Principal's Message
I hope all our mums and carers had a lovely day yesterday. Thank you Jaclyn and Meg for arranging the gifts for the mother’s day stall on Friday.

This week we wish our Year 3 and Year 5 students all the best as they take part in the NAPLAN assessment tests. Commencing on Tuesday with the Language and Writing assessments and continuing on Wednesday with Reading and Thursday with Numeracy.

There will be NO MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS THIS WEEK ONLY DUE TO NAPLAN.

This Friday we will be hosting a visit from a member of the Responsible Pet Ownership Program. This program focuses on teaching students about dog safety and what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.

Next Monday 18th May the Primary class will be attending an ANZAC Performance hosted by St Mary’s Primary School West Wyalong. A note went home last week outlining the details of travel, cost and times. If you did not receive this note please contact the school and a new one will be issued.

Premier’s Sporting Challenging (PSC).
It is wonderful to see so many students committed to achieving a Diamond award for a second week in a row. Well done to everyone! Keep up the great effort.
NAPLAN Dates
NAPLAN for all Year 3 and Year 5 students will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.
- Tuesday 12th May
  - Language and writing
- Wednesday 13th May – Reading
- Thursday 14th May - Numeracy

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test in May each year. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class.

For students in Years 3 and 5, there are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). For students in Years 7 and 9, there are five tests including two tests in numeracy – a calculator allowed test and a non-calculator test.

The NAPLAN test results and the student reports are released in September.

The results provide information about student achievement that can be used to inform teaching and learning programs. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement the wide range of formal and informal assessments that are already conducted in schools. NAPLAN test results are not intended to be used in isolation from other school-based assessment programs.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has responsibility for the central management of the NAPLAN. The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) is the NSW Test Administration Authority (TAA) and is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in all NSW schools.

Specific information, including details about the tests, student participation, disability adjustments and reporting can be found on the NAPLAN website and in the weekly Board Bulletin.

How2Learn
This fortnight’s focus in H2L is looking at the ethical aspect of learning. The learning habit is Accountability: owning your decisions and being aware of the effect on yourself, others and the environment. It is important that students are aware of the behaviors they choose to display can have an impact on those around them. We have been discussing in class how particular behaviors can be distracting to others and prevent them from learning.

Classroom Visits
If you wish to speak to your child’s teacher regarding a matter of concern, please be advised the correct procedure is to make an appointment to arrange a suitable time. Alternatively, prior to or after school is also acceptable. Interruptions, during class teaching time is unsettling for both the students and the teacher and interrupts the key learning focus of the lesson.

Class Times
9 am – 10.30 am Class
10.30 am – 11 am Fruit break and fitness
11 am – 12 pm Class
12 pm – 12.30 pm 1st lunch
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm Class
1.30 pm – 2 pm 2nd lunch
2 pm – 3 pm Class

Library
Reminder - there are a number of outstanding loans. Please remind your children to return all library books on Wednesday.

Book Club
Book Club order forms came home last week. Please place your order using the LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment) system; it seems to be working really well. Thank you to those people ordering online and the school still receives the rewards.
Voluntary School Fees
The P&C committee have agreed to set the voluntary school fees this year at $35 per child or $55 per family. These fees assist the school in offsetting the cost of buying resources for your child. Payment may be made in instalments over the next three terms. Thank you for assistance with supporting our school.

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Update Student Information
Attached to a previous newsletter was a family contact and medical update form. It has come to our attention that a number of emergency numbers and home phone numbers are no longer current. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you require a replacement. Please complete form and return to school ASAP.

Reading for Meaning – QUIZ
Congratulations Annaleise and Elspeth on last week’s answer. The man was bald.

Where in the human body would you find the occiput?

Infants News
This week, the Kindergarten’s new sound is ‘g’. In HSIE, the children are learning to identify and name some of the different wet and dry places within Australia. As part of their study of the different habitats, the children have been encouraged to bring from home any photos, postcards or magazine pictures that they may have that show wet and dry places. The children have been progressing well with strategies such as counting on and backwards, using number lines to solve problems and using near doubles to answer questions. Our focus this week is whole numbers.

Primary Class (Year3/4 + Year5/6) News
NAPLAN will be the main focus this week for the Year 3 and Year 5 students. Students will continue to work on practicing their debating skills. Political parties and the roles they play will be discussed in this week’s history lesson. Tomorrow in science, students will continue working on their night and day projects. If they require materials from home they will need to bring these in for tomorrow’s lesson.

Uniforms
We have lots of girl and boy, summer and winter, secondhand uniforms at the school. Parents please come and have a look and take any that are suitable for your children. FREE.

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.
— Henry David Thoreau

A Quick Bite ...

5 Tips to Help With Screen Time at Home
Are you having trouble getting your child off technology or watching television?
Try some of these ideas to reduce the amount of screen time your child has each day:

- Go screen free for weekdays
- Try technology free Tuesdays
- Try imagination Wednesdays
- Restrict times on when your child has access such as “no screen time before dinner”
- Provide seven ½ hour vouchers on a Friday afternoon to last for the week. When your child watches the television, or plays on the computer they hand a voucher back. This limits the child to 3 1/2 hours of screen time over a week.

For more information visit mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy