Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Friends,

It’s difficult to believe that we are in Week 5 of Term 2. Our Year 3 & 5 students have just completed NAPLAN week - congratulations to all the students and their teachers on the calm and settled manner in which the testing was conducted. A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. We will notify you when the reports are being distributed. If you require more information about NAPLAN testing you can contact your child’s teacher or visit www.naplan.edu.au

HEALTHY EATING AND ORAL HYGEINE PROJECT

Our school will be working with Peninsula Health to improve healthy eating and oral health for our children, families and staff. Over the next three years, everyone in the school community will be encouraged to get involved in a number of initiatives we will be implementing across the school.

Our first step will be to look at our current behaviours around healthy eating and oral health. We will be looking at areas such as fruit and vegetable consumption, soft drink and water consumption, knowledge of Australian dietary guidelines, tooth brushing and oral health knowledge.

A short survey will be sent to staff, parents and students from 19th May. Students will complete the surveys during class time. Parents will be able to access the survey online via a link below.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QDPWBN8

All surveys are anonymous. The information collected through the survey will be used by Peninsula Health and St Brendan’s Primary School to develop strategies to improve healthy eating and oral health. We would like to encourage everyone to fill out the survey and to help us improve the health and wellbeing of our school community.

If you have any questions, please contact us at school for more details.

‘THE BIG READ’ – NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME’

National Simultaneous Storytime is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children’s book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades F (Foundation/Prep) to 6 and the pre-school Early Years Framework.

In 2014, NSS takes place on Wednesday 21 May at 11:00 am (11:30am at St Brendan’s due to recess) Participants will be sharing ‘Too Many Elephants in the House’ written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner.
The Children’s Book Council of Australia supports the Simultaneous Storytime aims:

- Promote the value of reading and literacy
- Promote the value and fun of books

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday: 21/5
- ‘The Big Read’ and P.J. Day

Thursday: 22/5
- Assembly at 8.45am

Friday: 23/5
- Cross Country

Tuesday: 25/5—Thursday: 29/5
- Bookfair
- No Assembly

Friday: 30/5
- 5/6 Interschool Sports - St. Brendan’s vs St. Francis
- Xavier at home

Wednesday: 4/6
- Excursion to Science Works - Grades 3/4

Thursday: 5/6
- Assembly at 8.45am

Friday: 6/6
- 5/6 Interschool Sports
  - St. Brendan’s vs Frankston East at home

Monday: 9/6
- QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
NEWS FROM YOUR DEPUTY!

Dear Parents,

This term we are looking at Science in our Inquiry topic.

The children in Year 5/6's are asking the question: "How is Energy formed?"

LIBBY - We have learnt that we need energy to live
TOM B - We have learnt that Methane gas comes from cows 'pop-offs'.
LIAM D - The more energy we use the more green house gases we produce.
MOLLEIGH - Electricity enters our house through power lines.

The Year 3/4's are asking "The heat is on"

LOGAN S - We are learning about friction
MARISSA - When you rub your hands on carpet you create heat.
GRACE C - We have learnt that when you rub things together and it creates heat, it is called friction.
WILL R - Heat can be made lots of ways - like rubbing your hands together.
BLAKE S - We are learning about convection - when you put food dye in hot water then add cold water the food dye "swirls".
DALLAS W - We learnt that when you put hot water into tap water it mixes really fast.

FAREWELL

This week we bid farewell to Blaze Sharpe and her family who will leave us to start in a new life in Rokeby in Gippsland. Blaze is a member of 1/2T. She will be greatly missed by her teacher, classmates and all at St Brendan’s. We wish Blaze and her family every happiness in their new home.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday this week, eight Year 5/6 and 26 Year 3/4 students will travel to Woodleigh School in Baxter to participate in an inter-school cross country event. We wish them the best of luck and we thank Mr Smythe and. The teachers who accompanied them on the day. We look forward to hearing about their efforts and achievements.

Sue Carr
Principal

This event is being promoted by the St Brendan’s S.R.C as a fundraiser to support one of our dads; Ian Mounsey who will participate in the Ride to Conquer Cancer. The students are all encouraged to come to school tomorrow in their pyjamas for the storytime. They may wear slippers or ugg boots in the classrooms if they wish. They must bring or wear their runners for outside play. The SRC is asking that the children bring a gold coin on this day to donate to Ian’s Mounsey’s ride.
Dear Parents and Friends,

Next week marks the start of National Reconciliation Week.

Reconciliation is about building better relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians. To create positive change we need more people talking about the issues and coming up with innovative ideas and actions that make a difference.

27 May - 3 June

- Let's Walk the Talk -

National Reconciliation Week is an annual celebration and is a time for all Australians to reflect on our shared histories, and on the contributions and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The week is framed by two key events in Australia’s history that provide strong symbols of the aspirations for reconciliation. May 27 marks the anniversary of Australia’s most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation’s history. The 1967 Referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and recognised them in the national census. During 2014 we will continue to work to build support for a referendum to recognise Australia’s First Peoples in the Constitution and to remove the document’s remaining racist sections – see www.recognise.org.au for more information.

June 3 is Mabo Day – On this day in 1992, the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision which overturned the notion of ‘terra nullius’ and legally recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples’ connection to their country, a connection that existed prior to colonisation and continues today. This recognition paved the way for the Native Title system.

What's Happening for NRW this Year?

For more information on what’s happening for NRW in your area visit your state reconciliation council website.

Yours in Faith,
Kay Donovan  REC

Don’t forget to wear your pyjamas tomorrow for our S.R.C. fundraiser.
You can wear your favourite P.J.’s, onsie or tracksuit and slippers or ugg boots!!
Remember to pack your runners for lunch and playtime.
Bring along a gold coin donation.
Happy Birthday to...

Jed Godfrey
Lily Mercuri
Bianca Ballerini

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

Congratulations!

To Venetia Teisini from 1/2T who is in the middle of rehearsals for the production of ‘The King and I’.

Book Club Helpers

We need helpers for our annual Book Fair. If you are able to help, please tick which day you can attend and hand into the office.

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AM times are: 8.30—9.00am
PM times are: 3.00—3.30pm

If you need more information, please call Jeanette on 0408 378 968
Congratulations to those children who have received Reconciliation over the past three weeks at our church in Hastings.

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POKER FUNDRAISER

INVITATION

You're invited for a fun and social night of poker. Your donations will go to help a great cause and might even win you a prize on the night. So bring your friends along and show your support!

What: Ride To Conquer Cancer Poker Fundraiser

When: Saturday 14th June @ 6:30pm
Free Learn to Play lesson on the night

Where: Somerville Secondary College
37 Gras Rd, Somerville

How: $50 Donation to enter, with 50-50 rebuys on the night
So come show your support for the Peter Mac Cancer Centre by purchasing your ticket now. For more details or to book your tickets simply contact:
Ian Mounsey 0401 6290 88
ianmounsey@ambulance.vic.gov.au

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