Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Naplan - testing wise, is over for another year. I would like to congratulate all of the students for their efforts last week. Thank you Mrs Hutton for the organisation of the NAPLAN testing period and your cooking skills. Mrs Blue and Mrs Galloway also need a big thank you for exercising their cooking and washing up skills last week for our students.

I attended a Curriculum meeting in Moura yesterday. Ordinarily I don’t get to attend these meetings, but enjoyed the day hugely. Reading and literacy is shaping up to be the big focus for the entire Central Queensland Region. A big “take home” message that was given to us yesterday was that any reading that we as parents and teachers can do with our children, or that they see us doing, is vital. Reading needs to be seen as an important part of everyone’s day. It doesn’t have to be a book – newspapers, emails, magazines, and even those monthly bills all count as reading. Just seeing us as adults interacting with these texts lets children know that we value reading and words.

Mrs Low returns on Monday. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for your support over the last few weeks, it certainly made it much easier to stand in for Kelly.

Regards,

Samantha Dow
Acting Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS

Prep - Year 2 by Mrs. Sam Dow

The preps, ones and twos have been working hard on shapes over the last two weeks. It has been great to see the preps recognising shapes in the environment around them. Year 2 have been looking at how to describe 3D shapes. In English we have been reading books about a cheeky and very demanding pigeon. We have been using these books to become aware of punctuation, and whether a sentence is a statement, exclamation, command or a question. As you can imagine, some of us are very good at giving examples of “commands”.

Under 8’s day on Friday, is causing a lot of excitement in our room at present. Please remember to send along a water bottle, hat and a snack – being under 8 is very hard work!

Year 3-6 by Mrs. Kellie Smith

Well done year 3 and 5 students! Mrs Hutton and I were very proud of your Naplan efforts and your behaviour during the tests. Thank you to the 4s and 6s for being so understanding. This week we are back to normal!!! We have been working hard on our history unit, and we are getting ready to write a piece of persuasive writing about the beef industry on Mrs Low’s return. This is my last newsletter as the year 3-6 teacher. Thank you kids for an awesome 5 weeks! Welcome back Mrs Low!

DROP OFF/PICK UP TIMES

As of late we have noticed some students have been arriving at school prior to 8:30am. We would like to ask that parents do not drop there child/ren of at school before 8:30am as we cannot guarantee that a staff member will be available at the school to supervise any students at that time.

Please note a nominated staff member is on Bus Duty every afternoon and will be at the school until 3:30pm every afternoon. If parents are not available to pick their child/ren up before 3:30pm they will need to ring the school and try to organise other arrangements.

GOODWILL GAMES

With the Abercorn Goodwill Games only one week away please make sure you have returned your nomination form to the school office. These nominations need to be given to Abercorn State School by this Friday. If any parents have lost there nomination form please contact the school to add your child’s information to our list. We look forward to seeing everyone there next Saturday the 30th of May for a great day.
**SCHOOL CAMP**
This year we have decided to combine our school camp with Abercorn State School. We will be attending the PCYC Capricorn Coast Leadership Development Centre in Yeppoon from Tuesday 27th October to Friday 30th October. The activities we will be participating in on this camp will include the following: Beach Bush Walk, Sand Castle Competition, a visit to North Keppel Island (still to be confirmed), Raft Building, Crate Stacking/Rock Climbing, a visit to Sizzler and/or Hogs Breath Cafe in Rockhampton and other great activities.

At the moment the current costing for this camp is approximately $380 per student. Please note the amount above is before any contributions from the School and P&C. Attached to the school newsletter is an expression of interest form. Before we can finalise costing for this camp we will need to approximate numbers of students able to attend. Please fill this form out and return it to the school office at your earliest convenience.

**IMMUNISATIONS**
We ask that parents please check that their child’s immunisations records are up to date due to the recent outbreak of Measles & other diseases. For a schedule of immunisations that children are recommended to receive please see the QLD Government website.

**BOOKFAIR**
Don’t forget our KINGS, QUEENS & CASTLES Bookfair begins next Monday 25th May and will run for the week in our school library. Please see the attached booklet. We look forward to seeing you there.

**READ MORE IN MAY**
A note went home this week encouraging students to read more during the month of May with the possibility of prizes for Student classroom and or school. Please ask your child/ren about this if you haven’t seen this flyer.

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**HEARING & EAR SCREENING**
On Tuesday the 9th of June, IWC (Improving the Health of Wellbeing of Communities) will be conducting Hearing & Ear Screening at our school. Please see attached to the newsletter a letter from the IWC along with a permission form if you wish for your child to participate in a screening. Please return your child’s consent form to the school at your earliest convenience. If any parents have any questions please contact the school.

