



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



The students in Years 3 and 5 have just completed the NAPLAN for 2013. Much is reported in the media at this time of the year about NAPLAN with various commentators expressing their views about the usefulness or not of these assessments.

My belief is that these tests are just one measure of how students are fairing with their schooling and should be viewed in the context of their overall education. That is, take the results on board with what class teachers are telling you about the progress of your child.

NAPLAN results do give us some very good information about areas of need for students and how we are going as a whole school but I am extremely confident in saying that our teachers have a very solid understanding of the needs of students without the NAPLAN.

The staff here have very detailed knowledge of the areas of strength and areas for development of your children and you should be very confident in the ability of our staff to set directions for all students.

You will see evidence of what I mean at the end of this term when half yearly reports come home as staff are currently spending many hours compiling assessment data, together with their everyday knowledge of their students and class as a whole, to write reports.

Results of the NAPLAN are released around the end of term 3 and I am sure you will see a strong correlation between the half yearly reports and the NAPLAN report.

I have been requested by our neighbours to ask that you do not park across driveways in the afternoon as this is not only illegal but is impeding access to homes. Please be considerate of our neighbours at this very hectic time of the day. An extra hundred metres extra walk to a waiting vehicle is not a bad thing.

Some new dates are added to the Diary Date column (p3), please keep an eye on this column for updates throughout the year.

Mr B Warwick

Principal

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. A detailed flyer has been sent home with this newsletter. The flyer is also available from the school office in Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Spanish and Farsi.

ENCOURAGING ENJOYMENT OF LEARNING

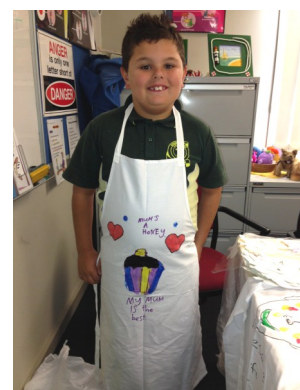
Each week up to 8 boys meet near the school office to develop social skills. The weekly one hour program involves a word of the week segment, reading a book as well as a craft activity. For example one week our word was "respect". The boys discussed what the word means and how that would affect our lives. We talked about the fact that if we respect people then we will listen to them and not interrupt them. Respecting people involves treating them well just like we would like people to be kind to us. Respecting people involves listening to our parents and teachers. The next activity is reading because this encourages the development of learning new words and fires up the imagination to be creative as well as helping the boys with all their subjects. Studies consistently show that those with who read books and learn to enjoy books are more likely to succeed at school. Recently we have finished reading a Tintin book. Our craft activities have included :- making pet rocks, cup cake decorating as we well as building models such as boats out of pegs. Our last craft activity was focused on making a mother's day gift which required us to design and paint an apron for mum.

Rev David O'Mara

Anglican Minister Green Valley and Social Skills Support Person at Green Valley Public School.



Allan Kingston



Michael Watfa

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Keep collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too). One sticker for every \$10 spent.

K-6 ASSEMBLY

The next K-6 Assembly will be held on Friday 24th May at 9.10am in the school hall.

OOPS

Due to the cold weather, we are asking parents to send a change of clothes with their child in case of toileting accidents during the day.

BOOK COVERING

We are asking for volunteers to cover new books we have purchased for our school. We will start after the next P&C meeting on Wednesday 5th June in the connected classroom. We hope you can join us.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

The Maths Olympiad is a series of maths contests that run from May to September. It aims to foster creativity, enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics. A group of talented students from Stage 2 and 3 make up our first Maths Olympiad team. The first Olympiad will be held on May 22nd. Good luck to those students who are competing.

SPORT NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY 2013

The school Cross Country Carnival was held on the 7th May. Well done to all students who competed. The day was a great success as all students had fun and were well behaved.

Congratulations to students who were placed in the top four. They will be going to the GVPSSA District Cross Country. It will be held on Friday 31st May at Joe Broad Reserve, Mount Pritchard.



CONGRATULATIONS... to Aydin Davis who made the Green Valley PSSA Boys Touch Team. Twelve schools from around the zone sent amazing players to the trials. The calibre of players this year was very high, making selections tough.

DIARY DATES

*Dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, * indicates new or changed dates since last newsletter.*

MAY

- 21 ICAS Computer Skills Competition
- 21 Responsible Pet Ownership visit
- 23 Student Banking
- 23 3-6 Assembly
- *23 Stage 3 NRL
- 24 PSSA Round 10
- 24 K-6 Assembly
- 28 K-2 Assembly
- *29 Choir Rehearsal
- 30 Stewart House bag collection
- 30 Student Banking
- *30 Debating Competition
- *30 Stage 3 NRL
- 31 GVPSSA Cross Country Carnival

JUNE

- 4 Stage 1 Incursion
- 5 P&C Meeting
- 5 School Walkathon
- 5 ICAS Science Competition
- 6 Student Banking
- *6 Stage 3 NRL
- 7 PSSA Trials
- 10 QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- *12 K/1RS Incursion
- 13 Student Banking
- 13 3-6 Assembly
- 14 PSSA Round 1
- 17 ICAS Writing Competition
- 18 ICAS Spelling Competition
- 20 Stage 2 National Parks Excursion
- 20 Student Banking
- *20 Stage 3 Incursion
- 21 P&C Disco
- 21 PSSA Round 2
- 24 Stage 3 Camp
- 24 Stage 2 Incursion
- 25 Stage 3 Camp
- 25 K-2 Assembly
- 26 Stage 3 Camp
- 27 Buzz Day
- 27 Student Banking
- 28 PSSA Round 3
- 28 K-6 Assembly
- 28 LAST DAY OF TERM 2

JULY

- 31 ICAS English Competition

AUGUST

- 13 ICAS Mathematics

Next P&C Meeting

Wednesday 5th June
9.00am in the school Staffroom
All Welcome.

