Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope that the mums in our community enjoyed a happy and relaxing day with their families on Sunday. Thank you to all who were able to attend our Mother’s Day Mass and morning tea last Thursday. It was a beautiful celebration prepared by our Year 5/6 classes and their teachers. The effort and love that went into the preparation for the day is something to be acknowledged and celebrated!

**NAPLAN**

Today marks the beginning of the NAPLAN testing that is conducted annually for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. The series of assessment tasks completed over this week help teachers form a more complete picture of student knowledge and skill in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. It is important to remember that these tests are among many formal and informal assessment tasks that the students complete in a school year.

The testing schedule runs as follows:

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**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK DUE TO NAPLAN TESTING**

**ST BRENDAN’S DAY**

The feast of the St Brendan, the patron of our school is celebrated annually on 16th May. Brendan was a holy man of God who was born in 484 AD in Ireland. He became a priest and a voyager who travelled to many islands in Ireland to spread the word of God.

We will celebrate St Brendan’s day on Thursday 16th May with some activities in the classrooms about St Brendan and then at 11:30 we will hold a special paraliturgy in the multi-purpose room to thank God for the gift that St Brendan was to the world and to acknowledge that our school is named after him. Parents are most welcome to attend. After lunch, the children will gather together again to enjoy a performance from ‘The Magic Man’.

Have a wonderful week.

Sue Carr
Principal
Happy Birthday to...

Marlee Black
Liam de Bruyn
Sam Spiers
Mrs Raelene Lavery
Mrs Anne-Marie Robb

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

Principals' Award

Breanna Ellesley Christian Hills
Gabrielle Conlin Giulia Piovillico
Isabella Wallace Kaitlyn Sidwell
Liam Downie Noah Griffin
Tiffany Maestrale

For an outstanding start to Term 2. Well done!

R.E. NEWS

National Families Week
15 - 21 May 2014

‘Stronger Families, Stronger Communities’

Each year, tens of thousands of people and hundreds of organisations celebrate National Families Week - Australia’s annual celebration of families.

The aim of National Families Week 2014 - the 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family - is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. The 2014 theme is ‘Stronger Families, Stronger Communities’.

This year’s theme highlights the important role families play as the central building block of our communities and that community wellbeing is enhanced by family wellbeing.

National Families Week is a time to celebrate with your family, make contact with your extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the wider community. It is a time to celebrate the meaning of family and to make the most of family life.

Let’s take the time to reflect on the critical role that families play in teaching, supporting and nurturing children especially as they grow, and in supporting community elders.

National Families Week coincides with the United Nations International Day of Families on 15 May. This day is observed by the United Nations to mark the importance that the international community places on families as the most fundamental units of society, as well as to show concern about their situation in many parts of the world.

All Australians, including community organisations, schools, councils, companies and individuals are invited to participate in National Families Week each year.

National Families Week ideas

- Give kids lots of hugs and smiles
- Take time just to be with children
- Be active and eat healthy foods together
- Tell each other what makes your family great
- Have a special family breakfast before work and/or school
- Take some family photos
- ‘Adopt’ a granny or grandpa at the local nursing home or hostel
- Hold a family talent quest night
- Have a family game night
- Let the children make dinner for the adults – and choose the entertainment!

Yours in love, Kay Donovan ECC
**AWARDS**

Annabel Milton
For terrific progress in reading and for helping Mrs Slavin with a special Reading Recovery task.

Charlotte Ziino
For always producing her best in our Literacy Rotations.

Ciel Murcott
For working hard during maths sessions.

Cody Biggins
For working hard to finish his work on time.

Daniel Limanis
For working hard during maths mastery. Well done Dan!

Ethan Downie
For improvements in spelling tricky words. Great effort Ethan!

Flynn Smallacombe
For trying hard to write his letters and numbers.

Jordy Burrell
For trying his best when writing all the words he knows.

Karlia Ballerini
For confidently and fluently reading a story to the class.

Lochlain Dale
For being a ‘super’ counter in Prep K.

Logan Spencer
For using beautiful manners in the classroom!

Luka Varga
For writing a fantastic narrative with all his spelling words!

Marcus Scott
For using his ‘have-a-go’ book everytime in writing.

Molleigh Lane
For being a fantastic leader in our classroom. Keep up the good work Moll!

Mollie Conlin
For outstanding attitude and encouraging words to everyone in our class.

Scarlett Marsh
For trying really hard at writing words like cat, hat, bat and sat.

William Congreve
For wonderful mental maths skills.

Zachary Lilley
For fantastic results during ‘Maths Mastery’ sessions.

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**District Field Events**

I have been able to catch up with seven more children who won ribbons at the Field events at Ballam Park on Friday 2 May.

**Shot Put:** Logan Marshall (2nd)

**Discuss:** Lily Godfrey (1st)

**Long Jump:** Chris Cranch (4th)

**High Jump:** Isabelle Dodemaide (4th), Kasey Lowns (3rd) and Isabelle Bertram (4th)

Overall we had 23 children achieve a 1st – 4th ribbon. Due to time constraints the 12 year old high jump was not able to be completed. This event will be rescheduled to be held within the next three weeks.

**Cross Country Trials**

The final Cross Country trials will be conducted at school this week. Those children who successfully complete the distance will be handed entry/permission forms that need to be returned to school by Wednesday 21 May.

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**Congratulations!**

Last year Mrs Robb read us the story The 13th Storey Tree House. So we were really excited to go see the live stage show on Monday April 30th at the Frankston Art Centre. They were not the real people, they were just actors. Our favourite bit was the gorilla. I hope they will do other plays. The play went for 1 hr and 10 minutes. At the start Andy was really red and he was so so so so so thirsty. It looked like he was going to faint. The funniest bit was ‘super finger’, ‘bark bark’. We liked that they said to use your imagination. Our favourite character was Andy he was so so so so funny. It started at 6.00 and finished at 7.10. There were awesome props. Our favourite prop was the 2d 3d converter. Harry, Dallas and Lincoln were there. We didn’t see them but they were there. Also Adam was there but we saw Adam. The characters were Andy, Terry, Val, Bill, Super Finger, Bark Bark, Jill and Gorilla. And there were some other weird animals like the 13 teen flying cats but one of them was a giraffe. We liked how they put out a iphone out with Mr Big Nose.

By Daniel Houben and Jess Caron.
This term, I am offering a Computer Programming & Coding lunchtime club. Due to overwhelming interest from the grades 3 -6, we have decided that for this term we are limiting places to grades 5/6 and next term will be for the grades 3/4’s. The club is run each Wednesday.

To begin with, we are using the iPads with some fun and interesting apps that teach simple programming. Hopefully, the children will soon be teaching me a thing a two as they work out the codes and start creating little programs!

The first application we are using is Cargobot. Through this app the children will learn how to give commands to solve a series of problems. It is very basic and uses simple commands such as left, right, up and down. As the app progresses the problems become more difficult to solve and the programming requires repeat commands.

Over the next few weeks we will use Hopscotch, where the children will learn how to write basic programs to create simple games.

If you have an iPad at home you may wish to download these free apps. I recommend them for any age!

Have a great week,
Michelle Bruitzman

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