**TERM 2 TUCKSHOP**
There have been some minor changes to the tuckshop menu – but these will come into effect week 8 (see next newsletter).

Orders will now need to be placed onto paper bags (one bag per order), for ease of distribution.

**Tuckshop Dates:**
- Wednesday 27th May (orders due back Monday 25th May)
- Wednesday 10th June
- Wednesday 24th June

Please remember to have your order forms to the school by the Monday before Tuckshop otherwise we cannot guarantee students will receive their order.

**P&C NEWS**
Don’t forget our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm in the school staffroom. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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**Mulgildie Campdraft**
Thank you to those that are able to give their time to assist/donate food at this weekends Mulgildie Campdraft. We ask anyone donating goodies please take their cooking down to the Campdraft grounds Saturday morning. Please see the below roster. If anyone does happen to be at the Campdraft and can lend a hand, please feel free to jump in and give one. We look forward to seeing everyone this weekend!

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**Saturday**
- Breakfast & Morning 7am-12pm
  - Sam Dow, Karla Galloway & Tracy Stott
- Lunch & Afternoon 12pm - 5pm
  - Sally Cowen & Raelene Loudon

We have not been asked to help at dinner Saturday night however if anyone would be able to help in the bar Saturday night, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Sunday**
- Breakfast & Morning 7am - 12pm
  - Kelli-Sue Dent & Belinda Dendle

**Stubby Coolers**
The P&C now have school Stubby coolers available for sale - $5 each and will be available upon contact of Karla Galloway.

**Advanced Life Fundraiser**
Don’t forget family portraits, next Friday the 26th of May. To avoid missing out, please contact Karla Galloway to organise a suitable time for your family. See flyer attached for more information. Payments need to be made to the P&C by 26 May 2015.

**State of Origin Fundraiser**
We are holding a State of Origin night for Game II on 17 June 2015. More information will come out in the coming weeks.
**Week 1**

**Chloe Dent**
Awarded for moving up within her comprehension box! Great Work!

**Riley Blue**
Awarded for 95% attendance in Term 1, 2015.

**Jayden Cowen & Liam Grubb**
Number Fact Stars!

**Tara Kerle & Cooper Horder-Keiler**
Awarded for Great Book Work!

**Ralph Domingo, Liam Grubb, Jayden Cowen & Riley Blue**
Awarded for moving up within their comprehension box! Great Work!

**Prue Dow & Dana Grubb**
Students of the Week!

**Week 2**

**Ava Curtis, Hayden, Claire & Beau Galloway**
Awarded for 25 nights of reading! Great Work!

**Ralph Domingo, Liam Grubb, Jayden Cowen & Riley Blue**
Awarded for moving up within their comprehension box! Great Work!

**Prue Dow & Dana Grubb**
Students of the Week!

**Week 3**

**Matylda Dow & Rohan Knapman**
Awarded for moving up within their comprehension box! Great Work!

**Liam Grubb with Student of the Week Beau Galloway!**

**Hans Alcoreza**
Number Fact Stars!
**STUDENT FREE DRESS DAY**
As it will be Mrs Smith’s last day here on Friday we thought it would be a fun idea to hold a Free Dress Day on Friday 22nd May.

The theme for our Free Dress Day is BLUE (Mrs Smith’s favourite colour), so we want to see everyone in their most outrageous Blue outfits for the day.

We ask that students participating in this Day please donate a Gold Coin which will go towards our School Camp at the end of the year.

Please note students attending Under 8’s Day on Friday are required to wear their school uniform while in Monto. If these students wish to still participate in our Free Dress Day they can pack a Blue shirt that teachers will help them change into when they return to school.

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**Week 4**

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**Tayla Carberry & Tara Kerle**
Students of the Week!

**Damon Miller & Emily-Rose Kerle**
Awarded for 25 nights of reading! Great Work!

**Logan Goody**
Awarded for moving up within his comprehension box. Great Work!

**Riley Blue, Logan Goody & Jayden Cowen**
Great Book Work!

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**Week 5**

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**Melissa Birch & Riley Miller**
Great Book Work!

**Claire Galloway, Lachlan Kerle, Nickalus Robinson & Cooper Horder-Keiler**
Awarded for moving up within there comprehension box! Great Work!

**Hayden Galloway & Jack Dendle**
Students of the Week!

**Ralph Domingo, Prue Dow, Chloe Dent, Melissa Birch, Matylda Dow & Mitchell Moscrop**
Number Fact Stars!