From the Principal’s desk …

House Cross Country

Our House Cross Country is happening this Friday, May 6. It will be held at the park, starting at midday. Children are encouraged to wear their house coloured t-shirt for the event. We are also looking for helpers – if you are available please let us know! Thank you!

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3 and 5. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy tests. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the schools assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. Whenever possible, we will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday May 13.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. Questions are multiple choice or require a short written response. The writing task requires students to write a text in response to a stimulus.

- Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy test includes number, space, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data
- Calculators are not permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like; sample questions and a sample writing task are available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

NAPLAN 2016 test timetable

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Transition to Secondary School

Local Secondary Schools are currently offering Information Nights and Open Days for students going into year 7 in 2017. Families of students in Grades 4 and 5 are also encouraged to attend.

Information Nights
Rushworth P–12 Wednesday May 4 at 6pm
Wanganui SC Monday May 9 at 7pm
Shepparton HS Tuesday May 10 at 7pm
Mooroopna SC Wednesday May 11 at 7pm
McGuire College Thursday May 12 at 7pm

Open Days
Mooroopna SC, Shepparton HS, Wanganui SC and McGuire College will hold Open Days on Wednesday May 18 and Thursday May 19 at 9:15am and 11:15am. If these times don’t suit you, please contact the relevant schools to arrange an appointment.

First Aid in Schools program

Today all children participated in the First Aid in Schools program. It was an excellent opportunity for our students to learn and practice some basic first aid skills.

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day Stall is on Friday May 6. Gifts range from $1 to $5.00 to take home. Thank you to Michelle Donders and Kelly Bedwell for providing this opportunity to our students.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday May 18. Information regarding the ordering process was sent home to families last week. Please contact the school if you did not receive this information.

Melissa Houlihan  Principal
AROUND THE SCHOOL:
Keys to Success - Getting Along, Confidence, Organisation, Persistence & Resilience

“YOU CAN DO IT”

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Left to Right
Back: Miriam & Christopher
Front: Kailee, Jet & Abbey

Gr F-1WW – Kailee Wheeler – for her great progress in maths. Kailee has shown great persistence and is working tough to get her work completed.
Gr F-1WW – Jet Williams – for being a friendly and helpful classmate who always tries to do his best. Well done Jet!
Gr 1-2F – Abbey Baker – Abbey has used the keys to demonstrate her editing skills in her writing. Well done Abbey!
Gr 2-3V – Christopher Brown – for always being a positive member of our class, helping others and generously making ANZAC biscuits. Great ANZAC spirit!
Gr 5-6B – Miriam Drinnan – Miriam always displays the 5 keys to success. She is always ready to complete any task she is given and sets a wonderful example for others. Well done Miriam!

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