PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

FISST Cross Country: After 2 postponements due to the wet weather, the carnival went ahead today. I know all students were looking forward to participating and I am sure they have all had a fun day.

Notes regarding the District Cross Country carnival will be sent out as soon as possible. This carnival is now to be held on Friday 15 May.

School Cross Country: Weather permitting we will be hosting our school carnival this Friday from 12 noon.

Mother’s Day Stall: This is to be held this Friday morning. The stall is relying on donations from parents and if not everyone donates a gift then not all students will be able to purchase a gift. Priority will be given to those students who have donated a gift.

NAPLAN: This year the NAPLAN assessments will take place from Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 May (Week 4). All students in Years 3 and 5 are expected to complete these assessments. If you want any further information regarding the assessments please come and see me.

4/5/6 Excursion: Those students who have not returned their expression of interest permission note and $50 deposit, were given new notes yesterday regarding this year’s excursion to Berry Sport and Recreation Centre. The dates for this excursion are 4 – 6 November. We are asking for the permission note and $50 deposit to be returned ASAP as we need to confirm numbers with the centre and pay a security deposit to confirm our place. Student assistance is available to ensure that all students are able to attend. All applications are dealt with confidentially. Please see Karen in the office for more information.


**Bus Behaviour:** We have had several incidents of violent behaviour on the bus this term. Students who do not follow the rules on the bus may have their bus pass suspended and be refused travel on the bus. Please reinforce with your children to sit in their seat and stay there for the duration of the journey. Students should not be moving around the bus while it is in motion. I would hate for one of our students to be injured, or worse, in an accident because they weren’t in their seat.

**P&C Meeting:** The next meeting for P&C is tomorrow night Thursday 7 May at 6.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend and meetings are child friendly.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me.*

*Nicole*

**K/1/2 NEWS**

Good luck to Lani, Jonas, Casey and Blake who are all competing in their first FISST carnival today. They were all looking forward to competing and I know they’ve had fun.

This week Kinder are learning about the letters w and j and Years 1 and 2 are learning about words that have a double l at the end (small, well etc.).

**Home Readers:** Many students in Years 1 and 2 are not returning their home readers on a regular basis. Regular practice of their reading helps students to reinforce what they have learned in class and allows them to build the skills and knowledge necessary for reading more difficult and complex texts. Well done to Kinder who are returning their readers much more regularly and this is showing in their results in class.

**Science:** All students have received a note today about bringing in and sharing some mixtures from home. If you have any questions about this please contact Ms Porteous on Thursday or Friday.

Congratulations Markus (in Year 1) and Kayla and Abelardo on the safe arrival of baby Ayden who finally arrived last Friday, weighing 7lb 7oz.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see me.*

*Nicole*
We only have 2 children with overdue books which means that on Thursday we will have most of the class borrowing. Home readers are being returned more frequently which will help reading progress.  
Our new Spelling groups have proved very successful and the test results were SUPER. Some of the lists will be adjusted to suit the groups.  
House points this week were boosted by all the improved efforts the children made however Emus just beat the Kangaroos. Next week ???  
Last but not least.. We visited the Life Education Van on Monday and I was most impressed with the children’s responses to Greg’s questions. Everyone enjoyed the visit immensely and we are looking forward to the follow up in class.

*Keep in touch,*

*Lyn*

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**5/6 NEWS**

It is great to see the sunshine out this week, hopefully drying out our cross country track for Friday. In class this week we have been keeping busy learning about data in Maths and continuing to learn about narratives in English. Students enjoy data as they have a chance to be creative with their graphs and they get to interview each other to collect their data. We are also learning another comprehension strategy this week called coding. This provides students with a chance to analyse a text as they read through it.  
Finally just another reminder for home readers and journals to be returned regularly please.

*Thankyou for your support*

*Dion Lalor*

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**MS CULLEN**

K/1/2 are continuing to explore the different groups that people belong to including sporting, artistic, leisure and cultural in HSIE activities. During Art, they are creating images of fireworks.
Due to the wet weather and dangerous track conditions, the FISST Cross Country was postponed until today, which has resulted in the District Carnival now being held on Friday 15 May (next week). This Friday (8 May) our School Cross Country is being held at the school, we are requesting volunteers to assist the teachers with place finishers and supervision of the track. Please contact Mrs Morison or myself if you are able to help out.

Yours in Sport,
Dion Lalor

CANTEEN NEWS
Available from the canteen this week delicious Homemade Healthy Winter Warmers

- Pumpkin Soup $1.50
- Corn on the Cob $1.00

This Friday we will also be trialling Yoghurt and Muesli Cluster Cups for $1 to see how they go.

P & C
Mother’s Day Stall this Friday!!

Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held this Friday 8 May, 2015. Donated gifts to the value of $5 will be gratefully accepted. Students will need to bring in $5 on this day if they want to purchase a gift from the stall. Students who have donated a gift will have first choice. All students will be able to purchase a
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
Presented at assembly Thursday 2 May 2015

MERIT AWARDS
K/1/2  Jonas Duke, Dejan Sankovic, Torlea Blume and Casey Lalor.

BRIDGE BUILDER AWARDS
Bronze  Brayden Cullen
Gold  Bailey Cullen

QUIET ACHIEVERS
K/1/2  Thomas Russell and Lani Attard.
3/4  Bailey Cullen and Steven Blume.
5/6  Emily Dillon and Elvis Oppong.