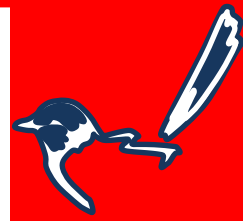




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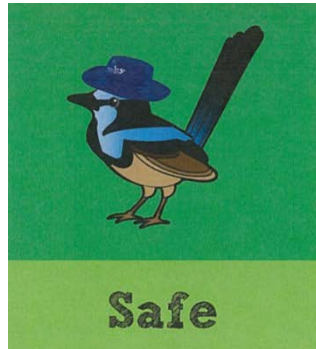
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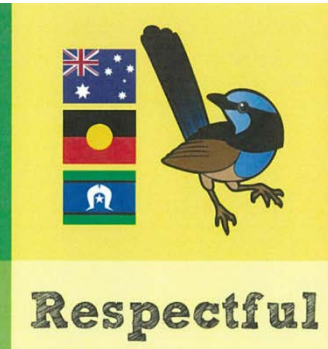
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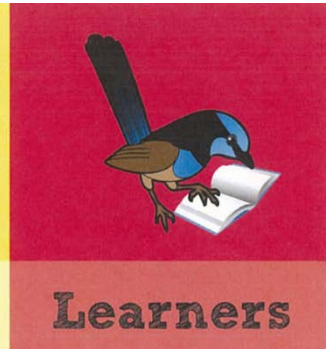
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DATES TO REMEMBER

27.04.15	ANZAC Service
02.05.15	School Gardening Bee
05.05.15	Mother's Day Stall
08.05.15	Mother's Day Stall
08.15.15	PSSA commences Term 2

12-14.05	NAPLAN
18.05.15	Celebrating the Arts Rehearsal
23.05.15	Bunnings BBQ

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

Welcome back to what is set to be another bust term of learning.

Cross Country

Our annual cross country carnival will be held on Wednesday 6th May within our school grounds. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible attend to cheer the children on. All children must wear their sport uniform for the day. Events commence at 10am.

Anzac Day

Today we held our Anzac Ceremony. This is a sombre even which saw our students showing our past and present servicemen and women the utmost respect for their service to our country. I would like to thank Mr Matt Thompson for speaking to our students about his 21 years as a member of the Navy and to Mr John Layton for playing

the bag pipes during the laying of the wreaths. Special thanks must also go to Ms Ashford (Tarryn's Mum) who made and provided the wreath free of charge to the school. It would be remiss of me not to also thank the students who all contributed to our poppy garden and who all brought tears to my eyes as they sang 'Spirit of the Anzacs'.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Library Monitors

A group of dedicated students have committed to the role of Library Monitor this year under the librarianship of Mrs Stephens. These keen students had to submit an application for the role. They were very proud to receive their badges – well done girls!!



Ella, Michael & Sam

Congratulations to three of our students who have achieved excellent results in their sporting field.

Towards the end of March, Ella won a bronze medal at State Little Athletics in the event of discus. She also achieved a PB at this event – well done Ella!!



Sam was selected in the Parramatta Merrylands Rugby League Squad (Juniors). He enjoyed playing with the team and is looking forward to trialling again next year.



Michael Geddes was selected for the Sydney West Rugby League team. This is an outstanding achievement that now sees him with a busy training and match schedule. We'll keep you posted on the game results.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

NAPLAN

The 2015 NAPLAN program for Year 3 and 5 students will commence on Tuesday 12th May. The first assessment will be Language Conventions, followed by the Writing assessment. On Wednesday, 13th May, students will complete the Reading assessment and on Thursday 14th May, the Numeracy assessment. Any student who is absent for any particular NAPLAN test is entitled to a catch-up day on Friday 15th May. We wish all students in Year 3 and Year 5 every success with their NAPLAN assessments.

Campaign Launch

Thank you to all of the families who supported our campaign launch on Friday night. It was exciting watching the campaign movie together, and much fun had playing with the giant games with a free dinner. Thanks must go to www.schoolparents.com.au for their support of us in this campaign. Just to remind you of what we are trying to achieve:

- Raise \$100,000 to build a toilet block on our school oval so that our students don't have to trek 400m up an 8m elevation to use the toilet from the oval.

If you missed the launch, please click on the following link to view it: www.chuffed.org/projects/nature-calls

Since Friday, we've raised \$1618.00!! Please use the power of social media and all of your connections to share this with. We only have until 21st July to raise this money. I'd also like you to use the power of hashtags to help our campaign. Each post you do can have the hashtag #ohnoineedtogo

Bek Zadow
Principal

OPPORTUNITY CLASS 2016

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

PEER SUPPORT

This term we are commencing Peer Support lessons. The whole school will participate in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer Leaders from Year 5 and Year 6 facilitate a small group of about 6-7 students from Kindergarten to Year 4, who will work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise up to 3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking.

