“Pathways to the future”

Tuesday 13th May, 2014

**NAPLAN**

Naplan testing began today and will be finished on Thursday. We have been busy practising for these tests and we hope the students are well prepared. We wish them all the best.

**Footy Clinic**

The Grade 3 – 6 students have the opportunity to attend a footy clinic run by the Hawthorn Football Club this Friday. The clinic will run from 10.30am to 12.00pm at the Wangaratta Showgrounds. Kaylene Holmes has kindly offered to drive some students in her car and I will be driving the remainder. Ten students have indicated they would like to attend. Attached to this newsletter is the permission slip. Please fill it in and return to school asap.

**Biggest Morning Tea**

This year we’re thrilled once again to host a biggest morning to help Cancer Council raise money for cancer research, prevention and support services. The official date for the Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea is on Thursday 22nd May. We will be running our BMT from 10.30 am to 11.30am. Each family is asked to bring a plate to share. We will be showcasing our new court with lots of games for the students and visitors to join in.

**Cross Country**

We have the opportunity to join the other cluster schools in participating in our district cross country run. The trials will be run on our cluster day (30th May) at Whorouly. During the next two weeks we will be practising running around the oval and around the hall in preparation for this. It is good for the students to try different things to build up their health and fitness.

**Kids Council News**

Kids Council have decided to have a ‘Pyjama Day’ on the 2nd June to raise money for a winter appeal. Students are asked to wear their pyjamas for the day and purchase hot food for lunch. They will be selling sausage rolls and party pies for 50cents each. An order form will go home in the next couple of weeks.

**Junior Classroom News**

This term we have new reading buddies. Please make sure that your child returns their home reading each day as we practise their sight words in their reading folders every morning. Year 1 children now have spelling homework also. They will be very easy words to begin with in order to build up their confidence and later on they will get progressively more difficult. The words are grouped into ‘word families’ which makes learning them so much easier and then they will be tested on their words each Friday.

In Numeracy we have focused a lot on doubles and ‘near doubles’ in order to develop their automaticity when adding. Everyone is working hard on their ‘predictacounting’ skills which is very pleasing. We are practising formal addition with regrouping and we will also be focusing on 2D and 3D shapes.

In Science this term we are exploring the observable changes that occur in the sky and landscape eg. seasonal changes, day and night, weather etc.
**Senior Classroom News**

We have been busy preparing for Naplan in both literacy and numeracy sessions. We will be moving on to writing reports in English as each student will have some aspect of space to study. In science we are studying 'Our Place in Space' which investigates our solar system.

Please remind your child that our homework is expected each week - Maths homework by Monday and English homework by Tuesday. Thankyou for your support with this.

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**Dates for your calendar:**

13th – 15th May - NAPLAN Testing  
14th May – AASS _ Golf  
15th May – ART  
16th May – Footy Clinic  
19th May - Library  
19th May – AASS AFL  
21st May – AASS Golf  
22nd May – Biggest Morning Tea  
26th May – AASS AFL  
28th May AASS Golf  
29th May – ART  
30th May Cluster Day Whorouly PS  
2nd June – Library  
2nd June - AASS  
4th June – AASS Golf  
6th June – Report Writing Day (no students)  
9th June – Queen’s Birthday holiday

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**Fairy Bop Class**

Fairy Bop toddler/Kinder class is a fun class that gives the children the foundation for early learning and play.  
$5 a class for a half hour class  
Mondays – Glenrowan hall @ 4pm  
Tuesdays – Wangaratta Open Door Hall @ 4pm  
Wednesdays at Wangaratta @ 9.15am  
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