Congratulations to Keiran Brook who made the Sydney South West Hockey team. Keiran played for the Campbelltown zone and they came 2nd in the competition.

PSSA BEST & FAIREST— 10th May 17th May

Boys Softball	Juniors	Ethan Munoz	Jacob Palepoi
	Seniors	Aadarsh Anuj	Eisho Joseph
Newcombeball	Juniors	Angela Chau	Andy Inthalangsy
	Seniors	Ryan Van	Ben Kaleopa
Boys Oz Tag	Juniors	Seth Mills	Joshua Grant
	Seniors	Gabrielle Rojas	Razeen Illyas
Boys Basketball	Juniors	Forfeit	Marko Kotic
	Seniors	Forfeit	Brayden Walsh
Girls Touch	Juniors	Jacqueline Ngo	Ivy Zerafa
	Seniors	Victoria Drakakis	Cindy Nguyen
Girls Soccer	Juniors	Lydia Guidone	Angelyne Abdishou
	Seniors	Honeyleen Bohol	Sara Draskic

DISTRICT HOCKEY

On the 7th May, 2013 Malekai and I represented our school and our district at the Sydney South West District Carnival at the Macarthur Regional Hockey Complex at Narellan. As our district did not have a team to play in the competition, both Malekai and I were placed in the Campbelltown district team. We would like to thank the Campbelltown District for their support in allowing us to join them.

There were 4 district teams competing in the carnival, these included Campbelltown, The Fields, Liverpool and Razor Backs. This meant we played 4 games and the winner was decided by points. All our games were played on the water fields. The first game we played was against the Razor Backs, which was very difficult and we sadly lost 3 to 0. This first game was challenging for both Malekai and I as we had never played or even trained with this team before. The team's second game was against The Fields which we won 4 to 0, with me scoring the second goal of the game and both of us fitting in and working together with the Campbelltown Team. Our final game of the day was against Liverpool which we also won 2 to 0, with me scoring the first goal of the game.

Our team as a whole worked really well together throughout the day and we were watched by the close eye of the Sydney South West Regional Coach. After all games were completed the Campbelltown Team finished up in second place, with the Razor Backs being undefeated and taking out first place.

Shortly after this the winners and runners up were given a certificate and the Regional Teams were announced. With my surprise I was called up to be a part of the Regional team along with 11 other players and a goal keeper.

From here I will have to train hard for the next 5 Thursdays and compete at the Sydney South West Regional Carnival, which will be held at the same complex at the end of June over 3 days.

I would really like to thank Miss Chiovo, Mr Warwick and The Campbelltown District for allowing me to have this amazing opportunity. Thank you ALL so very much.


Keiran Brock 5L



Keiran Brock

P&C NEWS

During the colder months, the P&C will sell cupcakes every Friday afternoon after school outside the cubbyhouse. \$2.00 each. Don't miss out!



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AFTERNOON KIDS SPECIALS

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WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2013

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- * Walking with them the whole way to school.
- * If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop.
- * If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

The South West Sydney Early Childhood Intervention Coordination Program in partnership with Families Together
Invite mothers, fathers, grandparents, early childhood staff, support services & school personnel

Getting your child ready for school & School options for children with additional needs

Wednesday 5th June 2013

6.30—8.30pm

Conference Room DE
Mt Pritchard District & Community Club (Mounties)
Meadows Road, Mount Pritchard

Bookings are essential and places are limited
Please call 0407 708 626 to book your place

This presentation is for families living in the local government areas of Fairfield, Liverpool & Bankstown. CHILD MINDING is not available for this course. Please make alternative arrangements.

Presented by:
Dolores Fasan
Senior Coordinator of Centre Based Programs
Koorana Child & Family Services Inc.

Lyn Hickman
Itinerant Teacher, Early Intervention

Presented by:
Association of Independent Schools
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- 6.30pm—Getting your child ready for school
- the importance of relationships
 - the transition to school process
 - pre-reading, language and numeracy skills
 - the transition to school process for children with additional needs

7.30pm—School options for children with additional needs



Families Together

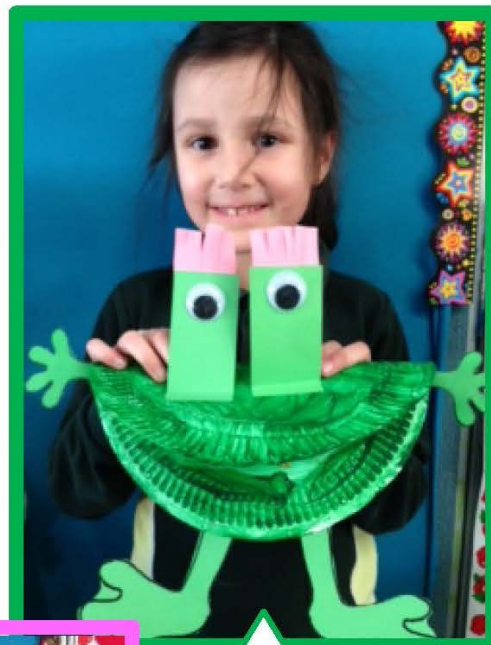


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JUMP! into ITJ

We are learning
about **Frogs!**



Some frogs live in ponds because they are excellent swimmers. Other frogs live in trees because they change colours and camouflage.



Frogs are carnivores. They sit motionless to catch a fly. Frogs use their long sticky tongue to catch delicious flies.



RIBBIT

Most frogs are green and brown. Their skin is soft and wet. They have strong back legs to jump and hop. Some frogs have colourful patterns and are beautiful.

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