Principal’s Message

SCHOOL EVENTS
As this is the final newsletter for Term One, I would like to acknowledge the collective efforts of staff and community in organising and supporting the many learning experiences for our students.

I thank you for your support not only in the classrooms but also in the many extra-curricular activities that require additional hours of organisation and effort to ensure that our students receive the best opportunities and resources available.

I trust that our new Kinder students and families have settled in to our school community, establishing positive routines and relationships.

Staff have established various programs and Creative & Performing Arts groups for students, who will gain the rewards of their sustained commitment in the ensuing months through participation in district and regional events.

BUS TRAVEL
Unfortunately, I have dealt with numerous accounts of anti-social behaviour on buses this term. The inappropriate behaviour is occurring when students are travelling both to and from school.

I am well aware that the majority of our students display an appropriate code of behaviour, which maintains our positive school image; with only a minority of students causing concern.

Monitoring student behaviour on buses is quite difficult, without direct supervision. I therefore urge parents to be proactive in briefing your children on acceptable behaviour as well as contacting Busways directly, if you have any concerns.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Commencing next term, students may wear their winter school uniform, as indicated in our policy. The winter uniform is to be worn throughout Terms 2 and 3.

I wish to also remind parents that we stock a bottle green, long sleeve polo shirt for winter. The wearing of combinations of both summer and winter uniforms is discouraged.

All students will return to school for Term Two on Wednesday 27th April, after our two week vacation.

On behalf of school staff I hope our school community enjoy the holidays with friends and family.

Important Information

HEALTH CARE PLANS
If your child has a diagnosed medical condition – eg asthma, anaphylaxis; it is essential that you produce an original coloured health care plan from your prescribed doctor. Under WHS guidelines, this is a mandatory requirement so that school staff can implement specific procedures for identified students. It is also important that office staff are informed of any changes to your child’s condition/medication, so that adjustments can be made.

EXCURSION PAYMENT
During Semester 2 (term 3), school administration systems will undergo a major change. One major change will be in payment options for excursions. For this reason, commencing in Term 2, all excursions MUST be paid for on or by the due date, without exception.

It is wise to adopt this practice commencing next term prior to the actual implementation of the new LMBR system, which will not allow any payments past the due date.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.
The following students will be presented with Bronze awards at the Combined Assembly next Monday 4th April.

**KZ**
- Gemma Deguara
- Madeleine Devine
- Isaac Harriss
- Ruby-Eve Milojevic
- Jake Barber
- Maison Drury
- Thomas Kelly
- Ewan Kersten
- Tayla O’Brien
- Zoe Snelling
- Alanah Tynan

**1M**
- Laila Arab
- Charlotte Jones
- Rose Baldwin
- Chris Chen
- Isabella Layt
- Grace McHenry

**1-2C**
- Talaana Gabriel
- Elise Radunz
- Hayden Shamoun
- Poppy Spies
- Grace Vredegoor
- Ruby Oaklands
- Hannah Shamoun

**2-3V**
- Jesse Blume
- Owen Brown
- Tommey Clark
- Swayzee Kennedy
- Mikayla Layt
- Anna Pugliese
- Daisy Spies
- Aleeya Warrington
- Madeleine Macdonald
- Lily Paraha
- Brody Taylor
- Shelby Stanyer

**3-4S**
- Ruby Blume
- Cassidy Grima
- Jackson King
- Lily Spies
- Elizabeth Zouait
- Melek Gabriel
- Bailey Jones
- Marcus Mavin
- Stephen Radunz
- Jacob Simmons
- Seth West

**4-5T**
- Gemma King
- Ethan Lewry
- Kendra Shuttleworth
- Preston Kennedy
- Makaelah Simmons
- Ryder Mavin
- Stephanie Pemberton
- Riley Small
- Bonny Xia

**5-6B**
- Charlotte Collier-Mitchell
- Paige Hottwagner
- Oliver Macdonald
- Ella Paraha
- Emily Shamoun
- Xavier Shuttleworth
- Lana Stark
- Jordan Tolmie
- McKeeley Whitmore
- Natasha Groenewegen
- Seth Kent
- Taylah Reeves
Congratulations to the following students who received STAGE awards.

