Principal's Report

NAPLAN Reports

Today if you have a student in Years 3, 5, or 7 they will be coming home with an envelope addressed to their parents or caregivers, this envelope will contain two reports and an information sheet about those reports. The Individual Summary Report gives information about where your child sits in relation to the Bands, the national average and the school average. The Individual Student Summary Report provides information about the questions and how your child answered those questions. If you would like to discuss your child’s reports please make a time with their classroom teacher.

Please remember that this is a snap shot of the students learning on that particular day, we use this information as well as teacher assessment of student learning and other testing such as PAT-R, PAT-Maths and Running Records to see the overall development of students, this information is then used to plan learning programs for our students across the school.

Teaching staff has begun to look at the data from the school report and student reports in order to put strategies in place to improve outcomes for student learning. This may be across the school, in the classroom or at an individual level. Classroom Teachers and Intervention teachers use this information to form their planning for student learning.

Choir and Band Performances

Our Choir and Instrumental Music Band members will be performing in front of an audience made up of their families and friends from across the Port Pirie and Environments this Wednesday and Thursday night. What a wonderful experience this is to perform at the Keith Michell Theatre! We are fortunate to have four students performing solos this year, well done to all students participating in this event.

Alison Clarke has trained the choir as well as provided the information for parents, Hilary Ferguson and Beck Nicholson have supported the students as their teachers. We have also had our bus drivers Terry Arbon and Bob Lloyd supporting by driving the bus on practice and rehearsal days in Port Pirie. I would like to thank all of those people for giving our students the opportunity to develop their talents and understanding of the Australian Music Curriculum.

Room 5 has formed the basis of this Choir with students from Rooms 7 and 8 being able to join in, we organise the choir in this way to minimise disruption to learning and to be able to provide teacher supervision without large costs to employ extra teaching staff.

Thank you to those families who have supported their child to make the most of the opportunity provided, by getting permission slips back and by ensuring their child and sometimes other children have transport to the venue. It has not always been easy for all concerned when students are making decisions about their education by trying to opt out and not take information home to families.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Lyn Sheridan, Sam Gordon and Jo Bosch in preparing our Instrumental Music Band members to perform at the Festival of Music on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Tolerance

In our Code of Conduct document which is currently being reviewed, the Caring section says “The school environment will be safe and caring. Therefore we will: Show tolerance of, concern for and courtesy to others”. Recently we have had several instances where individuals have not shown tolerance to others in and out of our school, which is very disappointing and hurtful to those involved. I take this opportunity to ask families to work with us to support students to make positive choices in the way they interact, speak and behave with others both at school and in the wider community.

We all need to understand that unthinking comments and actions can impact on individuals and groups; it may be a comment about appearance, disability, cultural or religious difference or sexual preference. Sometimes the comment may be about someone’s behaviour which may stem from medical or health problems or an action which makes another person feel that they are not accepted or understood. I ask for your support in helping your family develop the understanding that we are not all the same and that we need to accept difference comes in many forms, and that it is OK to be different and we should treat all with respect.
Red Cross Travelling Display
Amy Tiller one of our PE/Health teachers took the opportunity to engage and connect our years 3-7 students with the community by walking them down to the RSL Hall to view the Red Cross Travelling Display this week. Students were able to see a display of the work that Red Cross has undertaken over the past 100 years. The Health topic which children throughout the school are studying this year is directly related to First Aid so it was a great way to tie the community into the topic.

The disappointing part was that Amy spent most of her preparation time on Tuesday phoning families because some children forgot to get the consent notes back and some students decided that they did not want to walk down to the RSL, so did not show their families the consent note. The fantastic part was that once the students were at the display they engaged and enjoyed the learning and the experience.

Rowan Ramsey Award
Rowan Ramsey the Federal Member for Grey provides schools in his electorate with an award for outstanding service to the school community each year, if you wish to nominate a person who meets this criteria please put it in writing to Brooke Hodgson (Governing Council Secretary) or Anne Franks (Principal).

Premier's Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is almost finished for this year, if you have been recording your child or children’s reading, could you please get the forms back to school by the end of this week – Thanking you for your family’s support.

Anne Franks
Principal

SPORTS DAY LEAD UP

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Parents/caregivers are more than welcome to come and watch the finals. Please note, Year 7 High Jump Finals will be held on Sports Day in the Gym.

RED CROSS DISPLAY
Years 3-7 visited the Red Cross Travelling Display on view in the Crystal Brook RSL Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. It was informative, well presented and provided children with a deeper insight into the history of, and support the Australian Red Cross delivers within Australia and throughout the world. It was a lovely hand’s on activity within the community that correlated wonderfully with the learning curriculum. Thanks to all involved.

Amy Tiller

NO PHOTOS INCLUDED

SRC FOOTY COLOURS DAY
This Friday is Footy Colours Day! Come dressed in your favourite team colours. Please bring a gold coin donation for the Cancer Council. Thank you.

ROOM 7 ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

NO PHOTOS INCLUDED
2015 - COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Birthday / Special Dates Reply Slip
If you would like to include your child’s birthday or another important date on the 2015 Community Calendar, please fill in the reply slip below, & return with payment to the Front Office. All replies must be received by Friday 19th September, Week 9. The cost of each entry is $2.00.

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TOTAL @ $2 each

To advertise a business, community group meetings or any other events, please contact Lauren on 0409331105, or preferably by email: lauren.kerin@bigpond.com

FEEDBACK: Is there anything you would like to see included or left out of the 2015 Community Calendar? For example – green/yellow bin week, community events, certain group’s meeting dates?

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SPORTS DAY CATERING
Week 10, Wednesday 24th September 2014

Change in Parent Club Catering for 2014 – Morning Recess Only

This year, Parent Club has decided to reduce its catering commitment provided on Sports Day. There will be no lunch provided. Instead Parent Club will be offering, fruit salads, cakes, ice blocks and drinks at the first break only at approximately 10.50am.

The Junior Primary Classes (Reception to year 3) are requested to donate a piece of fresh fruit for the fruit salad (no strawberries or kiwi fruit).
Years 4-7 a donation of cakes (pre cut and pre wrapped) would be much appreciated.

Volunteers are also needed to help on the day with cutting up fruit for the fruit salad, serving on the cake and fruit salad stall, and serving drinks and ice blocks. Please fill out the form on the bottom of the page and return to Jacqui in the front office or send a text to Brooke on 0409 096 997.

Many Thanks
Brooke Hodgson

Yes I would be happy to help with: Name: ............................................................ Mobile:............................................................

☐ Cutting up fruit (9.30 to 10.30)
☐ Serving Cake and Fruit Salad (10.30 to 11.30)
☐ Serving Drinks and Ice blocks (10.30 to 11.30)
Uniforms

Uniform Day for Term 3 is Thursday 11th September, Week 8. Don’t forget uniform order forms can now be printed from the school website (see front of newsletter)! Please ensure your order and payment is received ON or BEFORE the Uniform Day, at the Front Office, to ensure your order is filled.

Uniforms are on display in the Front Office for a few weeks if you wish to view them at any time.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries regarding uniforms on Ph: 0438 363 123 or email hansenco@bigpond.com.

Kathryn Hansen
Parent Club
Uniform Coordinator