PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Photos: these were very successful last week. Photos will be returned in the next few weeks.

Our School Cross Country Carnival was a success last Friday. Thank you to Mr Lalor for his organisational work to ensure it ran so smoothly. I would also like to thank all the teachers for ensuring the students were familiar with the course and getting them training so early last term. I even enjoyed my run with the 5 and 6 year old boys!!

Assembly: Our first assembly for Term 2 is being held this Thursday at 2.00pm. K/1/2 are performing at this assembly.

NAPLAN: The annual NAPLAN assessments in literacy and numeracy are being carried out next week from Tuesday to Thursday. Students in Year 3 and 5 will be completing these assessments. Results are published in September.

It is important that students get a good night’s rest and eat a healthy breakfast before each assessment.

District Cross Country: Notes will be sent home today for all students attending the District Cross Country Carnival at Willandra on Monday 19 May. Our school is once again running the carnival and Mr Lalor will be at the course on the day. Any parents who are able to help on the day with track supervision would be gladly appreciated.

Life Education: Once again the Life Education van will be visiting the school on Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 June. All students will be attending the van. This year the P&C are covering the cost for all students to attend the van. Topics covered by Life Education are directly linked to the Personal Development/Health/Physical Education syllabus and there are follow up units of work provided for the classes to consolidate the concepts covered while visiting the van.
**P&C Meeting:** The next meeting of the P&C will be held next Thursday 15 May at 6.00pm. The meeting is held in 3/6L. If you need to bring your children they are able to play quietly next door in K/2H.

*Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.*

_Nicole_

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**K/2H NEWS**

**Assembly:** The class will be performing at our assembly on Thursday. Everyone is so enthusiastic during rehearsal and I hope this continues for our performance! Thanks in advance to Ms Porteous for her work with the class in preparing them for the item. I can’t wait!!

This week Years 1 and 2 are learning about words with ‘um’ in them and Kinder are learning about the letters e and w. We are learning about fractions in maths this week. Kinder are learning about equal halves and Years 1 and 2 are exploring fractions of a collection (for example, dividing a group of balls into halves or quarters and recording how many is in each group).

As part of the L3 (language, Literacy and Learning) course that I am completing this year changes are happening to our morning structure and routines. All students will be asked to complete a variety of activities independently while a small group will work with me in one corner of the room. It is a learning experience and we are introducing the changes slowly. Please come and see me if you have any questions about this.

In HSIE we are learning about ourselves and how we have changed since birth. It would be great if all students could bring in a photo of themselves as a baby. We are going to have a guessing competition to see if anyone can recognise us as babies. Please send the photos in a sealed envelope so that I can put them on display.

*Please come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.*

_Nicole_

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**3/6B NEWS**

We have been continuing our work on Narratives this week. Only a third of the class handed in their homework last week so I’m hoping for a much better effort this Friday.

Quite a few children returned overdue library books, I’m guessing there was a few holiday clean ups. Remember library day is Thursday.

Arnie and Rheya were our Spelling stars with 100% correct in last week’s test and that was after running the Cross Country.

We had amazing results in our Dictations with Akasha, Arnie, Sam, Ryan, Emily, Rheya, Zaliah, Lachlan J., Kameisha and Tahlia all received either A+, A or A-. Well done!
Our special craft projects are progressing. Home Reading should be done each night and we have a great variety of books the children can borrow, it’s a great habit to get into.

*Keep in Touch*

*Lyn*

**3/6L NEWS**

We have had a busy week so far in 3/6L, students have been working very hard and I am very proud of them for the work ethic they have displayed. In Science we are learning about communication and students have been sending each other e-mails on the school computers. In Maths we have been studying mass and learning to heft objects to help us determine the weight of an object.

A reminder that homework is due this week on Friday and readers need to be completed nightly. Nightly reading should not only be recorded in the reading journal but also on the “cheese wedge” chart students brought home on Monday for a chance to win prizes through Scholastic.

*Dion Lalor*

**MS CULLEN**

This week during PE we have been continuing to practise our netball skills and have started working on our athletic skills. The focus this week has been long jump. During Health lessons we have been exploring the body (skeleton and muscles).

*Bonnie Cullen*

**SPORTS NEWS**

Last Friday 2 May we had our School Cross Country Carnival. We had a wonderful sunny day and avoided the wind that came later in the day as we started the carnival early. There were some very close races which is a good indicator of the competitive spirit our students possess. Congratulations to the Kangaroos who won the event with a total score of 182 points. The Emus were not too far behind with a total score of 162 points. Everybody however, should be congratulated for their great effort on the day, well done boys and girls. Your ribbons will be presented at Thursday’s assembly.

A big thankyou to the parents who assisted with the carnival on the day, filling the roles of course officials and preparing meals for students in the canteen. Without your greatly appreciated assistance, we would not be able to stage these events. Thank you!

*Dion Lalor*
WHAT'S ON THIS TERM

**COMING EVENTS**

- ☀️ Thursday 8 May  Assembly 2pm
- ☀️ Tuesday 13 May  NAPLAN - Language Conventions & Writing
- ☀️ Wednesday 14 May  NAPLAN - Reading Assessment
- ☀️ Thursday 15 May  NAPLAN - Numeracy Assessment
- ☀️ Monday 19 May  P & C Meeting 6pm
- ☀️ Monday 19 May  District Cross Country

**CANTEEN NEWS**

The canteen is open again as we have our new pie warmer and we are all set to go! Don't forget the new blue menu is now the one to go by for all updated items and prices.

*James Duke*

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- Friday 9 May  James Duke & Rowena Robinson
- Monday 12 May  James Duke

**WIN A SHARE OF THE DOLLARMITES' SUNKEN TREASURE IN TERM 2**

This term we are giving students, schools and our School Banking Co-ordinators the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings. Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

- **Major student prize.**
  - Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
  - VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
  - Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and A $3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

- **Runner up student prizes.**
  - 130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

- **School and School Banking Co-ordinator prizes.**
  - There will also be a separate draw for schools. As long as you have at least one student who is eligible for the competition, you will be in the running to win:
    - $1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory of Australia.
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P & C NEWS
Tea Towel Fundraiser
You can see the real masterpiece on display in the office foyer. Hurry and put your order in so you don’t miss out. They will be sold for $12 each.