**KZ**
- Zoe Snelling - working well during reading groups
- Jasmin Bau - creating an excellent fireworks painting

**1M**
- Chris Chen - fantastic effort in reading
- Jasmine McClure - excellent effort in all areas

**1-2C**
- Porsha Woodhouse - great Khon mask drawing
- Cheyenne Harris - great Khon mask drawing

**2-3V**
- Mikayla Layt - all round effort in every area
- William Baldwin - excellent effort in maths groups, especially working on subtraction

**3-4B**
- Jaylee Morgan - great achievement during literacy groups
- Lucas McIlrick - great attitude and application during maths

**4-5T**
- Gemma King - always having a positive approach to her work and displaying great sportsmanship
- Stephanie Pemberton - outstanding effort in all areas

**5-6B**
- Charlotte Collier-Mitchell - an excellent effort in our class Russian presentation
- Ryan Snelling - being a responsible leader and a good role model to his peers
Congratulations to the following students who received STARR awards.

**KZ**
- Jake Barber
- Gemma Deguara
- Madeleine Devine
- Isaac Harriss
- Ewan Kersten
- Ruby-Eve Milojevic
- Riley Panton
- Zoe Snelling

**1M**
- Charlotte Jones
- Hudson Kennedy
- Chris Chen
- Isabella Layt
- Daniel Vredegoor
- Laila Arab
- Rose Baldwin
- Peyton Shipley
- Vanshdeep Maliya
- Brianna West

**1-2G**
- Talaana Gabriel
- Braydon South
- Grace Vredegoor
- Elise Radunz
- Hannah Shamoun
- Hayden Shamoun
- Poppy Spies
- Ritman Xia

**2-3V**
- Aleeya Warrington
- Daisy Spies
- Swayzee Kennedy
- Lily Paraha
- Nathaniel Clark
- Madeleine Macdonald
- Jesse Blume
- Shelby Stanyer
- Owen Brown
- Tommey Clark
- Brody Taylor
- Mikayla Layt
- Anna Pugliese
- Ryland Harris

**3-4S**
- Joshua Wade
- Eden Bugeja
- Elizabeth Zouait
- Lily Spies
- Jaylee Morgan
- Cassidy Grima
- Bailey Jones
- Mason Saint
- Jackson King
- Melek Gabriel
- Ruby Blume
- Marcus Mavin
- Stephen Radunz
- Jacob Simmons
- Peri Kane
- Seth West
- Iris Miller

**4-5T**
- Gemma King
- Ethan Lewry
- Riley Small
- Riley Taylor
- Bonny Xia
- Makaelah Simmons
- Preston Kennedy
- Ryder Mavin
- Lachlan Kersten
- Stephanie Pemberton
- Kendra Shuttleworth
- Maxine Suela
- Tristan Towner-Cohen

**5-6B**
- Teresa Chen
- Matthew Malss
- Ethan Farnbach
- Paige Hottwagner
- Natasha Groenewegen
- Johnathan Hurley
- Xavier Shuttleworth
- Caleb Maittlen
- Emily Shamoun
- April Laird
- Lana Stark
- Seth Stanyer
- McKeeley Whitmore
- Bailey Chapman
- Oliver Macdonald
- Charlotte Collier-Mitchell
- Taylah Reeves
- Seth Kent
- Jordan Tolmie
- Ella Paraha
AROUND THE SCHOOL

EASTER HAT PARADE
AROUND THE SCHOOL

Harmony Week

Welcome to the Jungle!

World Tour
Students travelled to ...

Austria

Bahamas

Thailand

South Korea

Sri Lanka

Russia

Singapore

Passports ready!
AROUND THE SCHOOL

Harmony week

Class performances
This year I would like to bring some colourful cheer to our school again in the form of yarn bombing. If you love to knit or crochet then we need your skills! I am after knitted or crochet rectangular pieces about the size of an A4 page (20cm x 30cm) or crochet circles of various sizes. I will also accept any odd sized pieces to help fill in gaps. Any colours, textures or yarn sizes are accepted and will help to add interest.

The yarn bombing will take place on the morning of our Mums in School day Term 2 and I may require some help to assemble it. Please hand in any finished pieces to me to hold until the day.

