Hello Everyone

This is our first newsletter since the holidays. I hope everyone had an enjoyable rest at home.

The annual NAPLAN tests will be held in week 4 or from 12 May to 14 May. This will involve our students in year 3 and year 5. The students will be tested on their Reading, Spelling, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy. The tests will be held in the 5 / 6 classroom and I will conduct the tests.

This year we have been incorporating NAPLAN style questions into our activities. This will assist the students with the NAPLAN style questions. Next week I will complete some practice sessions with the students to ensure they are familiar with the tests. We are trying to reduce the stress as much as we can. That said I know all our students will try their best during the tests.

During week 5 we are having our book celebrations. The bookfair will be organized by the P&C and will be held throughout the week. We will be having a book parade on Tuesday 19 May and this will be followed by afternoon tea. The classes will be open at this time for inspection by parents as we will not be having a Gala Evening this year. You may wish to think of characters for your child to dress up as. This year we will have a parent’s parade as well. It should be a great afternoon.

I will be giving out book vouchers to our pre – prep parents. This will allow parents to purchase books at the bookfair and is our way of highlighting the importance of reading to younger children. Overall we want the week to be about literature and the importance and fun of reading.

Our school is in the process of developing a strong plan to ensure we are inclusive for all students. We develop Evidence Based Plans for all students falling below English benchmarks. We meet to discuss ways to meet the needs of these students and to allocate resources to assist students. We are also improving our plans to identify and assist students who may be gifted or talented. Our aim is to be inclusive and to assist all students to reach their potential.

Finally, I would like to thank anyone who helped to make our school Anzac Service special event. Have a good fortnight.

Michael
Important news for parents

Pre-prep/playgroup starts again
This Friday May 1 is the first pre-prep/playgroup day for this term. All parents of pre-prep or playgroup children are invited to come along and join the group. This runs from 9am—11am in the activities room at the school. There is fun activities and play for all children, and this is a great opportunity for parents to get together and meet new people in the community. Please bring a plate of eats to share for morning tea. We look forward to seeing you all on Friday.

Sydney / Canberra Camp—Year 5/6
The dates for this camp are now set at 10-16 September 2015. We will be flying from Brisbane to Canberra, visiting Parliament House (new & old), Australian War Memorial, Electoral Commission, Questacon and other sites of interest before taking a bus from Canberra to Sydney where we will enjoy various activities. We will be flying home from Sydney on Wednesday 16 September. An itinerary & invoice detailing an instalment plan for the remainder of the cost will be sent home to parents in the next few days. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Michael or Lorraine on 46937287.

Chaplaincy Report
Hi — my name is Karen Pomereneke (Miss Karen to the children) and I’m excited to be the new Chaplain at your school. I’ll be here on Thursdays.

A little bit about me: I’m re-entering the ‘paid’ work force after 20 years of being a stay-at-home mum, acquiring (and in some cases fine tuning!) skills such as being chief cook/cleaner/gardener/taxi driver/counsellor — you get the picture! I’m married and have 3 children, the youngest is in year 12 at PSHS.

I am looking forward to being part of this school community, my role being to support students, parents and staff as needed. If you are around the school on a Thursday, please come and introduce yourself. I look forward to working with you and the staff to provide a safe and respectful learning environment for the children.

Thanks for having me at your school!

Regards, Karen.

Next Monthly Meeting is
13th MAY at 3.15

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Wed 29/04— Kerrie & Donna
Wed 06/05— Dawn & Jo
Wed 13/05— Sharlene & Amanda

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Uniforms can still be purchased from Karen. There are some 2nd hand winter tracksuits and jumpers available.

CAPTAINS RAFFLE
The multi draw raffle organised by Hayden Cann for more sports equipment for our school is nearly ready. So far there is over 30 items ranging from Mexican fighting fish, weekends away, crystal glassware and even a box of meat from JBS. The students will have a school survey to choose which equipment they want. Please support this event when tickets are released.

BOOK CLUB
Catalogues were sent out last week — orders and money must be handed in by the 6th May.

P&C NEWS
30.04.15

If you have anything you wish to add to the agenda or the P&C News, please let Amanda Pollock know on 0428 285 818.

P&C Events Date (2015)
P&C MEETING 19th MAY
Book Fair 18th – 22nd MAY

The April P&C meeting was held on the 21st April at 7.00pm, and the next meeting on Wednesday 13th May will be our first trial 3.15 pm afternoon meeting…looking forward to seeing new faces.

The annual school book fair will be held in the hall during the week 18th - 22nd May, a roster will be sent home asking for volunteers for approximately 1-2 hours morning and afternoon for this week. A busy week of fun activities has been planned.

Thank you
Donna
P&C President

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Please let Donna know if you can donate homemade for tuckshop.

Don’t forget the new winter menu starts this week with a new pizza, homemade pasta tubs, fresh Norco milk and Orchy juice.

Volunteers for tuckshop are getting really low, its only 1 day a term and your child/children would love to see you helping out.

Your P&C Committee
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STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

Behaviour
This fortnight we will be focusing on the Safety
Value. You may wish to reinforce the following expec-
tations with your child: Play in the designated
areas; Climb only on the play equipment; Use all
equipment the right way; Use pedestrian crossings;
Walk bikes in the school grounds; Wear hats and
shoes outside at school; Use the toilets properly;
Wash hands after going to the toilet; Sticks and
stones down; Eat own food; Avoid rough play;
Never hurt others.

No Parade and therefore no awards in Week 1 due
at the holding of the School Anzac Service.

Cleaning Work
We sometimes require someone to do
casual cleaning work. You may be inter-
ested. We require a brief CV with work history. A
blue card is preferable and would be required for
longer periods of work. Applicants will be placed on
a casual cleaners list. For further information con-
tact Lorraine Spackman or Michael Routledge at
school on 46937287.

Mother’s Day Stall— Project Club
The Project Club are again running a stall
with gifts for Mother’s Day. These items are set up
in the P-2 classroom and will be on sale before and
after school. This stall will run from Wednesday 29
April until Wednesday 6 May. Kids if you are look-
ing for a gift for Mum or Grandma go and have a
look —there are some beautiful little gifts at great
prices.

Dates for your Calendar
As we start another busy term take the time to
check the ‘dates to remember’ section on the front
of this newsletter and add them to your home
calendar.