

## NEWSLETTER 29 March 2022

### Dates for your Diary

MAR	Thu 31 Music/Italian	
APRIL	Fri 1 Pupil Free Day	Tue 5 School Council AGM
	Wed 6 Cooking	Wed 6 Library
	Thu 7 Music/Italian	Thu 7 Family BBQ 6pm
	Fri 8 End Term 1 <b>2:30pm</b>	Fri 22 Greta Cemetery 9:45am
Term 2	Tue 26 Term 2 commences	Thu 28 Music/Italian

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

#### **Student of the week**

Our congratulations go to the following students who have recently received a Student of the Week award:

Mitch for his outstanding effort in Maths

Lucas for showing respect during swimming lessons and improving your swimming skills

Kara for using amazing expression during the play of the "Three Billy Goats Gruff"

Cody for improvement with his persuasive writing

Georgie for doing fantastic maths workaroud tricky subtraction problems

Archie for determination and effort to achieve his writing goal.



#### **Around the Classes**

Across all grades our **English** focus is currently on persuasive writing. The younger students have been using *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* as a mentor text to support this writing genre. The Grade 3/4's are looking at 3 day weekends (for and against) and finally the Grade 5/6's are looking at an environmental issue such as plastic. Our older students have

been researching statistics that they can quote in order to back up their arguments. We have focused on *audience* in order to ensure that their writing resonates with the reader and makes them want to read on. The use of personalised language and emotive words has helped to achieve this.

In **Mathematics** all classes have been looking at place value – from simple looking at 23 being made up of 2 tens and 3 ones up to the older students looking at decimal numbers (tenths, hundredths etc) and comparing equivalent fractions. Our measurement focus for everyone has been on data representation. The Grade 5/6's have been making pie charts to represent their data and calculating the angle required for each piece of the pie based on the frequency and then using a protractor to create the chart.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent Teacher interviews have commenced. Your allocated time was sent home last week with your child. Please contact us as soon as possible if you haven't received it or the time allocated no longer suits so we can reschedule.

### **School Council**

Our next School Council meeting will be on Tuesday 5 April and will consist of our normal meeting as well as our Annual General Meeting. All parents are invited to these meetings, however only elected members are able to vote on decisions.

### **Pupil Free Day**

School Council has declared Friday 1 April as a Pupil Free Day. As such there will be no school operating this day, however all staff will be here joined by the other Cluster School staff to look at Professional Learning Communities (PLC's).

### **Family BBQ**

We will be having our annual 'welcome to the new year and new families' BBQ on Thursday 7 April..... even if it is somewhat late thanks to restrictions. This will be at the school commencing at 6pm. All meats will be provided, but we ask that you bring either a salad or dessert to share and your own drinks. If anyone is available to help with the BBQ from 5:15pm that would be greatly appreciated. Can you please complete the return slip to assist with catering and return it by Thursday 31 March if you haven't already done so.

### **ANZAC Day ceremony**

Our Grade 5/6 students will be leading the annual ANZAC Day ceremony at the Greta cemetery once again this year. For the last few weeks each student has been responsible for researching a soldier who is buried there. This in itself has been an extremely worthwhile task as they have learnt many skills for undertaking research in order to write a biography. The students will lead the attendees to each of the soldier's graves and each child will then present their work before laying a poppy and flag on the grave. This will be a fitting way to conclude our work.

We don't have as many Covid restrictions this year and so everyone is welcome to join us. Can you please RSVP if you haven't already by Thursday 7 April for attendance and catering purposes. The ceremony commences at 10am but we need to be there at 9:45am.

### **ANZAC Day fundraiser**

The local RSL have once again dropped off some merchandise (bracelets, pens, badges) that they are hoping students will purchase for ANZAC Day. All funds go to the RSL. Items vary in cost - \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 or \$5. If you would like your child to purchase something simply send the money with them and they can do the purchasing.

### **Swimming Program**

Last Friday was our last swimming lesson for the year and it has been very exciting to see the confidence, strength and swimming abilities improve in our students over the course of this term. The focus for our younger students has been on water familiarisation and stroke development, whilst for our older students, as well as proper technique for regular swimming styles, students have been learning survival strokes, gliding challenges, practicing safe entries into the water. All students thoroughly enjoyed the program and to see their progression has been terrific.



### **NAPLAN**

Our Grade 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the national NAPLAN testing shortly. Given that we are doing it online we are able to choose the dates for the various English and the Mathematics test. These will be carried out between 10 May and 20 May. It is an expectation that all students will participate, but if you wish to discuss any aspect of these with me please feel free to do so.

Thank you  
Howard Gibson  
Principal

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**WELCOME BBQ ATTENDANCE SLIP**

**Family Name:** ..... **Number Attending:**.....

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**ANZAC CEREMONY ATTENDANCE SLIP-5/6s only**  
**(for morning tea at the Greta Hall)**

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