Thank you,
Miss Slawski

YEAR 6 FAREWELL COMMITTEE:

Ice Cream Soda Day Friday 1st April.
Ice-cream Soda Day Pre -orders for this event are now closed.
Teachers will be given a list with the children's tickets on the morning of the event.

Icypole Fridays
We will continue selling Icypoles for $1 at lunchtime each Friday up to the end of Term 1.
On behalf of the Farewell Committee and Year 6 we thank you for your support.

SRC MUFTI DAY FUNDRAISER
Well done to everyone who contributed to our Emergency Services Mufti Day. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise $145 for the Westpac Helicopter Lifesaver Rescue Service.
Miss Zammit and the SRC

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
We are conducting a service for Anzac Day on Friday 8th April at 9:30am under the cola.
As part of this service, we are selling poppies in advance of Anzac Day which may be purchased for $3 each. These poppies can then be placed in the school’s poppy field to remember the service men and women, past and present.
**ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**OPAL CARDS**
For any queries relating to opal cards or to apply for one please go online to: transportnsw.info/school-students

Please return updated Emergency Contact Details form as soon as possible even if there are no changes

**FINAL DATES FOR PAYMENT**
ASAP— Sports Permission Note for 2016 $2 per child

Payment envelopes are included with excursion notes for your convenience

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE PROCEEDING INTO SCHOOL GROUNDS

Payments can be made by cheque, cash, and eftpos. Please be aware that the school office cannot accept eftpos or credit card payments for Book Club or any P&C raffle, disco etc
**EASTER RAFFLE:**

We would like to say a very big thank you to all those who donated to the Easter Raffle - your generosity made for some great prizes.

The winner of the most tickets sold was:

Alanah Tynan of KZ - Congratulations, Alanah!

Congratulations to all our Prize winners - we hope you enjoyed the goodies!

**BUNNINGS BBQ:**

We will be running a Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 3rd April.
A volunteer request should have come home. If you can do any of the shifts, or help in any way, we would greatly appreciate it!
To those who have already volunteered, thank you, You will be contacted with your shift times shortly.
Not only is it a great way to raise money for our school but those involved in last years BBQ got to meet other parents/staff in an informal setting. There was a great fun atmosphere on our side of the counter which came through to the customers, who were all complimentary not only to us but to Bunnings Management as well.

**SCHOOL DISCO:**

There will be some HUGE changes to the next Disco!
We will be having a REAL DJ who will be playing the songs you love to hear on the radio, as well as some of those all time favourites.
We will be combining all stages for one big Disco night - a whole 1.5 hours of disco fun!
When: ALL STAGES Thursday 7th April — 5.30pm-7pm
Where: School Hall
Notes for Pre order tickets and meal deals will be going out shortly.

WATCH THIS SPACE NEXT TERM FOR OUR FUNDRAISING THERMOMETER SO YOU CAN SEE HOW WE ARE GOING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

**P&C MEETING:**

Our next P&C Meeting will be on Friday 1st April, at 9.10am in the Hall.
Hope you can join us.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Commencing in Term 2, our canteen will be open two days a week, for SNACKS ONLY.
More information will be sent home shortly.

The Clothing Pool is located in the P&C room off the Hall. We currently have plenty of stock at great prices, however we are always more than happy to accept your support & donations, particularly in larger sizes!

**Open Friday morning 8:45am-9:10am.**

For other times please do not hesitate to call Lisa on 0403 015 423 or Kylie on 0416 274 804, who would be happy to assist you. *Change room area now available*

*We hope you all have an enjoyable school holidays see you next term.*
We would like to thank both these local businesses for their generous support and donations throughout the year with our fundraising and school events. Please show them your support if you choose by giving them your patronage.
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### Hols

| 11           | 4 April Combined Assembly      | 5 April   | 6 April                          | 7 April *Merit BBQ, Principal’s A/T DISCO   | 9 Apr    |
|              |                                | ANZAC Service at HYDE Park (school leaders) |                                 | 8 April School Anzac Service @ 9.30am       |          |

| Hols         | 11 April                       | 12 April  | 13 April                        | 14 April                                    | 16/17 Apr|
|              |                                |           |                                 | 15 April                                    |          |

