Principal’s Report

Today Anita Moore, our new relieving principal, will be visiting our school to meet the staff and students. She will be team teaching with me in the 3-6 classroom for the morning and in the afternoon we will be discussing current matters and meeting with staff.

Congratulations to our small school’s tennis team who have qualified for the third round of the PSSA Tennis State Knockout competition. The team was comprised of Airlee Savage (Tharbogang), Jemma Leulf (Weethalle), Tom Taylor and Harrison Ryan (Goolgowi). The team will now compete against the winner of the Jerilderie v’s Hay match on a date yet to be decided.

Have a great week!
Kate Brace

Week 4

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Tissue Roster

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Lunch Roster – Friday 15th May

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P & C Report

We have some dates nominated for selling raffle tickets at the main Woolworths (next door to Big W) on the following dates: 23rd May and the 30th May.

If you are able to assist (even for a limited time) please contact Belinda Sillis on 0421 253 638.

.....Individual Hair Care, Griffith

We would like to send a big thank you to Individual Hair Care in Griffith who supported our SRC with their Mother’s Day hundred chart. The gifts they donated as prizes were so generous and there were 3 lucky Mums in our community on Friday.

The prize winners were: Airlee Savage, Finau Kailahi, TJ Faalelei
P is for ‘Pirate’ Day

This Thursday is a pirate dress up day for all students in K/1 and 2/3. They will be investigating the letter ‘P’ and completing activities based around this theme.

NAPLAN

This week students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday 13 May – Reading
Thursday 14 May – Numeracy

Below is a letter that I saw shared on Facebook and I think it is a really important message (For Year 3 and Year 5!)

To Our Dearest Students from Year 3,

Next week you will sit your first NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very important for you to know:

This test does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique.

The people who score these tests don’t know that some of you love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of you can dance with grace or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that you participate in sports, help your Mum and Dad or that play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are caring, thoughtful and that every day you do your best. Because these attributes cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can’t tell you that you have improved on something that you once found difficult. They can’t tell you that you brighten up your teacher’s day. They can’t tell you how amazingly special you are.

So come to school ready to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to ‘test’ all of the wonderful things that make you, YOU!

Kind regards,

Mrs Egan, Mrs Schluter and Miss Bailey

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. Please note, there are no opportunity classes located in Griffith.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering Spelling

Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

Peer Support

Acknowledging the feelings of others as well as our own is an important skill. This week in Peer Support our children will work on solving problems without hurting or upsetting others. Continued encouragement from home will help our children practice and apply this important skill.