Principal’s Message

The Anzac Commemorations were led well by student leaders at the school parade and supported very well on the Public Holiday by families. There were 120 students present representing a third of the school. A great turn out for remembrance. Cross Country was a great example of students participating. I didn’t see one student not run unless a medical issue prevented them. Our sporting culture has been very strong on this - having a go and giving our best effort. I see the similar thing in learning.

I have been encouraged by the commitment to learning demonstrated by students in classes. It is great to see everyone laying strong foundations for future success. I thank every member of our great teaching and support staff for creating the conditions for this every day.

Term 2 this year sees the usual flurry of activities that students will look back on as their favourable memories of school – Athletics Carnival, Under 8’s Day, Student Discos. All students nationally in Year 3, 5 and 7 will be assessed in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

**CROSS COUNTRY - TROPHY** – **POSSUMS – 224pts**, **GOANNAS – 207 pts**, **WOMBATS - 195pts**

Like last year with just 32 points and 29 point this year between 1st and 3rd house it indicates how close a competition it is.

* Age Champion to be awarded on results at Port Curtis.
P&C Meeting (AGM) – Tuesday 29th April 7pm School Staffroom
The P&C plays a significant role in the school providing valuable input into the strategic direction of the school. It also oversees the operational aspects of the tuckshop and uniform sales. It is made possible by the wonderful commitment of volunteers who attend its meetings each month. Please consider supporting its activities. New members are welcome.

Lexia
Our school has upgraded to Lexia Reading Core5™, a web-based reading program that provides the targeted practice and instruction students need to develop their reading skills.

As an added benefit, students can use Core5 at home. Getting started is easy! Instructions were emailed home or are available from the Office.

NATIONAL TESTING
Students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will be taking part in national Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy next week.

Tuesday 13 May
1. Language Conventions
   Yr 3 – 40min
   Yr 5 – 40min
   Yr 7 – 45min
2. Writing
   Yr 3/5/7 – 40min

Wednesday 14 May
3. Reading
   Yr 3 – 45min
   Yr 5 – 50min
   Yr 7 – 65min

Thursday 15 May
4. Numeracy
   Yr 3 – 45min
   Yr 5 – 50min
   Yr 7 – 40min (calculator)
   40min (non-calculator)

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. Don’t let your child fret about it – just encourage them to do their best to show as much as they know.

Winter Uniform
Students have been looking great this year in their uniform. With cooler weather certain to come, the biggest issue is for students to have the correct jumper (School jacket is available for purchase and smaller sizes are available). Students in Year 3 to 7 do get a Uniform Slip from the Office for the occasions when their uniform is not available.

The approved Uniform Policy makes only reference to Jackets purchased and ordered through the P&C. Students will be allowed to wear a jumper that is black or red through the non-uniform period.

Late Arrival
If you arrive after the bell has gone at 8.50 please call into the office for a late slip. This will ensure your child does not get marked as absent and you will not receive a text message asking to explain absence.

Mother’s Day
There will be a Mother’s Day stall operating at the school hall on Wednesday 7th May. Classes will be released at appointed times for students to be able to purchase gifts (prices from $2 to $10). Prep classes will be the first to choose and may put items on hold if they need to check with older siblings. If this is the case, the siblings will then need to go to the hall at lunchtime to make their selections together.

Principal Matters

PE news
Good luck to our 30 representatives who will compete at the Port Curtis Cross Country trials on Friday 9th May.

COMMENCEMENT TIME – Port Curtis Cross Country
9:00am Officials Briefing

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Finance – Resource Scheme
Final payment for resource scheme is now due. If you have already given Credit Card details, payment has been processed on Tuesday 22nd April. Reminder notices will be sent out this week for anyone with outstanding fees.

Student of the Week
Due to holidays, there are no awards this week.

Class News

2CS Newsletter Item
What a great start to Term 2. This term in English we are learning about stereotypes! (Ms Clow didn’t learn about this until University!). We have read some traditional fairy tales and stories that support stereotypes (how people think about a group based on their appearance or qualities). Here are some that we have discussed:

- All girls like the colour pink
- Boys play with dolls
- Boys are good at sport
- Boys are strong
- Clever people wear glasses
- All dragons are fierce
- All princesses wear crowns
- All dragons are fierce
- We now know that these kinds of statements are not always true and in this unit of work we are learning to “ bust” stereotypes. This means we need to think about people and characters as individuals, and not put them into groupings based on gender, appearance and qualities. We have read some very funny books about princesses who like to fight dragons, knights who like to knit and dragons who love to do ballet! At the end of the unit we are going to write our own non-stereotypical character description, based on one of the characters we have read about. It is quite tricky work, but we are having lots of fun learning along the way!

Uniforms
The Uniforms can be ordered any time at the office. The orders will be filled on a Wednesday and will be available for pickup on Thursday between 9am and 2.30pm. Cash, Cheque and Eftpos available only.

Focus on Fours Playgroup
We meet each Friday of the school term in the Hall, 9-11am. Bring along your own healthy snack, water bottle, hat and $2 to cover the cost of resources. Membership to Playgroup Queensland is required after 2 introductory weeks. For more information phone Anita 49732434.
Chaplaincy Junior Bike Challenge

The Gladstone Schools Chaplaincy Committee will be holding a Junior Bike Challenge as a fund raising event for School Chaplaincy on Saturday 10th May between 2.00 and 4.30pm. This event allows riders from grades 4 to 7 to choose the distance they think they can ride in 2 ½ hours and then challenge themselves to achieve their goal. The venue for the ride will be the Gladstone Showgrounds. Riders fund raise by gaining sponsorship for their personal effort and can win a great prize if they become the rider who raises the most money. Riders will need both permission and support from their parents/caregiver to participate. For more information and registration forms, please phone Chappy Emma on 0400 174 086 or see her on Mondays or Tuesdays at the school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mother’s Day Classic 2014 – TANNUM SANDS

WHEN: SUNDAY 11 MAY 2014
WHERE: Millennium Esplanade Playground, Tannum Sands
WHAT: 4km or 8km Walk/Run
TIME: 7.00am for 7.30am start

To REGISTER please go to www.mothersdayclassic.com
Online registrations close Wednesday 7 May, 2014.

Join us for a great start to your Mother’s Day with a:
BBQ BREAKFAST
RAFFLES
CAKE AND CHOCOLATE STALL
COFFEE VAN

All proceeds go to NBCF

If you have any queries please contact us on the following numbers:
Leesa Dwan 0418 155 686
Veronica Shaw 0408 871 995

Children’s Art Classes
Boyne Island Community Centre
Wednesdays 3.30 - 5.00pm
6 - 12 years
$120 for 8 week term starting 30/4
Contact Jenny Fournier
jen_4nier@yahoo.com.au
or ph. 0419705175 or 49729022
After-school & Youth Programs Coordinator and Tutor
Creative Gladstone

Tannum Sands Kindergarten
Would like to advise that the 2016 wait list for Children born between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012
Will open online at 9.30am, Saturday 3rd May, 2014
Waiting list applications will be available at that time online* at http://fs23.formsite.com/TANNUMKINDY/2016/index.html
For any further queries please call the Kindergarten on 49737021
(Office Hours Tues-Thurs 8:30am-1:00pm)

*If you do not have personal access to the internet, the Boyne Island & Gladstone Libraries have computers with internet access available to the public. Computer time bookings are essential. Please contact your preferred library to book a time if required.
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