Dear Parents,

This week we celebrate the wonderful career of Mrs Neeson who has recently retired from teaching. We thank her for her many years of service and commitment to our school and know her legacy will live on in the lives of the students she has taught. There will be a special assembly for her on Thursday afternoon at 2pm. Parents and past students are very welcome to attend.

We welcome Mrs Neary back from leave and thank Miss Chesham for so capably filling her role.

Good luck to all our students in Years 3 and 5 who are sitting the NAPLAN tests this week. It is a big week for our students. We ask a lot from them during this time of year in class assessments and NAPLAN testing. The best advice – take your time to read each question carefully, give it a go and try your best!

Look at the week’s calendar to see the schedule for NAPLAN tests.

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Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair starts this week! Parents and families are welcome to come to the Library to purchase books from Wednesday, 13th May (lunchtime and afternoon), Thursday (morning), Friday (morning and afternoon), Monday (morning and afternoon), Tuesday (all day) and Wednesday morning (if the books have not been collected).

Parents are reminded that they are able to make a donation of any book from the fair, directly to the Library. The family name will be placed inside the book as a reminder of your generosity!

We are looking forward to your visit to the Library and to your valued support, as every item sold helps our school.

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Coming up this week......

WEEK BEGINNING –11/05/2015

Monday:

Tuesday: NAPLAN: Language, Writing

Wednesday: NAPLAN: Reading
Book Fair starts

Thursday: NAPLAN: Numeracy
Mrs Neeson’s Retirement
Assembly 2pm

Friday:
National Families Week

This year we will be celebrating National Families Week with a free BBQ lunch for students and their families on Wednesday 20th May at 11.20am.

It will be hosted by Outer Liverpool Community Services and The Junction Works, who provide a broad range of youth, disability, children’s and community services.

National Families Week celebrates the vital role that families play in Australian society. The theme for 2015 is ‘Stronger Families, Stronger Communities’ which highlights the important role families play as the central building block of our communities and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing.

National Families Week is a time to celebrate with your family, make contact with your extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life.

Littlies in the Library

As a part of National Families Week and the school Book Fair there will be special session in the library for all preschoolers on Monday 18th May at 9.30am. Come along and enjoy listening to a story with our teacher – librarian Mrs Grasso. There will be a fun activity and a special guest appearance! You will also have the opportunity to purchase from the Book Fair.

Sporting Schools Program

The Sporting Schools Program will begin next week. Please return permission notes by this Friday. Please remember that parents who commit their children to this program have an obligation to ensure that their children attend all sessions and are picked up on time.

NAPLAN

The main objective of the NAPLAN tests is to provide governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents with a standardised measure to assess the critical numeracy and literacy skills of young Australians. NAPLAN is the only standardised test undertaken by young Australians and therefore is a useful measure for interested parties to gain a general sense of how the Australian education system is operating.

It is important for parents to remember that NAPLAN testing provides information at a specific point in time of a student’s progress in literacy and numeracy. While the tests are a national examination, they do not provide all information about your child’s numeracy and literacy skills. They are just one test your child will complete throughout their school life and are meant to complement other forms of school assessment. Good luck to all our students this week completing the tests.

Mother’s Day

Thank you to our lovely P&C mums who put together a beautiful afternoon tea for Mother’s Day last week. It was great to see so many mums and grandmothers visit for something sweet and a chat.

Thank you also to our mums and dads who assisted with the Mother’s Day stall. A special thank you to Walls Nursery and Elvis Stefanoski for their donations of flowers.

We made a profit of $401 from the stall. This combined with $530 profit from the Easter raffle is a great start to P&C fundraising this year.

Happy Birthday to the following children for this week…..
John C, Stefanie, Billy, Mollymae, Angelina
Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in this year’s Cross Country Carnival. It was a perfect afternoon with sunny clear skies and we achieved some great results.

Boys

12 Years
1st Dylan Mustafa
2nd Sam Oliva
3rd Dante Henao
4th

11 Years
1st Jacob Lahlouh
2nd John Chen
3rd Dominic Manoukian
4th Jack Scully

10 Years
1st Billy Malas
2nd Zach Wall
3rd Massimo Henao
4th Kassem El Kochen

8/9 Years
1st Jack Hungerford
2nd Ahmed Trad
3rd Attila Ugur
4th Kenny Cai

Girls

12 Years
1st Jessica Gaudry
2nd Jessica Gan
3rd Kaylie Etherington
4th

11 Years
1st Christa Oliva
2nd Tiannah Poonan
3rd Tiyanna Jacovides
4th Jessica Ngov

10 Years
1st Farah Ugur
2nd Caprice De Souza
3rd Eleisha Palmer
4th Madelaine Monti

8/9 Years
1st Jorja Jackson
2nd Cindy O’Brien
3rd Natalie Gaudry
4th Jorja Wall

House Champions – Wattle & Boronia

Mr D Harvey – Coordinator

Student Writing

We would like to share some of our students’ writing with you. Dean from 5/6H created this wonderful descriptive writing.

The Wandering Leaves

The wind blew hard. The leaves dropped to the ground. They flew past their tree and out into the open air.

As the sun rose up they passed the glistening river and then flew straight up.

They touched the misty clouds and felt a shiver from the cool air. As they looked down they saw the birds soaring through the sky.

Suddenly the wind stopped and the leaves dropped. When they touched the ground they started to shiver.

As night fell and the moon rose the leaves sat there and slowly shrivelled away and were soon nothing but a pile of dust.
Term 2 Calendar

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