Dear Parents,

It is lovely to be back and thank you to Mrs O’Sullivan and the staff for keeping the school running in my absence.

We are two weeks out from NAPLAN and are feeling well prepared for the task. Students in grade 3 and grade 5 are going to be participating in the Language and Writing, Reading and Numeracy tests on Tuesday 10th May to Thursday 12th May. Please assist your child in their preparation for these days by ensuring they are on time and present for these days. Also, having a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast on the three days will be very helpful for them. We all know that this is a ‘point in time test’, but we are encouraging our students to put their best foot forward and try their very best. These assessments are used to gain a data profile of our school, so it will be nice to see the absolute best work that our grade 3 and grade 5 students can do. Thank you in advance for your support around these three days.

School photos were taken today and the students all looked great. Well done. Please note that school photos will be back at school in about seven weeks (before the end of term).

ANZAC parade in Laidley was again very successful. Thank you very much to our families and students for such a great turn out. We had eighteen out of our twenty two students. Great effort. Try and get your hands on a copy of the Plainland Leader, as our school leader, Ashley Taber, is on the front page. Thank you for representing our school so well on this day Ashley. Great job.

Congratulations to our nine cross country competitors for their awesome efforts from yesterday at Blenheim.

Well done to Isaiah for finishing first in his age group. We look forward to your competing in the years to come at the next level.

Have a great fortnight.

Erika Hassett
From the principal cont.:

Photos from Cross Country

Photos from ANZAC Day
News from the Junior Room

Dear Parents

The junior students are very busy this term and they are working very well in all their subject areas.

We have studied ANZAC Day for History in the last two weeks and next week we will commence work on our Australian emblems and symbols.

In Science we are looking at heat energy, insulators and conductors and renewable and non-renewable sources of energy.

Our group work in Reading, Mathematics and Spelling is working extremely well for the students. We have commenced the Words Their Way Spelling Lists again and we are teaching the LEM Phonics program alongside these lists. We have also introduced a typing program in our Reading groups and this will assist the students immensely in their future studies.

In English the students are writing persuasive texts and learning about sentence construction and grammar.

In Mathematics we are using the STAMS program along with work on Chance and Data, measurement and shape work.

The whole school has Dance and Jump Rope every Thursday afternoon and we have been so lucky to have two great dance instructors (Mrs Ploetz and Miss Morgan) to assist us with some fabulous choreography for our dance and skipping presentation. I have included a note in regard to our Jump Rope Day at the end of this term on 24th June. Please assist your children in finding sponsors for their Jump Rope Day as this will benefit the Heart Foundation immensely!

I am really enjoying teaching the students and thank you all for your support.

Sandy O'Sullivan
P-3 Class Teacher

GERMAN NEWS

Hello everyone. It has been a busy term already with students completing their first project. We are beginning our school based Tipp Kick competition, which I am sure will be a hotly contested competition.

Students are beginning work on their new units. We will be looking at family and change through a unit on migration. This will also involve us looking at some of the history of German settlement in the Lockyer Valley. I am looking forward to the learning that will occur during this unit. Alles beste, Frau Chapman

P&C Meetings:

Next Meeting 17th of May 2016
(Now change to the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm)
ALL WELCOME
LIBRARY NEWS:

Book Club
Issue 3 of Book Club has been ordered. Issue 4 should be available within the next fortnight. Thank you for your support.

Library Lessons
This week our junior students learnt about spine labels and fiction books. They were able to tell me what information spine labels provides us. The students really are remembering the information they are learning each week. It is a real credit to them.

The senior class has been doing revision of what parts make up a book. We looked at what an index was as well as glossaries, blurbs, table of contents and covers.

School Readers Cup
Again this year we will be hosting a Readers Cup here at the school for the students. This event will be on Friday 3rd June. The books will be available to the students to explore and study next week.

Thank you
Mel Sutherland

Vacancies exist on the Volunteer Team of the Laidley Second Chance Opp-Shop
Great opportunities exist to give support to the Community facility to recycle valuable items.
Volunteers receive valuable experience in retail system and merchandising.
Proceeds from the Shop help to support School Chaplains, Crisis Care and Accommodation and Laidley and Hatton Vale Uniting Church community projects.
Direct all applications to the Coordinator Rachel McRitchie at 149 Patrick Street Laidley – [Telephone 0754652870]
School Awards: Weeks 1 & 2

Junior:

Student of the Week: Isaiah Bould (1) & Jennifer Beezley (2)
PE: Isaiah Bould (1)
Music: Belle Roebig (1)
Art: Phoebe Millard (1) & Jack Moss (2)
Science: Darcy Kelly (1) & Dylan Podham (2)
History: Belle Roebig (1) & Jack Moss (2)
Act of Kindness: Joe Foxlee (2)
Writing: Zoe Bould (1) & Phoebe Millard (2)
Library: Darcy Kelley (1) & Rick Pollock (2)
Handwriting: Jennifer Beezley (1)

Senior:

Student of the Week: Damien Jones (1) & Jett Emmerson (2)
German: Jada Phillips (1) & Chad Pollock (2)
Maths: Charlotte Moss (1) & Ashley Taber (2)
History: Damien Jones (1) & Joanah Millard (2)
Science: Penny Taber (1)
Art: Chad Pollock (1) & Jada Phillips (2)
Library: Cheyanne Podham (1) & Jett Emmerson (2)
Music: Charlotte Moss (1) & Jett Emmerson (2)
PE: Lachlan Litfin (1) & Chad Pollock (2)
Homework: Chad Pollock (1)
Dear Friends,

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is proud to offer an exciting new deal!

Enjoy unlimited entry until 30 June 2016 to Warner Bros. Movie World, Sea World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast for only $49! Please include the attached flyer in your next newsletter to allow your students, friends and families to take advantage of these special discounted rates.

Purchases can be made by either clicking the link in the attachment or by visiting theme|parks.com.au/sale

We’ll see you soon at Village Roadshow Theme Parks!