Principal’s Message

NAPLAN TESTING
Three days of NAPLAN testing starts all over Australia this Tuesday, May 13 for the Year 3 and Year 5 students. On Tuesday they will sit the Language Conventions and Writing tests. On Wednesday, May 14 students will sit the Reading test and on Thursday, May 15 they will undertake the Numeracy test. All our students have worked really hard to prepare for these tests and we wish them every success.

OVERNIGHT ZOO EXCURSION CANCELLED
It has sadly been necessary to call off the overnight zoo excursion as a large majority of families have been unable to afford the cost. We are looking into possible alternative excursions and will notify you when we have found something suitable. The school will refund money to the few families who have already paid.

RECENT FUNDRAISING
The recent Mother's Day Stalls fundraising event held last Friday was a great success. The children were very excited to be able to independently purchase beautiful gifts for their mums. The P&C raised over $200 and the school canteen raised a little over $100. Thank you to all the people who supplied the gifts and manned the stalls. Thank you also to all the children who supported the school by buying wonderful gifts for their mums.

PARENTS SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN’S PROGRESS
Parents often seek information about how their children are progressing. The very best person to provide this information is your child’s class teacher. A child’s specific class teacher can provide professional, informative and timely advice about academic progress and behaviour that other teachers or staff or other parents cannot. Class teachers welcome the opportunity to speak with parents at any time about their students. Class teachers are generally available before and after school but are happy to make appointments if these times are taken with other parent interviews or school commitments.

PARENTS APPROACHING CHILDREN
Parents are asked not to approach other children in the school if there are concerns. Children become frightened and upset when confronted by other parents and then their parents become very upset. If you do have concerns about other students please see your child’s class teacher, Mrs Murray, Ms Schroder or myself so that we can provide support on issues of concern.

Notice Board
- 13 –15 May NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
- Parent/Teacher interviews
- Camp 20—21 May
- Student reports Wednesday 26th June (week 9)
**Weekly Awards**

**Gold Award & Medal**
Kristian, Kain (absent)

**Green Awards**
Mason, John, Matthew, Alex, Tasharni, Jarwin, Cameron, Bella, Dylan

**Primary Merits**
Alex, Kai, Tasharni, Shayla, Nicholas, Lexi

**Infants Merits**
Tristian, Bella, Jai, Arabella, Aleigha, Zachery, Ford, Lilly, Makayla

**Canteen Awards**
Mason, Maraea, Ford, Tori

**Class of the Week**
HB2

**Birthday Awards**
Nicholas, Nicholas, Aiden, Baili, Mason, Shaniqua, Kyresha, Chris, Amelia, Adrian

**P&C News**

Hello all hope all the Mums, Nans, Aunties, Dad's and caregivers enjoyed their Mother's Day gifts from our stall this year. It was a huge success. The kids loved it and can't wait for the Father's Day Stall.

We are having our P&C Meeting this Friday in our new P&C Room so please feel free to come along and have a hot drink and a cake or biscuit. We will be discussing up and coming fundraisers and anything that you feel needs to be brought up. Also, our Treasurer...Sharon Brownlow, will be letting us know how much we made on Friday. Also, as you know we are not holding a Fete this year, so we need to come up with some other great and exciting fundraisers and need help in organising our Halloween Bash, Monster Mash. It's already part way through May so we need to start ASAP. We still have boxes of cereal available for purchase through either the canteen or the P&C room. All funds go back into the Breakfast Club so that we can do extra things for the children such as toast occasionally.

Thanks for all your support.

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**Canteen News**

Thanks everyone who helped us by purchasing the Oak Milk last week. Hope everyone enjoyed them. The canteen is running a little raffle for the rest of May. We have a wonderful Breville Milk Shake maker as the prize which was donated to us from the Good Guys a little while ago. Tickets are $1 each or $2 for 3 tickets, so come on in and purchase yours from the canteen. Winning ticket will be drawn at the assembly on Friday May 30th.

Also, Please fill in the short survey with what sort of items you would like to see as a special once a week in the canteen. This will help us make sure we are catering for every ones tastes.

The NSW Government and Healthy School Canteens are looking at introducing some harsher guidelines in for food and drink. We are trialling it this week with only Light Milk. So far the children haven't noticed the difference. Also, our lasagne's and Macaroni and Cheese are now 100% Green Certified as per the Healthy School Canteen guidelines, along with all sausage rolls and pies, all chicken products and pizza's so you know your child is ordering only the best. We are allowed to have a once a week food such as hot dogs, burek, hamburgers etc so make sure you fill the survey in to let us know what once a week food you would like to see in the canteen as a special.
Week three we will be having crazy hair day! This is not compulsory, just something a little fun for the kids to enjoy.

Week five we will have a stay and play morning tea where parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles etc. can stay and play with their pre-schooler. Sam is in her fourth year at Charles Sturt University and will be in the Burroo room for the next three weeks.

Our room has gone dinosaur crazy this week! We love playing in the dinosaur dig tub, with the sand and dinosaurs. We have also painted with dinosaurs - making dinosaur footprints, which was so much fun. We also got to make our very own dinosaur eggs which we got to watch dissolve in water to reveal all the different dinosaurs. We wish all our mums a Happy Mother's Day for Sunday!

Tips on Student Attendance #6
There are simple yet effective tips that parents can follow to ensure their child has a happy day at school.

- make sure your child has a good nights sleep.
- make sure you get your child up early enough to
  - have breakfast
  - get lunch ready
  - pack a school bag
  - get dressed
- Be organised - help your child pack bags and homework and sports gear ready for the next day.

Attendance Class of the Week!
HB 2 with 95%

School Attendance for the Week!
91%

NAIDOC SHIRTS!
NAIDOC Day T-Shirts will be available to purchase from Ms Schroder. The shirts need to be preordered so make sure you come and let Ms Schroder know if you wish to purchase one. If you wish to purchase a shirt the cost is between $11.50-$12.50 and come in kids and adults sizes. They are a great buy and support the awareness of Indigenous Australia.

Warrawong High School will again be testing for the 2015 Selective Class.
Any students who missed the first round of testing and would like to be considered for the Selective Class, are invited to attend Warrawong High School on Wednesday 21 May 2014, from 9.00am until 11.00am. For further information please contact Mrs Sandra Horsey at Warrawong High School on 4274 0707.
Safety and Security

Students, staff and school property are protected under the Inclosed Lands Act. It is an offence to verbally and physically assault any student or staff member on school premises.

School grounds are private property. No one is allowed on school grounds out of school hours unless they have permission. If anyone sees anybody they think shouldn’t be on the school grounds please contact School Security or the Police on 4232 559.

Community News

- Walk to School Day 23 May 2014
- Smith’s Hill HS Expo night - Monday 26 May 6pm - 8pm
  Phone enquiries to Rel. Principal Mr Walker 4229 4266

BOLD BEEF CURRY (CAUTION VERY HOT)

BY MR & MRS MAKIN

Preparation time 10 to 15 minutes cooking time 2hrs or until meat tender.

Ingredients

- 1kg Beef Gravy or Chuck steak.
- 1 can tomatoes
- 1 large can tiny tatters (potatoes 822g)
- 1/2 of 283g jar Patak's Vindaloo paste

Method

Dice up the meat into medium/large size chunks and add oil into large pot braise until brown.

Once meat is brown start adding the rest of the ingredients.

Stir bring to the boil reduce heat to medium for 1hr then turn to low for further 1hr or until meat is soft and tender.