Message from the Principal!

In my years as a teacher I think last week was possibly one of the strangest I’ve encountered. With some very wet weather on Thursday prior to the anticipated cyclone, Friday then turned out to be not such a bad day weather-wise, at least until the end of the school day. With the bad forecasts the majority of parents decided to keep children at home and we had just six in school! How good it was that we missed out on the worst of the weather and that the cyclone did not impact anywhere near as badly as it could have in our area.

Hopefully, the weather will now be a little bit more settled and predictable and we will be able to get through the remainder of the term with a little more normality. We have quite a lot of testing occurring at the moment as we near the end of our first round of teaching units and prepare for 3-Way reporting which starts the week after next.

You will probably have gathered that we are currently without Mr Martin for sport on Tuesdays and for my administration day on Fridays. Unfortunately, he had an accident on his bike a fortnight ago and broke his leg badly. We wish him a speedy recovery. Whilst he is away, Tuesday sport will be covered by either Mr Lee or Mr Bright and Ms Thomas will work with the Prep to Year 2 class on Fridays. Ms Thomas will also be working this Thursday as I am away for a couple of days at a Principal’s conference and next Tuesday and Wednesday for Mr Byrnes as he attends Maths training. Ms Thomas has worked a lot with our students over the last few weeks and months and I am confident that the students are in good hands whilst they are in her care.

Regards,
Robert Lawton.
Principal

P&C News

May I remind you that our P&C Annual General Meeting is planned for Thursday, 5th March at 3.15pm (next week). All community members are invited to attend the meeting and to join this organisation which supports the work of our school. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are open for election. Please see me or current P&C Secretary Geraldine Gregory if you’re interested in assuming one of these positions.

Student Leadership Team Lunch Time Sessions

Disruptions last week caused the cancellation of our first K-Nex clubs, but hopefully these will start this week. We did, hold our first craft club last Thursday and a number of students attended to make goat masks to celebrate the Chinese New Year which heralded the year of the goat. Thank you to School Captains Amber and Tegan who attended to assist the students.

Two students, Amber and Paige (pictured over) managed to his the Massive Maximiser mark (40 bands). Well done you two!
Don’t forget that 3-Way reporting interviews will take place in Week 7, commencing Monday, March 9th. All parents are urged to attend. The 3-Way reporting process is extremely valuable in that it enables student, parent and teacher to celebrate in student successes as well as setting targets for the coming weeks. Letters for booking appointments will be sent home early next week.

Focus On Learning
Our Prep students are pictured below sharing their leaning about ‘position’ in Maths lessons.

Sight Words
A number of students bought home sight word cards this week. These cards each have approximately 10 words for the students to learn as part of homework activities. Students will be tested on the words each day and once they have recognised all the words on at least three separate occasions they will move to the next card. I would suggest that students concentrate on just two or three of the words at a time at home until they become confident with them. There are 5 progressively more difficult sets of words, each set containing 40 to 50 words (Green, Pink, Orange, Yellow and Blue). As they attain all the words in a colour level, students will receive a special certificate.

Every Monday - Parade 2.45pm, Visitors welcome
Every Monday - Junior K-Nex Club (Prep-Y2) - Big Lunch
Every Wednesday - Tuckshop Please try to place orders at least one day ahead
Every Wednesday - Senior K-Nex Club (Y3-Y6) - Big Lunch
Every Wednesday - Library - Don’t forget your book bags
Every Thursday - Craft Club -Big Lunch
Tuesday, March 24th - Cross-Country Training starts - see ad opposite
Thursday, March 5th - P&C AGM 3.15pm
Monday, March 9th - 3 Way Reporting Interviews this week

FUTURE EVENTS
Monday, March 9th to Friday, March 27th—3rd Year Prac student Michelle Woods working with Mr Byrnes
Tuesday, March 24th - Maroondan Cross Country Competition on the oval from 1.30pm - Visitors welcome
Thursday, April 3rd - Term 1 ends