

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome Kaitlyn McDonald and Mia Lake to our school this week. Both Miss McDonald and Miss Lake are student teachers from Federation University and have been placed in the Grade 1/2 room and Grade 5/6 room respectively. Both teachers are in their first year at university and will return in term 3 for another week of experience at our school.

Parents & Friends Hot Lunches

Many of the students and staff enjoyed the Parents and Friends hot lunch last week. The efforts of the volunteers are certainly appreciated!



Trivia Night Committee

I am still looking for any parents who are interested in being a part of the Trivia Night fundraising committee. This event has been quite a fun night over the past two years as well as raising significant funds for the school and we would like to see it continue. The help we require consists of seeking donations from local businesses and co-ordination of the program for the night. We have some parents from the Traralgon South Kindergarten committee who are interested in being involved however, we need some parent support from the school also. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me at school.

Maths Coaching

We have made quite a positive start to the Maths Coaching that has been taking place this year. While first term focussed more on organising assessment data, term 2 has begun to focus on providing feedback to individual teachers regarding their teaching practice in Maths, with the aim being to further develop each teacher's practice and in turn, each child's performance. The structure of this process is quite clear, requiring teachers to submit a lesson outline and learning intention prior to the lesson. Miss Bone, the Maths coach, then observes that lesson and provides feedback to each teacher individually in regard to the success of students being able to achieve the learning intention. The coaching conversation encourages teachers to be reflective of their teaching practice using examples from the lesson to support their judgements. The coach and teacher are then able to work together to identify the next part of the learning phase in preparation for the next lesson. Reflections from the coaching sessions are also able to support discussions at our PLT

meetings by being able to use evidence of observations in the classroom to determine what our students are able to achieve.

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing begins next week for students in Grades 3 and 5. The testing will be carried out on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. On these days, students in Grade 4 will be split, with one half of the group joining the Grade 2 students and the other half joining the Grade 6 students.

Thanks Parents & Friends!

We had the iPad storage units installed today. The Parents and Friends committee purchased these items for the school with the funds they raised in 2014. This unit is very secure and provides great protection for our school's iPads. The unit allows the iPads to be charged and synced at the same time. The iPads are housed in a carry case which holds eight iPads and provides safe transport to and from the classroom. Thank you again to the fundraising efforts of our Parents and Friends committee to allow for this unit to be purchased.



Joel Fraser – Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER		
8 th May	Fri	Parents & Friends Mother's Day Stall Spinach & Ricotta Pastries Orders Due In
12 th May	Tue	Spinach & Ricotta Lunch Day
14 th May	Thu	Parents & Friends Pie Drive Orders Due In
22 nd May	Fri	Parents & Friends Pie Drive Orders Delivered To School

SPINACH & RICOTTA PASTRIES LUNCH ORDERS

A lunch order form was sent home with each student last Tuesday for the spinach and ricotta pastries lunch on Tuesday 12th May. The Grade 5/6 will be preparing spinach (silver beet) and ricotta pastries with produce grown in our school vegie patch. If you would like a gluten free pastry please write this on your order. The pastries are \$3.50 each and fruit boxes will be \$1.50 each. For information regarding other ingredients please contact Simone on 0427 723 582. All proceeds will go towards the Year 6 Graduation. Orders with payment are due in to the box in the school foyer by this Friday 8th May.

MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to our winner for this week: Heath Kamphuis. Heath has shown his own working out with the 24 leg potion and the 36 leg potion. He made a plasticine model and also recorded his working out in a published chart format on computer. Well done to our other entrants who worked out many combinations for the witch's potion.

Next week's task:

I have three dogs of different ages. If I add their ages together I get 15. If I multiply their ages together I get 45. How old are my dogs?

PARENTS & FRIENDS PIE DRIVE

A reminder that orders with payment for the Parents and Friends Pie Drive are due back to school by Thursday, 14th May. Order forms were sent home last week with the eldest in the family.

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This Friday, 8th May after lunch.

Each child needs to bring a bag to carry purchases home.



YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 1st May 2015



Prep/1	Deegan Borg	For trying hard in his reading.
1/2	Jae Paton	For working hard during Maths and staying on task.
2/3	Jessica Pettifer	For always being organised
4/5	Riley Palmer	For putting in extra efforts with his writing and Maths.
5/6	Breanna De Martin	For applying a range of Maths strategies during our timeline making.
Principal	Jake Wheatley	For being a good sport during our 'Golden Broom' game.

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