Hi Everyone

Those parents of students in years 3, 5 and 7 probably do not need me to mention that this week is NAPLAN testing week. We have tried to make the lead up to these tests less stressful. However, I know there is probably some stress out there and I also know all children will do their best.

NAPLAN is something that can divide opinions. We try to make use of the results at Mount Tyson. What you may not know is that NAPLAN can be quite an effective diagnostic tool. We are able to use the results to work out which parts of the curriculum have not been learnt as well and then make planning decisions. We are able to use the NAPLAN results to measure the relative gain of our students over a two year period. Indeed this year we are developing a whole school writing plan and we are doing this because this was the area of least gain made by our students in the 2013 test. I'm sure this professional reasoning may be cold comfort for those who have been under stress this week over the NAPLAN tests.

Next week we will be having bookweek celebrations. The following events will occur during the week:

- Workshop on Monday 19 May at 3:15 to assist parents with home reading. This will be conducted by myself and Liz Lange and invitations have been sent home.
- Book parade on Tuesday 20 May at 1:15 where students dress as their favourite book character. This will be followed by the biggest afternoon tea to raise money for cancer. All people are invited to this event.
- Bookfair will be held all week in the hall and children, parents and community members will be able to purchase books.

The teaching of reading is something that is always a priority in primary schools and something we especially value highly at Mount Tyson. Actually, I really hope the week promotes the value of reading to children, listening to children read and the notion that reading is a fun and worthwhile thing to do.

Thanks

Michael
Important news for parents

Student of the Week Awards

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GOTCHA Awards: Chloe Reen, Amy Sturgess, Tom Griffiths, Shakra Hardimon & Jonah Peters.

BOOKWEEK CELEBRATIONS

Bookfair: Kicking off our bookweek celebrations is Bookfair that is starting on Monday 19 May and continuing for the week. Look for opening times etc in the P&C news.

Book Character Parade: On Tuesday 20 May the students are asked to dress as their favourite book character and partake in a parade at 11.15pm. Prizes will be awarded and parents, grandparents etc are invited to attend and then stay to enjoy the Biggest Afternoon Tea.

Qld Cancer Fund - Biggest Afternoon Tea
Afternoon tea will be served from 2pm-3pm in the multi-purpose hall. Cost will be $5.00 per person (includes afternoon tea & a Lucky Door ticket). Raffle tickets will be on sale also. All proceeds go to the Qld Cancer Fund, so please come along and support this very worthy organisation. If parents wish to supply a plate of eats to help us with afternoon tea it would be much appreciated!

SUPER 7 SOCCER & Under 8’s Day – Fri 23 May

Our whole school, Prep-Yr7 will be taking part in this event. Yrs 3-7 will play in a soccer carnival and Under 8’s will play in Under 8’s activities. The Under 8’s activities run from 9-11am and pre-prep/playgroup children are invited to take part in these activities as well. Lunch will follow the Under 8’s activities from 11am until 12noon. Parents are required to transport & stay with their children in P-2 and pre-prep/playgroup children as staff members are occupied running activities. Jondaryan SS are running a truckshop on the day—NO pre-ordering is needed, just take money with you or take own packed lunch.

Soccer: Yrs 3-7 children will be transported to and from Jondaryan by bus as organised by the school at no cost.

School Performance Group—30 May for P-7

“You Can Do It Too!” is an inspiring program supporting the P.D./Health/P.E. School Curriculum in the areas of self esteem, self confidence, self discipline, self determination, and encourages the development of motor skills. This performance is for P-7 Yr 7 and will be held at Brookstead State School starting at 10am and running for an hour duration. We will be travelling by bus as arranged by the school. Combined cost of the performance and the bus will be $9.00 per student. Invoices will be sent home closer to the date—PLEASE DO NOT PAY BY EFT until you receive your invoice as you need the reference number on your invoice so it matches up.

Chappy Chat

Last Saturday the Pittsworth Chaplaincy Committee held a dinner to celebrate Chaplaincy in the community. It was a great night was filled with yummy food, laughter and a few walked away with some great prizes. Nyyre Mannion travelled from Brisbane to share her moving story of how chaplaincy assisted families affected by the 2011 floods in the Lockyer Valley. We were so honoured to hear her journey and the strength a community can have even through the most devastating disasters.

Thank you to all who came and shared a wonderful evening with Karl (Pittsworth SS Chaplain), myself and the Chaplaincy Committee and thank you to those who have supported Chaplaincy over the years. Your generosity and support is so greatly appreciated.

Chappy—Amy Paton

PAVERS— NEW HALL—FINAL OFFERS

This is the very last chance for families or community members to order a signature paver to be placed near the pathway in front of our multi-purpose hall. If you wish to order a paver single or double please collect an order form from Lorraine at the office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN WITH PAYMENT BY 23 MAY 2014. THIS IS THE FINAL CHANCE.........

Next General Meeting Wed. 11 June at 7.00pm.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE DATE CHANGE

Bunnings have changed the date for the sausage sizzle to Saturday 6th September, 2014. The proceeds for which have been allocated to go towards the Year 5 & 6 Canberra trip. If you have a child in these classes, especially, your help would be appreciated as it means that the overall cost will be kept to a minimum. In the past, the children (and I hope the teachers!) have had both an educational and fun experience that they will always remember.

• Thank you to all tuckshop volunteers and those who have donated homebake.

Any number of donated homebake for tuckshop is greatly appreciated.

SALE!!! School Uniform shorts selling for only $10! (Normal Price $17) Please contact uniform convenor Karen Dowe on 4693 7063 or 0409 267 384 if you’d like to buy some shorts.

Your P & C Committee

Message from Beth Wheeldon (Music Teacher)

Congratulations to Amy and Sophie Sturgess, Dustin Robinson and Sam McKenna who played with the Rossvale Junior Netball team at the recent Pittsworth State School Netball Carnival. These students combined with players from Brookstead and Biddeston to play five games of netball during the day (winning their last one). The team developed some combination, and certainly gained some valuable experience and a greater understanding of the game of netball. Thank you, Amy, Sophie, Dustin and Sam for joining the Rossvale team!