Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last term of the year which we know is going to be action packed and full of exciting learning opportunities. This is my favourite time of the school year. It is a time when our students have the chance to show us the distance they have travelled academically, emotionally and socially from the start of the year. At this time of the semester it is a great time to remind everyone of our three school rules.

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Safe
3. Be an Active Learner.

Please chat to your child about what these rules mean and what they look like in our school. You may also see a new mural that has been completed over the holidays by one of our parents Nadya Constantinidis. This mural will also include our three school rules and our mascot Emu.

NAPLAN Results

Today the students received their NAPLAN results. The school only receives one copy of this report so please be sure to keep it in a safe place in case you need them for entry to your child’s high school.

Earlier this year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all state and non-state schools across Australia took part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. The tests assessed students’ abilities in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy.

It is important to remember that these NAPLAN results represent achievements in tests conducted in May and should be considered along with performance in other school-based assessments. While the information contained in the report is reliable it was how your child was working over 5 months ago.
Principal

CLASS NEWS

Prep R - Welcome to Term 4! We are looking forward to a great final term of Prep. This term we will be studying letter writing (using snail mail and email), number sequences and number names to 20 and looking at "How things move in Science". We are also studying "Under the Sea" and looking at different sea animals. Student of the Week - Tom H.

Prep 1R - Welcome to Term 4! As the weather heats up we start swimming lessons. We need parent helpers both in the pool and as spotters so if you are keen for a swim with our class, please let me know. This week we learn the 'air' sound. The class blew me away when they discovered the following spelling choices: 'air', 'eath', 'ayor', 'ere', 'ayer', 'are', 'ae', 'ear!' Wow! That's a lot of ways we can write the 'air' sound! Student of the Week is Luan B for discovering the most spelling choices on Tuesday.

1B, 1C, 1S - We are happy to be back for the last term with lots of exciting activities to look forward to. This week in English we will begin comparing the differences between imaginative, procedural and persuasive texts. In Maths we will be working with fractions and representing half of a collection. We will do more work with tens and ones, representing two digit numbers with concrete materials. We will also match and record two digit numerals and number names.

Swimming commences again this term (next week) and we will require parent assistance for this to be successful. If you are able to help, please place your name on sheet on the classroom door. Students of the Week are 1C Harper B, 1B Sophie L and 1S Amelia R. Congratulations to all.

2E & 2W – Welcome back to Term 4. Hope you all had a restful break. Looking forward to parent interviews next week.

3K – Welcome back from holidays! I hope you all had a fantastic break and look forward to hearing what everyone got up to. We’re on the home stretch now – the last term of school for 2013. Please check with your child as to whether they have enough stationary to get them through this last term. We seem to be running very low on pencils, rubbers and sharpeners.

Over the next two weeks Miss Serow will be back in 3K for her internship and will begin the English unit on poetry. The students have started a dance unit this week where they have had the chance to show off their Footsteps moves and will soon create their own dance in groups for their assessment. I can’t wait to see what they come up with! Student of the week: Gwen.

3/4B - Welcome back! Here’s to a fantastic final term. I trust that everyone is refreshed after a nice, long break and ready to put in a great effort this term. The curriculum newsletter will be out very shortly.

4L & 4P – Welcome back to Term 4. We hope that you all had a lovely holiday. By now you will have received all the paperwork for Underwater World, the curriculum newsletter and the swimming permission form. Thank-you so much to all the families that have already returned all those forms.

4/5L - In English we will complete new units which are exploring recounts set in the past in Year 4 and examining media texts in Year 5. For Maths, this week we will be looking at Fractions and Operations in Year 4 and Symmetry, Length, Area, Capacity, Mass and Fractions in Year 5. In History we will be completing the assessment phase of our units. Hope you all had a great holiday.

Swimming starts next week. A reminder that our PE Lesson is now on Thursday afternoons from 1.50 - 2.50. Parents are needed in order for this lesson to go ahead. Students of the Week: Fraser M-V.

