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NEWSLETTER
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Great state. Great opportunity.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Reading is one of our school priorities, and all school staff are working tirelessly in this area. Every child in our school has a 45 minute reading lesson every day, as well as many other opportunities and situations that require reading.

There are however things that parents can do to help...

Probably the most valuable thing you can do as a parent is to read to your children. Paul Jennings, a best-selling Australian children’s book author says in his book The Reading Bug, “reading aloud to your children gives them an incredibly strong message. Without words you are saying, ‘I am not washing the car or reading the paper or watching the news. I am sitting here with you, reading a story… sharing the fun, the fears and the fellowship of this magic moment. You are the centre of my world.’” (p17)

As children get older try reading the same book as them and discussing what you are both reading… A family book club perhaps! What about a book report?

For beginning readers, read with your child and talk about the illustrations, the story, the words and the information you get. Help with the reading by giving them time to have a try. Don’t jump in and tell them an unknown word too quickly. At school we use the following ideas:

1. Talk about the beginning sound of the word.
2. Point to the illustrations for clues about the word or meaning.
3. Tell them the words, only after they have had a go and been given time to try.
4. Talk about the ‘tricky’ parts of the word.
5. Draw your favourite scene and tell why.

Use the bookmark strategies we use at school.

If the book is hard you read it, if it is easy your child reads it, and if it is just right then take turns!

Read every day, anytime and anywhere…. Read the signs at the supermarket, the road signs, advertising, papers, magazines and of course books. Read with enthusiasm; try some silly voices or use puppets or props to help with the story.

Join the council library! It is free and they have some amazing opportunities for storytelling and workshops on reading. The kids’ space is awesome. Go and choose some books together.

If you would like any more ideas and suggestions talk to your child’s teacher or visit me in the tech centre.

Enjoy reading!
Kate Djealloui

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**Upcoming Events**

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**School Banking**

Joan from the North Lakes branch of the Commonwealth Bank is coming to the school next Wednesday 16th March from 2-3pm to sign up children for new school banking accounts.

Open a school banking account at any Commonwealth Bank then bring your bank book to the office by 8:30am on Wednesday morning.

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**Homestyle Bake**

ALL FORMS AND MONEY ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE TODAY! IF YOU STILL HAVE OUTSTANDING FORMS/MONEY, PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

PLEASE NOTE MONDAY 14TH MARCH IS THE FINAL DATE FOR ORDERS TO BE RETURNED – WE CANNOT ACCEPT ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE.

Thank you to those families who have already returned their forms and money – and thank you for supporting our school community!
Chappy’s Spot.
Over the last few weeks I’ve had a fantastic time working in many of our great classes. I’ve been able to run some fun activities where we’ve looked at:
- how we can be the best version of ourselves
- how can we be more assertive (ask them about the McDonald’s exam- ple)
- what do we need and what do we have inside us to be able to pro- tect ourselves against being affected by other people’s actions and words.

One of the activities I did was using the ‘Handy Deal’. Here is a photo of this activity. If I’ve worked in your child’s class, can I encourage you to chat through with them how they think they can be the best version of themselves. They all have the potential to be absolute gems and I thank you for the privilege of being able journey with your children as they discover their potential.

Dakabee Award
Recipients for Term 1 Week 7
SAFE
Firdavsbek Mamirov 1 Orange
Katie Charles 1 Aqua
Scott White 2 Lime
Shannon Slater 4/5 Sapphire
SENSIBLE
Lincoln Fleming Prep Red
Ngatahia Harris Prep 1 Purple
Sahara Te Aonui 2 Jade
Isabel Ash 1 Ruby
Hunter de Hayr Prep Yellow
Eachann Jackwitz 6 Olive
Naita Rerekura 2 Teal
Bethany Merker Prep One Green
Dominic Monsson 3 Navy
Chalay Kratz 3 Crimson
Joseph Sui 4 Topaz
Markus Ras 4 Garnet
Kelylah Harris-Wihongi 3 Violet
Digga McDougall 5 Turquoise
REPECTFUL
Blyss Hall Prep Blue
Zoe Sen 2/3 Indigo
Daesjah Lewis 6 Tangerine
Millie Scouller 4/5 Emerald

Lorikeets Eagles Kookaburras Magpies
Dakabin Sports Houses

INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
Next Friday, 18th March is the Interhouse Cross Country Carnival. The Cross Country will commence at 8.45am but all children are to go to their classrooms or hall as normal for roll marking. We will commence with our Prep runners and then move through each of the age groups and finish with our Year 6 students. Parents are very welcome to come along and watch or run with your child in their race. We are looking forward to seeing as many parents or grandparents as possible next Friday morning. Don’t forget your sunscreen, hats and water bottles. Come dressed in your team colours.
Mr McNee

EASTER MEAL DEAL
Monday 21st March
Tuckshop has organised an Easter meal deal with a treat. The cost of the deal will be $10.00.
Please complete a form and return it with payment (in an envelope) to the Tuckshop by Monday 14th of March.
No food other than the ones listed on the form will be available on this day, however, we will be open second break to sell ice-blocks and snacks.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
Due to illness the Uniform Shop will only be open on Monday 8 - 9am, and closed Thursday for the last 2 weeks of term 1. We apologise for any inconvenience, and wish Mrs Dafern a speedy recovery.

TUCKSHOP CLOSED EVERY TUESDAY TERM 1 AND TERM 2

Could you please ensure that you have updated and changed your child’s class for 2016. Lunches are going to the incorrect classes and there are delays in children’s eating time.

If your child has any allergies, can you please advise the Tuckshop by either writing the allergy on the bag when you place the order or in the notes on the online ordering.

Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunties, extended families—if you have some free time, Tuckshop is always looking for volunteers. Anytime that you could spare would be greatly appreciated.