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Message from the Principal

Thank you to parents who have booked three-way reporting interview times for next week. Ms Hanak and myself are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child’s progress in this early part of the year. If you have not booked your time yet it’s not too late—just return the booking forms that were sent home last week.

There’s lots happening during this next few weeks—details are included in this newsletter. Cross-country training starts today (Wednesday) and it’s our P&C AGM tomorrow. I really do hope that we’ll have a good turn out of parents to support this important organisation and our school.

Regards,
Robert Lawton, Principal

P&C News

Please not that school shirts have now increased in price to $35.

Students of the Week

Ms Hanak’s class:
Week 4 - Tory for being respectful and trying his best.
Week 5 - Shaylee for demonstrating responsibility inside and outside of the classroom.

Mr Lawton’s class:
Week 4 - Cory for sensible behaviour and trying ever so hard.
Week 5 - Jye for trying hard to learn his letters and letter sounds.

Well done to these students who are pictured at the top of the next column receiving their certificates.

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Even more exciting was the attainment of Mammoth Maximiser Awards (60 bands) in Week 5 by three of our students. Brilliant job Jeremy, Kody and Shaylee. A fantastic achievement in less than 5 weeks!

The last fortnight has seen much activity in our vegetable patch outside the B Block classroom. Thank you Mr Fenner for supplying and planting tomatoes, capsicums, peas and spinach.

Thank you also to the Bradfield family who have donated a fantastic worm farm to the school.

On Friday last week we had a visit from Chris Whitby of ‘Beyond Worms’ who gave a talk to staff and students about setting up and using our new worm farm to help our vegetable garden. Mrs Whitby also kindly supplied us with a batch of composting worms and some compost to get us started.

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FORTNIGHTLY DIARY
Every Monday - Parade 2.45pm, Visitors welcome
Every Wednesday - Tuckshop
Every Thursday - Library - Don’t forget your book bags
Wednesday, March 2nd - Cross Country Training starts after school
Thursday, March 3rd - P&C AGM 3.15pm
Tuesday, March 8th to Tuesday March 15th - 3 Way Reporting Interviews this week
Monday, March 14th—School Captains Leadership Conference in Brisbane

FUTURE EVENTS
Friday, March 18th - Years 3-6 T-Ball Competition, Gin Gin
Saturday, March 19th - P&C Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings
Tuesday, March 22nd—Rewards Day
Thursday, March 24th - Maroondan Cross Country Competition on the oval from 1.30pm - Visitors welcome
Thursday, March 24th - Term 1 ends
Monday, April 11th - Term 2 starts
Friday, April 15th - Small School Cross-Country Comp hosted by Maroondan SS

Focus on Learning - Grammar
The teaching of grammar starts early in school, with children in Prep and Year 1 receiving exposure to such things as nouns, noun groups, verbs and adjectives. Over the next few weeks I shall attempt to clarify some of the terms that are taught in school.

Nouns are naming words related to people, places or things. They can be proper or common. Proper nouns are those that attach specific names to individual people, places or things and they begin with a capital letter. Common nouns are day to day names. For example, in this sentence - ‘Basil is a dog.’ - Basil is a proper noun and dog is a common noun. Pronouns are words such as I, we, he, she and they. They are used to replace nouns.

Attendance Matters
We currently have a number of unexplained absences on our records. Please note that parents are required to contact the school when absences occur, preferably on the day of absence, and to provide a reason for the absence. All school absences are reported to the Education Department and those for which no explanation is received are deemed to be ‘unauthorised’.

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