



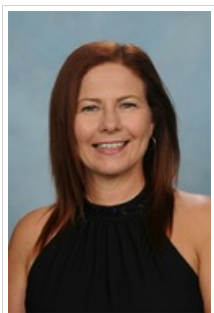
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Term 3 Issue 2

Principals Report



We have only a few weeks to go before the end of this term and the September holidays to look forward to. This newsletter has a few reminders of what is happening before then.

NAPLAN

Results have been released and reports should arrive at the school in the coming weeks. But as I stated recently to the Cairns Post, this is a point in time test and you should be talking with your teachers all year about your child's progress and not rely on a single test to define their progress.

Next year all schools will complete NAPLAN online and in readiness for this we are doing a trial next week for those students sitting the test in 2020. The student results are not shared, it is simply a test for our computers and the connectivity to ensure we can all access the internet at the same time. Pray that we don't experience another power outage next week.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

If you have not already done so please return your note with a time for our 3 way reports. This year we are doing it a little differently and it will be an opportunity for your child to sit with you and show you personally their learning over

the year. This is a valuable experience as research tells us that students who can explain the process and their learning journey have a better chance of retaining their learning. It also makes them accountable and tells them you are interested in what they do at school each day.

TJAPUKAI EXCURSION

Every year we plan a day trip to include students, staff, parents and younger siblings to a venue with an educational purpose. In previous years we have visited Chillagoe Caves, Rainforestation Nature Park and this year we are travelling to Tjapukai. If you have not already done so please return the permission form as preparations for travel need to be finalised. It is always a great day to enjoy as a school community and an opportunity to get to know other families. Further information will go home closer to the day detailing times and what to bring.

UNDER 8's DAY

Every year the cluster schools in the Walsh River catchment join together to share a day of fun with activities aimed at the younger children in the community. This year Dimbulah State School are hosting the event and our students will walk across to the school supervised by 3 of our staff members. They will participate in the activities planned and return to school around first break. Details are still to come but once we know more a permission note will go home to families.

BOOKWEEK CELEBRATIONS

Last week was officially Bookweek but to minimise disruption to optimal learning time we have moved the date to the last week of term on Thursday 19th

September. We are asking children to come along dressed as their favourite book character. Activities have been planned and we are inviting younger siblings to come along for the morning and middle session of the day. It is also a Ducklings day so there should be plenty of activities and fun for all to enjoy the day.

GARDENING

A huge thank you to Donna Chambers, Ferlin Szekely and Belinda Turnbull for working with our students in the garden, cooking with the ingredients we are growing in our kitchen and keeping the whole school looking spic and span. The students are enjoying learning about soil quality and healthy eating. Hopefully it will inspire them to help out and create their own home vegetable garden in the near future.

PLAYGROUND

You may have noticed that our sand and edging have been completed. Thank you to Tim Fitzgerald from Tim's Backhoe Hire for delivering and spreading the soft fall sand. We will order some replacement swings to be installed in the near future and that should be close to the end of the playground renovation. The classrooms are next on our list of refurbishments.



Have a lovely relaxing weekend and Happy Father's Day to those special men in our families.

Your partner in Education,

Kath Porter
Principal

Sacramental Program

Last Sunday, here at our Parish we had the Sacramental Welcome Rite and Presentation of the Cross, where we welcomed and congratulated our 4 candidates, Hazel Hobden, Robert Hobden, Dio Jasmin and Harper Brunjes, who this year will prepare and participate in receiving the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. As a school community, we would like to offer our prayers for them and their families in these important weeks as they continue on their journey through the preparation sessions, welcome rites and sacraments. On Wednesday these students for the first time received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Upcoming Sacramental Dates:

Presentation of the Creed and Lord's Prayer – Saturday 7th September 5pm

Sacrament of Confirmation – Tuesday 10th September 6pm

Sacrament of Communion – Sunday 15th September 8am

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day and I hope all our wonderful Dads have a relaxing day with their family.

Father's Day Prayer of Remembering

Written by Susan Kramer

"Fathers young, fathers old
Remembering good times are our gold.

Value earned through guidance given
Helping us go forth in livin'.

Each father adding to our trove
A treasure chest of love untold.

Remembering fathers in our lives
Taking time to realize.

Fatherly love brings wealth to living
Remembering this, we go forth in giving.

Fathers young, fathers old
We remember you all
As life unfolds."

Have a wonderful weekend and in the words of Mary of the Cross MacKillop...

"We must teach more by example than by word"

APRE



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks in our liturgical calendar and I would like to thank all students for their reverent participation in all celebrations and thank you to all parents and friends who were able to join us during these special days.



May God's Spirit be with you always

Rachelle De Iacovo

Students of The Week



Surf Life Saving Queensland - Beach to Bush Program visited our students today.



Prep 1 2 Class

Fine Motor Rotations

Friday mornings in the Lower Primary Classroom looks like lots of fun and laughing; but it really has a specific educational and wellbeing purpose.

Friday Fine Motor Rotations are routine in our classroom for building students fine motor skills. These skills involve the use of small muscles that control the hand, fingers and thumb. The development of these muscles help children perform important

daily tasks such as; dressing themselves, feeding themselves, writing, drawing and more. It is important to develop and improve these skills and takes the right kind of practice.

Students with lower fine motor skills find daily tasks such as cutting, glueing, writing and drawing difficult and therefore try and avoid these tasks as they are frustrating. Therefore, we assign each Friday to fun rotations that build these small muscles. These activities differ and can include:

- Modelling with Playdough or clay
- Mindful and careful colouring-ins
- Building with Lego, blocks and manipulatives
- Using pegs and/or tongs to grasp smaller objects
- Jenga Games that build hand-eye co-ordination
- Threading small beads
- Threading larger pipe-cleaners through baking trays
- Manipulating nuts and bolts correctly; or
- Painting with cotton tips



NGRMG Garden Club Project

Dedicated gardening classes began in Week 4 and has drawn out a lot of enthusiastic green thumbs! We have learnt what soil is made up of using filtration experiments and texture jars as well as made our own seedling mixtures.

Everyone enjoyed planting their own seeds as well as planting out the seedlings into the garden beds. We now have beans, lettuce, zucchini and tomatoes planted as well as some marigolds and cosmos flowers to deter pests and attract pollinators.



The older students tested soil pH and compared acid and alkaline soils. Some very hard workers fixed the wheelbarrows by replacing the wheels, whilst others diligently worked through their lunch to prepare the new garden bed outside the Prep/1/2 classroom.



All we need now is some mulch hay to lay over the garden beds. So if any parents have time to bring in a couple of small bales of hay they would be greatly appreciated.

We are going to have heaps of left over seedlings of zucchini, tomato and corn, the kids could transfer them into egg cartons and sell them off at \$2 for 6

Contact the office directly to purchase seedlings.

Yours in gardening,

Ms Donna Chambers

Garden Projects Teacher

Community News

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