| Hols         | 18 April                       | 19 April  | 20 April                        | 21 April                                    | 23/24 Apr|
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| 2            | 2 May Coffee Club @ 2.15pm P&C Meeting @ 7.00pm | 3 May Students walk Cross Country Track– McQuade Park | 4 May 2/3V Cake Day | 5 May | 6 May Mums @ School Cross Country Carnival | 7/8 May |

| 3            | 9 May NAPLAN- Lang/Writing      | 10 May NAPLAN-Reading | 11 May NAPLAN-Numeracy         | 12 May NAPLAN-Numeracy | 14/15 May |

| 4            | 16 May                         | 17 May     | 18 May                           | 19 May          | 21/22 May |
|              |                                |           |                                 | 20 May District Cross Country |          |

| 5            | 23 May                         | 24 May    | 25 May                           | 26 May Pet Education Program | 28/29 May |
|              |                                |           |                                 | 27 May          |          |
Parents using kids as bargaining chips

By Michael Grose (Parenting Ideas)

It’s been said that children are the unwitting victims of a breakdown between partners, but it doesn’t take a separation for kids to be caught up in their parents’ disputes.

In particular, kids of all ages can be impacted by games of one-upmanship that can be played out even when parents are together.

It happens when one parent criticises the other parent’s child-rearing either verbally or non-verbally: a raised eyebrow can send a strong message. This type of criticism creates doubt and uncertainty in children.

It happens when one parent intentionally overindulges children by buying them toys, gadgets and clothes or granting them excessive freedom out of spite. Competitiveness and disloyalty cause confusion and unhappiness in children.

It happens when a parent withholds affection and attention to children to punish their partner for some transgressions they may have committed. Callousness leads to feelings of unhappiness and guilt in children.

Consistency is the greatest gift parents can give

Kids crave consistency from their parents. They love to be able to predict how their parents will raise them as this puts them in control, which is vital for their healthy development. When they grow up in a predictable, caring environment they are more likely to take the learning risks necessary to grow and develop. In unstable, unpredictable environments kids either go into their shells to keep safe or they rebel.

Consistency requires parents to use predictable routines, to stick to a known set of rules and to act always in their children’s best interests when raising them.

Avoid negative partnership spill over

Families have many relationships within them. Parents have relationships with children as individuals and as a group. Children also have relationships with each other and with each parent, if there are two.

Parents also have a relationship with each other, which can be compromised when there is family breakdown. The challenge for parents is to prevent a breakdown in their relationship impacting on their other relationships including each person’s relationship with children. Positive parent relationships also have a positive effect on children’s learning and wellbeing. Conversely, anecdotal evidence suggests that the spill over to children from their parents’ negative relationships is significant indeed in terms of negatively impacting children’s learning and their wellbeing.
Kids are mood detectives

If two parents are in dispute there is an absolute imperative for the parents to keep the breakdown or conflict between themselves and to minimise the negative spill over to children. Inevitably, children will experience a tension if it exits between couples no matter how well their parents try to keep a dispute private. Kids are mood detectives. They’re generally better than we think at picking up the nuances of relationship tensions.

Stick to the business of parenting

It helps if parents in dispute can stick to the business of parenting and don’t confuse it with the business of partnering. If a parent isn’t getting along with a partner, then this is a problem to be worked out between them. Acting in the best interests of children means that we separate the partnering from the parenting when it comes to childrearing. This means that parents may have to compromise about many issues ranging from the straightforward, such as bedtimes, to more complex issues such as how best to manage children’s behaviour. Giving some ground to the other parent maybe problematic when relationships are troubled, but it’s not impossible. Plenty of separated couples do so successfully by consciously putting their children’s best interest before their own.

Putting aside differences in children’s best interests

Relationship breakdown can bring out the worst and the best in people. It brings out the worst when parents put their individual interest before their children’s, particularly when they interact with each other. Parents show their best side when they don’t let emotions rule their heads when they are in dispute with their partner. That means refraining from using kids as bargaining chips when interacting with their partner or ex-partner. Instead they stick to the business of parenting and make decisions in the very best interests of their children rather than their own interests. That’s the adult thing to do.