The Peer Support Program aims to provide a positive and safe learning environment for students. It is a valuable learning experience that builds confidence, teaches life skills through fun and safe activities, forms positive relationships and allows students to practice cooperation and collaboration.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 5/6G

In 5/6G we have been learning about the ANZACs and the significance of ANZAC symbols. During the First World War, red poppies were some of the first plants to spring up in the battlefields of northern France and Belgium. They have come to symbolise the sacrifice of blood shed during war and are widely used as part of ANZAC Day observances.

As a class we viewed and studied photographs of poppies for inspiration. We discussed the way light and shade are vital for a realistic, three-dimensional looking scene. Then we sketched the poppies. Some of us chose to draw a scene with multiple poppies, while others focused on one poppy or a close-up view. Finally, we painted our artworks using watercolour paint. We hope you enjoy our artworks!



P&C NEWS

**I hope you all had a great Easter and school holidays
Welcome back to the start of term 2.**

A BIG REMINDER PLEASE **DO NOT** DROP YOUR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:30am. WE NOW HAVE OOSH AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN COME AND TALK TO THE CO-ORDINATORS.

Upcoming events

Mother's Day Stall on Tuesday 5th May & Friday 8th May - Co-Ordinator – Michelle Ly
Clean Up School on Saturday 2nd May- 1-4pm
Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 23rd May Co-Ordinator - Jenny Mercer & Nicole Elsoussi

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club please come and join us in our new location in the Canteen on Monday's & Tuesday's

Canteen

We are looking for **Volunteers** to help in the canteen. Just remember without your help the canteen will not run. So come on down and see Jenny (Canteen Co-ordinator) or phone her on 0419 299 784.

This is a treat for your children so please think about helping even for a couple of hours.

Don't Forget : The Canteen is Open on **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday** for Hot Food, sandwiches & snacks

Friday – Ice creams sold by Year 6's in canteen. If you come on down you will notice the nice new front benches. Thank you to Jenny for organising and getting these and to Mr Tony for putting them on.

School banking

Melissa Ball (Hamish yr 1 or Lachlan yr 3) Co-ordinates the Banking and this is done on Wednesdays. If you would like any information regarding Banking please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Uniform shop

The Uniform shop is open every Friday morning between 8:50 and 9:15.

P&C NEWS

If you need a winter uniform please remember that it takes 3 weeks for the order to come in and it has to be paid for when you order. **We Do Not** stock the winter tracksuit or pants in the uniform shop.

School Scarves

Leonie Beasley (Alexis's mum yr 1) will be selling handmade scarves on behalf of the sewing group. They are Micro Polar Fleece, navy blue and they cost \$5. They will be ready on Wednesday 29th April. If you find Leonie in the playground please don't hesitate to go up and have a look and buy one for your child. If you would like to place an order please see Leonie. You will find them to buy in the uniform shop in a couple of weeks.



Mothers Day Stall

The P&C annual Mother's day stall is held on Tuesday 5th May and Friday 8th May.

Gift prices range from \$1.00 to \$6.00. Please support the stall by giving your children some money to purchase that special gift.

If anyone can help to sell these items to the children please let Michelle Ly know (Kelcey, Cynthia, Jacquelyn's mum)

THANK YOU

Easter Raffle: Wow what a great effort! A big Thank you to the whole school in either selling or buying tickets and for all the donations so we could have lots of winners - 28 prizes all up! To all the families that won, **congratulations**. Our profit was \$583.50.

DON'T FORGET Our Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st May in the library at 6:30pm.

Mothers Day Stall

Mothers Day Stall will be open on :

♥ Tuesday 5th May for students only

♥ Friday 8th May for students and
parents



Gifts range in price from \$1 to \$6.

Parents are invited to purchase items on Friday 8th May
after all classes have visited the stall



HAPPY
MOTHERS
DAY



Pictured items are available for purchase from the stall, plus many more



PLAY **RUGBY LEAGUE** WITH THE **NORTH RYDE HAWKS JRLFC**

Rugby League Is Played On **SUNDAYS**

Fun and Safe For Everyone

Our Under 7s and Under 9s are looking for new players to join our dynamic teams

Registration cost is \$85.00 which includes high quality Jersey, Socks and Shorts

The season has just begun and welcoming new registrations for the next few weeks.

Club Activities Such As Tug-O-War, Relay Race, Kicking Competition

As Well As Weekly Wrap-Ups Where The Players
Get To Tell Everyone About Their Game That Day

Join Our Friendly, Fun, Family Club

CONTACT: Sam 0404 865 004 or

Amanda 0425 326 288

Come along and try it out on our Thursday night
training at **ELS Hall in Kent Road Marsfield**



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