From the Principal

Hi Parents,

This fortnight has been very busy and chaotic with the Junior classroom receiving a long awaited face lift. Our P-3 classroom was fully painted inside and we have had new reverse cycle air-conditioners installed as part of the Education Departments commitment to improve and maintain our schools program. Although the juniors liked being in the senior classroom with the ‘big’ kids, it was great to be able to allow them to make their return in to their ‘new’ room. Feel free to pop in and have a look at our streamlined and refreshed learning space.

NAPLAN

Our grade 3 and 5 students have completed the NAPLAN testing today with Numeracy their last assessment. These students completed a Language conventions (grammar, spelling and punctuation), writing (persuasive task on an activity they like to do), reading and numeracy. All students gave their best and we will wait to see the results as they are published and presented to parents around September this year. Great job students!

EDUCATION WEEK – NEXT WEEK

Next week is Education Week and as such we will be celebrating what we do by inviting our families and community into our school on Thursday next week (21st May) for an Open Day and Art Exhibit (set up in the P-3 classroom). From 9:30am – 10:15am, our classrooms will be open for parents and family to come in and view students at work in different rotations, look at their own students’ work and to look through the art gallery when escorted by a student. Parents and family are welcome to collect their child/ren from the activity they are doing and have them show their work and then escort them through the art gallery. At 10:15am we come together for a shared morning tea in the covered eating area. We hope to see as many family and friends as possible, in our school to celebrate Education Week.

IMPACT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Next week, three of our students will commence an online learning opportunity to extend them in the areas of Writing and Numeracy. These grade 4 and 6 students have been identified as being in the top three bands of their previous years NAPLAN results, and as such, have been selected to participate in this extension program, aimed at assisting their learning further to move them to the upper two bands for their NAPLAN testing in 2016. Best of luck boys and we hope you get lots from this learning experience.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is being well supported and the new order form is enclosed in this newsletter. Please ensure your child’s order and money are received before next **Wednesday (May 20th)** so that there are no disappointed children on the day.

Have a great fortnight. Erika
We have been busy learning about the ANZACS in History and how those brave soldiers have shaped our National Identity in Civics and Citizenship. This week in History we will continue on from the European exploration of Australia to the First Fleet. In the following weeks we will study the development of the colonies in Australia and internal exploration.

This week and throughout the term in Civics and Citizenship we will be looking at the roles and responsibilities of the different levels of government in Australia, how laws are developed and how democracy is important in Australia.

It was wonderful to see all the students marching in Laidley on ANZAC day, as you can see by the photos.

Mrs O’Sullivan
CRAZY TIMES IN THE P-3 CLASSROOM

Wow things have been crazy for us over the last few weeks. We finally had our classroom painted which meant that we needed to move into the senior room for a while. We coped really well with the change which unfortunately coincided with two of the wettest days of the year! It was fun to be included in some of the history and writing lessons with Mrs O’Sullivan and we loved learning a cool dance to “Uptown Funk”.

Alas we had to leave the seniors and move back into our classroom. Getting the room back in order proved to be a massive job but it gave us the opportunity to change things up a little. We also had new air conditioners put in making it a much quieter place to learn.

Just when things started to return to normal it was NAPLAN week and our class grew to include the year 4 & 6 students. Luckily they blended in beautifully (as we knew they would) enabling us to continue with our learning as per normal.

Mrs Edwards challenged the seniors to a thinking game called ‘Which doesn’t Belong?’ The students were given a set of four pictures and as a group they had to decide which picture didn’t belong and justify their decision. This resulted in a loud and robust discussion!

An example of this is to the right for you to discuss with your child.

All of this and it’s only week 4!

Mrs Edwards & Mrs Emmerson

Our next P & C Meeting—Tuesday 9 June, 7:00pm
ALL WELCOME
OTHER NEWS:

OFFICE NEWS—CHOCOLATE DRIVE
We are still waiting on a couple of families to bring in their chocolate money. Once all monies have been received, the invoices for camp can be generated and the profits raised by those families will be allocated against the invoices for school camp. Thank you to the families who have already brought in their money.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Please remember the Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off day is on the last day of term, Friday 26 June. The students are very excited and having fun with our skipping routines. We have combined the skipping with dance as a part of our Arts program and we have been practising every week to learn new dance steps.

GERMAN NEWS
Welcome back to the new term! I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday. Just a quick reminder that Language Perfect homework is set each week and that this homework relates to the work covered in class and is a good way of revising learnt vocabulary, sentence structures and other learnt work. In two week’s time we will be having the Language Perfect World Championships where our students will be able to compete against students from around the world. I am looking forward to seeing the student’s knowledge and progress in learning German.

Tipp Kick competitions will begin in the next couple of weeks, with our Lockyer Valley Championships early in Term 3. I am looking forward to seeing the students engaging with this fun and interactive activity playing soccer on a board game.

Alles beste, Frau Chapman

LIBRARY NEWS

School Readers Cup
Our school readers cup is on Wednesday 10th June. The students have been introduced to the books they will be quizzed on. Titles include: Wombat Divine, Little Fingers, Who Sank the Boat?, Bertie and the Bear and Possum in the House. Prizes will be awarded on the day with the winning team to have their names engraved on the school trophy. We encourage the students to read these books and to work well within their team. Good luck!

Book Club
Issue 3 has now been ordered and finalised. Thank you for your orders. Issue 4 will be sent home with students shortly. So far this year we have had over $50 in reward points to buy books for our library from family purchases. The students are always reading and enjoying new books regularly.

Mel Sutherland
School Awards:  Weeks 1, 2 & 3

Junior:

Student of the Week:  Connor Tydd (1) Paxton Woodward (2) Jett Emmerson (3)
English:  Darcy Kelly (1) Joe Foxlee (2) Paxton Woodward (3)
Maths:  Haylee Harris (1) Rick Pollock (2) Spence Marshall (3)
Art:  Shaniah Boyes (2) Phoebe Millard (3)
Reading:  Jennifer Beezley (2) Connor Tydd (3)
PE:  Jett Emmerson (1) Spence Marshall (1) Paxton Woodward (3)
Music:  Jennifer Beezley (1)

Senior:

Student of the Week:  Hayley Craig (1) Lachlan Litfin (2) Noah Boyes (3)
Maths:  Jamal Selimich (1)
Music:  Hayley Craig (1)
PE:  Shannan Marshall (1)
Civics & Citizenship:  Jett Emmerson (3) Joanah Millard (3)
History:  Damien Jones (1) Shannan Marshall (2) Ashley Taber (3) Jamal Selimich (3)
Science:  Damien Jones (2)
Art:  Noah Emmerson (1) Archer Moss (2) Hayley Craig (3)
Literacy:  Chad Pollock (1) Joanah Millard (2) Hayley Craig (3) Layla Millard (3) Joanah Millard (3)
Leadership:  Ashley Taber (1)
German:  Noah Boyes (2)
PUBLIC NOTICES

Laidley Charity Show N Shine 2015

From 5am
Open to all Makes & Models
Cars, Bikes, Trucks, Utvs
New
Pedal/Non Powered/Go Kart Comp
Get Out There Kids & Start building or renovating

Swap/Sites
Trade/Stalls
Market/Stalls

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Come to life at
Lockyer Valley Libraries

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME
Wednesday 27 May 2015 - 10.30am

Lockyer Valley Libraries
will join organisations from
Toowoomba to Mildura for
National Simultaneous Storytime,
reading the picture book

the Brothers QUIBBLE
by Aaron Blakey

If you are 5 and under
come and join in the excitement with fun activities and craft.