

TERM 3 WEEK 10

From the Principal

In May this year, around one million students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 14 September 2009, The Queensland Studies Authority, which is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in Queensland, will begin distributing results to schools across Queensland.

Every student who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN test will receive an individual report containing their results.

The report provides a range of information about your child's performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide to what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots' of student achievement in literacy and numeracy, the results should be considered along with the existing comprehensive assessment program within our school. When deciding on an achievement scale (A - E) for a student, teachers use a range of information from short answer tests, weekly tests, investigations, end of term tests, comprehension etc.

We expect to receive our reports this week. After checking through the reports, we will endeavour to distribute them by this Friday 18th September.

If you have any concerns regarding the reports, please do not hesitate to organise a time to see me.

Healthy Lunches

Congratulations to our hardworking parents who strive to ensure that their children are eating healthy lunches. It's great to see so many healthy sandwiches, fruit and snacks in lunchboxes. These foods are true 'brain' foods and optimise children's ability to concentrate in class. Well done mums, dads and carers!!

Classroom Helpers

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents who have the opportunity to provide classroom help. Your presence is vital and helps support the teaching /learning cycle in the room. However, could all parents please remember to sign the register in the office please? This is not only important for audit purposes, but necessary in the occurrence of a fire drill or a lockdown procedure.

Lockdown Procedure

During this week, a practice 'Lockdown' will occur. The implications and procedure for a lockdown have been discussed with the students and Mrs Usher also demonstrated the difference between the siren for a fire drill and a lockdown (while all staff moved to a safe distance!!).

Returning Money to Office

Could all students please return money to the office when they arrive at school? With the large amount of money coming in for camp, it helps our office run smoothly when all banking can occur early in the day.

SEEKING BOARD GAMES!!!!

If you have any games of chess or similar board games (ludo etc.) that can be played during the lunch break, could you please send them along? (Not ones that you are presently using at home). We'd love to start a Chess Club and if you have any games we could borrow we'd be most appreciative.

Finally, we'd like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday spending time with your precious children.

Have a great week

Tonimaree Brown

UPCOMING EVENTS/CHANGES

15 th Sep	Japanese Cultural Day
18 th Sep	Last day of School Term
5 th Oct	Term 4 commences (NO PUPIL FREE DAY)

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Class	Name	For
Prep/1	Travis Keilbach	Great improvement in reading
1/2	Georgia Park	Completing all set tasks quickly and effeciently
3/4	Jacob Weiss	Beautifully presented work at all times
4/5	Ryan Park	Helping others with their power point presentations
5/6	Brendan Stevenson	An excellent poetry Powerpoint
6/7	Jessica Leitch	Excellent effort in mathematics

Worm Farm

Worm juice can still be purchased any time, \$1 for 1 litre, from Mrs Atkins. Remember, no onion, no citrus, no meat. Thanks!!!

Class this week is 6/7

MUSIC CORNER

Only a few more sleeps now till holidays and we can all have a well earned break. There are no champion recorder players from last week. But, there are quite a few who took up the challenge

and were able to play the two difficult tunes well. Congratulations. Enjoy your holidays everyone and see you when we get back.

Yours Mrs Stablum

CULTURAL DAY 2009

Tomorrow, Tuesday the 15th of September, Seaforth State School will be celebrating its Cultural Day. Since all grades at this school are currently studying the LOTE Japanese we thought we would recognise and celebrate the culture of Australia's biggest trading partner. Activities ranging from origami to sushi will be undertaken by all students and a gold coin donation on the day would be much appreciated to cover costs.

Thank you

Harkins Sensei

YEAR 1/2

Parents of Year 1/2 students are invited to attend our end of term celebration, Wednesday 1pm at our classroom. It's shared lunch, so a plate of eats would be appreciated. Students may bring a pirate costume to change into. They should **not** wear Free Dress to school on Wednesday.

Thanks Mrs Clout

CHANGES TO BLOCK A DURING THE HOLIDAYS

If you drive past the school during the holidays, you'll notice the school will be buzzing with builders for our new library as well as painting in Block A. A special thanks to Miss Sue, Mrs Usher and Mrs Cahill for all their hard work in packing the gear up in the Staffroom. We look forward to returning to a freshly painted staffroom and classroom.

P & C NOTICES TUCKSHOP

TUCKSHOP WILL BE OPEN THIS FRIDAY

COULD ALL IOU'S BE PAID THIS WEEK

Tuckshop helpers:

We are getting a lot of foreign coins, could you please check money given to tuckshop as the Bank will only accept Australian money.

***NO CHICKEN SALT & VINEGAR STRIPS**

***NO CHICKEN JJ'S CHIPS**

***NO MANGO OKF DRINKS**

Fruit Tingle Playwater is available this term.

Could you please ensure that your children's tuckshop order has their proper class room number and also note if the order is for 1st or 2nd break. As the tuckshop is run by volunteers, not all are familiar as to what child is in what class. It would help save some time. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Uniform Prices

There has been an increase in some of the costs.

Shirts \$25.00 each

Hats \$11.00 each

Heavy Duty Chair Bags \$10.00 each

Pencil Cases \$7.00 each

Next P&C Meeting: Monday 26th October 2009.

PUBLIC NOTICES