PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Families,

It was so lovely to see all the girls at school on Thursday and Friday. Some students had new backpacks, some had new shoes, some had new lunch boxes, some had new haircuts and of course they have all grown. I also saw lots of parents and families so that was great to catch up again. Thank you to Sylvia and Barry for covering the new library books. Tiahn had a lot of fun setting them up in the book tub in the classroom.

Congratulations to all the students who started off the year with enthusiasm and big smiles. We had some great class discussions about what our school will look like, sound like and feel like. Our discussions on “what it means to be an Australian” were very deep and meaningful.

All the best for a great week everyone

NEW TIMETABLE

Mr Simpson, the students and I worked together on confirming our new timetable and setting up our learning spaces so they are just right. Homework books and home readers have gone home. Home readers need to be brought in every day and homework is due on a Friday.
Our first P&C meeting will be next Monday 8th February at 3.15pm. A new executive will be elected for 2016 therefore it is really important that we get all parents to attend that meeting so that we can map out the year ahead.

The P& C have been offered the opportunity to take part in a great fund raiser for the school and the local community. On the 12th and 13th March an Endurance Horse Ride will be held in the area. The Taylors Arm Reserve Committee of Management has been asked to cater for lunch on both Saturday and Sunday and breakfast on Sunday morning. The Committee has decided to share the fund raising opportunity with other local groups and have asked the P & C to volunteer helpers for the 3 cooking times.

Many hands make light work and there is quite a bit of money to be made, so if you can help please give Dawn a call before next Monday so we can organize a roster. Dawn’s number is 65 64 2042.

Congratulations to Anna and Bree who received awards at Friday’s Assembly. Bree received her award for delegating responsibility and Anna received hers for strong leadership skills by setting high standards and expectations.

Every Tuesday Jane will be teaching the students to knit. Again we will have two students at a time to learn the basics and hopefully progress to us all doing it together. 
Message from Jane. If you have any large size knitting needles at home could you please send them in tomorrow (Tuesday) as we’ll be starting a Knitting Group tomorrow.

Probably best to wait a week or two before you start placing your orders for winter woolies!!

You may have noticed some changes to the timetable. Every Monday afternoon two students will be cooking with Julie in the canteen. Their task is to prepare and create something for recess on the Tuesday. This week on the menu is Savoury Muffins – yum! You won’t need to pack recess on a Tuesday as it will be all ready at school.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays our Technology sessions will be focussing on class movies. Our goal is to create movies so that we can upload them to the website.

On Fridays we will be holding a Class Parliament which will be a forum for “dangerous ideas”, discussions, debates and an opportunity to develop public speaking and leadership skills.

Brochures are attached to this week’s Newsletter. Please return orders to school by 17th Feb.

Regards

Sarah Landers
Relieving Principal
Savoury Muffin Recipe
2 cups (300g) self-raising flour, 3/4 cup (55g) grated tasty cheese, 2 rashers bacon- finely diced, 1 grated zucchini, 1 grated carrot, 2 shallots finely sliced, 150g butter, melted, 1 cup (250ml) milk, 1 egg, lightly beaten.

Method
Preheat the oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced). Line a 12 cup muffin tray with muffin sized patty pans.

1. In a bowl, place the flour, cheese, bacon, shallots, carrot, zucchini
2. In a jug, combine the egg, milk and butter.
3. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix until just combined.
4. Pour into patty pans and bake for 15-20 minutes.