</b>	Welcome back !! The children all look rested and have many stories to tell about their holidays. We are working on the HASS curriculum and learning all about "How my family is similar or different to other families". The children will be focusing on the letters 'Gg' and 'Uu' next week.
<b>MRS PAINE'S PREP UNIT P</b>	The children have all settled back into our routines very well. We have had a big week working on our HASS unit about families. Look out for a notice next week about Parent Help that will be starting very soon.
<b>MRS GRAY'S/ MRS NEAL'S GRADE I UNIT O</b>	This term we are learning about transport past and present as part of our HASS topic. Students have a new speaking and listening booklet to guide their presentations which started this week. Please help your child research, answer questions and be prepared for their day.
<b>MISS BARKER'S/ MR WARMAN'S GRADE I/2 UNIT N</b>	This week we tuned into our upcoming Science and History work. We read stories about Light and Sound for our guided reading sessions and looked at pictures of families and transport from the past.
<b>MS MILLINGTON'S GRADE 2 UNIT A</b>	Students wrote wonderful recounts of their holiday activities. It looks like everybody made the most of the holidays making time to do family things together, relax and get out and about. We improved our understanding of using paragraphs and learned more about editing skills. This term we will continue our focus on using punctuation and capitalisation in writing. Please let me know if you would like to come for Parent Help on our upcoming excursion to the Transport Museum and Train Park.
<b>MS WOOD'S GRADE I/2 UNIT AA</b>	What a busy first week back. Well done everyone for being ready to start the new term in such a positive way. Our measuring activities have been fun and we are starting to learn about the history of transport, ready for our excursion on 16 May. Please return the excursion permission slips as soon as possible and let me know if you are planning on coming along with us.

## NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY CLASSES

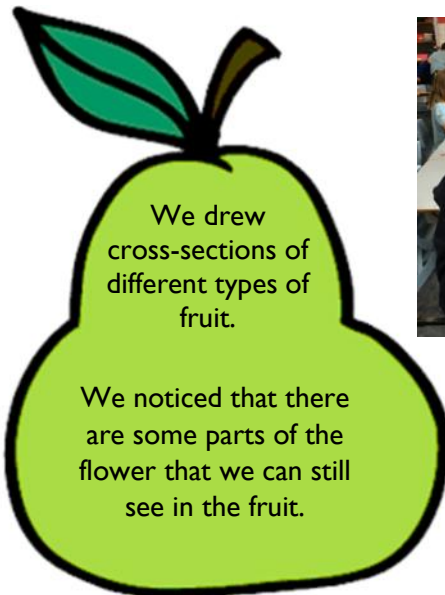
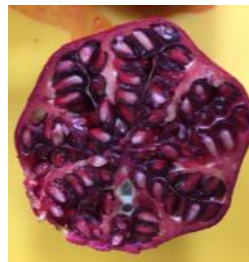
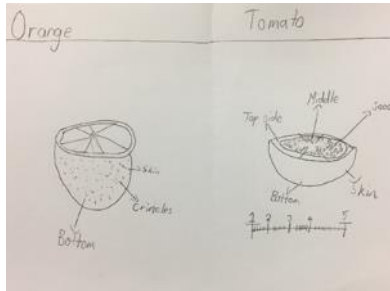
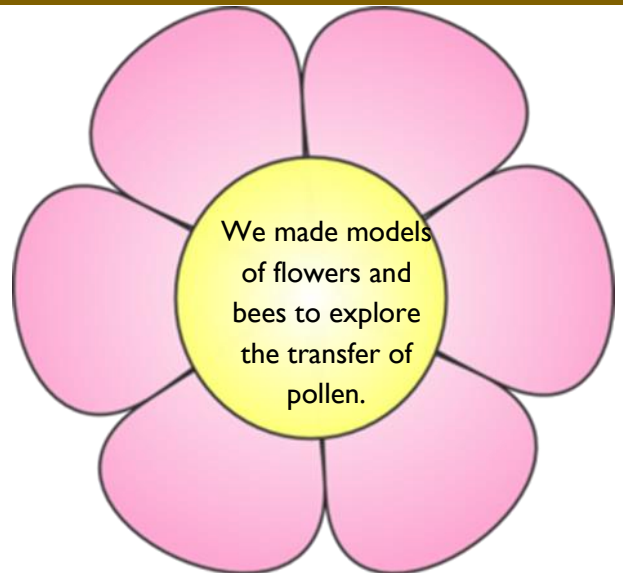
<b>MRS RUMLEY'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT F</b>	The class has quickly settled into Term 2 and have already worked hard to write several fantastic stories and persuasive texts. We have been reviewing time and fractions in Maths and have started a new History unit on explorers.
<b>MR DURNO'S/ MR BEST'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT G</b>	We have been practising Persuasive writing in readiness for NAPLAN testing next week. Welcome to new students (twins), Shaykyla and Asharnte.
<b>MR CLIFFORD'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT H</b>	This week we are doing a learning blitz on how to tell the time! This is a topic in which parents can really help reinforce the concepts learned in class by asking your child time related questions such as 'What is the time?', 'How many minutes until tea time?', 'If Mythbusters starts at 6:40 and goes for 55 minutes, what time will it finish?'
<b>MRS GRANEY'S/ MRS KADZIOLKA'S GRADE 3/4 UNIT I</b>	It has been lovely seeing all the children back at school refreshed after their relaxing holidays. This week in Maths we have started looking at Angles learning about right, obtuse and acute angles. We have watched some fun YouTube clips teaching about angles. Next week Grade 3s will participate in the NAPLAN tests. The children are well prepared for all the tests as we have been looking at old tests and practising Maths, writing Narratives and Persuasive writing. Parents can you please make sure your child has lots of early nights over the weekend and next week and also make sure they have a good breakfast on these days as this will help them to concentrate during the tests.
<b>MRS ROSS' GRADE 4/5 UNIT S</b>	Welcome back everyone! We have had a busy week preparing our Grade 5s for NAPLAN testing next week. We are also heading into our History and Geography (HASS) unit next week. Everyone is settling in well and working hard.
<b>MR McVEIGH'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT L</b>	A great start to Term 2. Next week the Grade 5s will be having NAPLAN testing. We will also be continuing our look into Federation and Government.
<b>MRS AITKEN'S GRADE 5/6 UNIT M</b>	This week we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases in Chemical Sciences. We have also been using our writer's notebook and have been writing some excellent pieces under the heading of "The Door". In Humanities and Social Science (HASS) we have begun learning about the tiers in government. A reminder that next week is NAPLAN testing week.
<b>MR LUTJENS' GRADE 5/6 UNIT R</b>	A warm welcome back to our school year after a great Easter break. We are beginning Term 2 with preparation for the NAPLAN tests next week for Grade 5 students. We have also begun our look into Australian Federation and we will be starting a unit on Narrative writing in English. Parents please note that Banking day remains on Tuesdays, Thursday for Library and PE and Thursdays for lunch orders.

# STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

## Mrs Rumley's Grade 3/4



In Science we have been looking at the life cycle of flowering plants and insects. We have discovered that many plants depend on other insects like bees and ants to pollinate them and spread their seeds.



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