Excellence..................Teamwork................Support.........................Effort

**CALENDAR**

**May**
- Mon 11\textsuperscript{th}-15\textsuperscript{th} Fed Uni 1st year PreService Teachers in F-1 and 2-3
- Mon 11\textsuperscript{th} Regional Football trials
- Tues 12\textsuperscript{th} School Photos
- Tues 12\textsuperscript{th} Language Conventions and writing NAPLAN TESTING (Yrs 3/5)
- Wed 13\textsuperscript{th} Reading NAPLAN TESTING (Yrs 3/5)
- Thurs 14\textsuperscript{th} Mathematics NAPLAN TESTING (Yrs 3/5)
  - School Council 3:45pm
  - Parents’ Club Hot Lunch 12:30pm
- Fri 15\textsuperscript{th} Regional Cross Country – Victoria Park (selected students)
- Fri 22\textsuperscript{nd} First Aid in schools – free sessions

**Student Banking Day is Wednesdays**

**From the Principal:**

What a busy week coming up especially for the Year 3 and 5 students with their NAPLAN assessments! Today we have sent a letter out to each Year 3 and 5 student which I hope you will read with your children to help them feel at ease with these tests and to reassure them they are just a tiny part of their skills- they have many others. Whilst we like to give pre-test practice sessions, we also try to keep students calm and confident.

For the SCHOOL PHOTOS in the morning, please have your children here well before 9am as we hope to have our whole-school photo first. Please ensure you have returned the correct money in envelopes and that your children are in full school uniform – red jumper, blue pants, tidy hair of course.

Please keep an eye out for possible cases of school sores or hand, foot and mouth infection. It’s also some time since we had a head lice inspection, so maybe do a big check-up please to see that your child is 100% free of all these things. Thank you.

Have a great week,
Jude Porteous, Principal

**Grades 4-6**

**Congratulations** to Carisa, Jack, Peter and Anaru for passing their next level on the Lexia (Core5) Reading program. It’s Carisa’s third level and Peter’s fourth!! Wow, they are really moving along. Wiremu has started his Reading Plus program which is the next program after Lexia Level 18. He’s really enjoying the weekly assignments in Reading and soon will have writing tasks as well.

Great job to Jack (50), Clay and Peter (75) and Luke, James and Carisa (100) for all those nights reading! This week some of these students are starting the Premiers reading Challenge and I urge you to help your child to keep track of the list of books- last year most lost their lists so we couldn’t record them to finish the challenge.

This week our Student Achievement award was given to Anaru Wilson for always being on task, listening well during teaching/sharing and always completing his learning tasks.

Have a great week, Ms Porteous
Grades 2-3

Congratulations to Jessica Caruana for achieving the classroom award this week for her fantastic subtraction skills in Maths. Well done to Mangatea for reaching 25 nights home reading, Lukey, Jessica, Blake and Flynn for 50 nights and Dexter for 75 nights. Lastly, well done to Hannah and Harry for going up a level in Lexia. Well done everyone!

This week in Reading students will be focusing on their fluency and will be practising their expression and tone when they read aloud. In writing students are finalising their persuasive texts and will be using their typing skills on the computer for their good copy. In Maths we are continuing to focus on subtraction and will be looking at column subtraction to solve large number problems.

Congratulations to Carisa, James, Jazmin, Dylan, Luke, Anna and Summah who have been chosen to represent our school at the Division Cross Country Championships this Friday. Good luck to you all! Just a reminder that we will be going for a run on Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime so pack your runners.

Have a great week everyone.
Miss Fisher

F-1

Congratulations Alyssa on achieving your 50 words spelling certificate. Rafferty has reached 50 nights of reading, a fantastic effort. Well done Celia for being our class achiever this week. Celia likes to play with lots of other children and she shows how to get along with others in the playground. Good on you Celia! Outstanding in maths last week was Lane who completed several of his written tasks on time.

This week in maths we are learning about tallying numbers to make pictographs and how to interpret them. We will continue writing letters and postcards in writing and practise applying specific reading strategies in our reading groups. Mr Mc Kenna will be observing and helping in the classroom again this week.

Today I am sending home some information about ‘The Daily Chat’, a great new resource for developing language skills in young children. Each week I will be sending home a talking activity you can do with your child at home aimed at enriching their thinking and effectiveness as communicators. They are fun topics and could be used as part of a discussion with siblings as well; as long as their voice is not drowned out by older brothers and sisters! Why is talking so important in the early years?...how well children can speak their thoughts and ideas (especially vocabulary), will be reflected in their reading and writing. Great language skills is a foundation for all learning.

Have a great week,
Mrs East

Mrs Lyons & Music

Shakespearian Insults Competition

And the winners are...... Anna Inglis and Harry Lubcke!

Runners up......Blake Ryan and Nicholas Barton

Other finalists: Jazmin McMahon and Miranda Harris, Maximus Barton and Peter Mathews, James Inglis and Wiremu Wilson, Jazmin McMahon with Dylan Anderson and Kristy Findlay, Beau Gear and Anaru Wilson, Clay Donald and Luke Caruana.

Congratulations to all students. The winning video can be viewed at: http://playingwithplays.com/shakespeare-insult-generator/fiona-shakespearian-insults/

Dance Unit

It was great to see the students working co-operatively this week to choreograph a dance. They were given a set piece of music and asked to choreograph movements to reflect the mood of different sections of the music.

We discussed how to create movements with different forms of energy. For example; smooth, fluid moves as opposed to short, sharp movements. The grade 5/6 students were very pleased with the finished product and will perform their creations at assembly next Monday.
THE VERY CRANKY BEAR

We are planning an excursion to a performance of The Very Cranky Bear at Her Majestys Theatre on Wednesday June 24th at 10.30am as part of our F-2 Language and Literature study. The performance is based on the fantastic picture book of the same name written by Nick Bland.

We will share the experience with Mt Egerton junior children and extend an invitation to any Lal Lal parents who wish to bring siblings along.

Tickets are $10 per child and $22 per adult. We may be able to get tickets a bit cheaper, depending on the group size.

If you are interested in bringing your younger children along, please see Mrs East by Friday 15th May so we can finalise numbers.

CROSS COUNTRY – DISTRICT LEVEL ON FRIDAY

Good luck to the following students who will be running at the Cross Country event this Friday:

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