5T - Welcome back to Year five students and their families. I hope your holiday was enjoyable. One little task students were asked to do over the break was to get learning resources ready for a hectic term 4. This means all students have the materials they need to maximise their learning.

This term’s focus is definitely on the physical: with swimming classes on Wednesdays (starting week 2) and the Interschool sport starting THIS Friday. Permission forms to coaches and money to the office by Thursday at the latest. All Year 5 children are encouraged to participate in the leadership accreditation process. The system commences in week 1 of this term when leadership cards are handed out. To be considered for leadership positions, students must have the accreditation card completed by Friday, 22 November. Speeches for School Captain, Vice-Captain etc. will take place in week 8 and 9. The Year 6 leadership positions will be announced in Week 10. Student of the Week: Jacinta Mc.

7S – Welcome back to Term 4. We begin the count down towards the last 10 weeks of primary school. Curriculum newsletter will come out with important information soon.

LIBRARY NEWS

Please return any library books that are overdue. If you have lost a book we ask that you replace it with a new book that would be appropriate for other students to read. The school library will receive many outstanding books due from before the holidays. Next Tuesday Nick Earls and Terry Whidborne, authors of the new series “Word Hunters”, will be visiting the school and talking to all the Years 4 to 7. If you have any of the series please bring them along if you would like an autograph. This is a free visit organised by the Brisbane City Council Library.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE

*Our school will celebrate Terrific Traveller Tuesday’ again on Tuesday, 29 October and 26 November. Students that travel to school ACTIVELY on these days will receive a stamp in their...
passport. If they travel actively on the Fridays of that week too, they get another stamp in their passport! Double stamps for those weeks! Active School Travel is awesome!

*Students can claim their AST prizes (check your passports to see if you have acquired enough stamps) from Miss K’s classroom (room 19) on Fridays - first break (during play time).

*Are you a Year 5 student who doesn’t have a leadership role? Or perhaps you’re just a person that likes to ‘help out’? The Active Travel Crew NEEDS YOU! The Active School Travel Crew are looking for Year 5 students to help with stamping student’s hands at the school gates for future upcoming Active School Travel events. Please see Miss K (room 19) to express your interest.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

Good luck to Adrian Herbert who will be attending the State Track and Field carnival next week to compete in the discuss competition. Thank you to Sarah from NRL who is conducting training sessions for all our boys and girls touch football teams on Thursday mornings at 8am.

Remember that interschool sport begins this Friday, 11 October. Please bring in your money before Friday if you have not already paid.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

Information Evening Instrumental Music Program – Tuesday, 13 November

There will be an information evening about our Instrumental Music program held in our school library on Tuesday, 13 November at 6.30 pm for our for parents/guardians who will have children in their first year of learning an instrument in 2014 in either the strings or the band program.

Recruiting for 2014

Information has been sent home to our Year 2 and 4 students about our Instrumental Music program. However, if your child is entering Year 5 or above in 2014 and is not already learning a band instrument but would like to learn to play please contact Penny Hall. Testing for selection of students will be happening in the next few weeks.

MusicFest

The String Ensemble and Adagio Strings will be performing this Saturday, October 12 at MusicFest at The Gap State High School. All students need to wear their music polo shirts with long black pants, black shoes and black socks. Adagio Strings (Year 4’s) need to arrive at 12.30pm to play at 1.30pm. String Ensemble need to arrive at 3.42pm to perform at 4.42pm. If you are unable to attend, please let Mrs Payne know.

For all string queries (please contact Kathryn Payne who teaches at our school on THURSDAYS) - kpayn49@eq.edu.au

For all band queries (please contact Penny Hall who teaches at our school on WEDNESDAYS) - phall5@eq.edu.au

**DAY FOR DANIEL**

25 OCTOBER 2013

This year we will be participating in the Day for Daniel on Friday 25 October. All children, parents and staff are encouraged to wear a red shirt on the day (or black if you can’t wear red) and donate a gold coin to go to the Daniel Morenoome Foundation. We will be incorporating safety initiatives on the day and are hoping that our local police officer will come and talk to us on the day. The Day for Daniel is the Daniel Morenoome Foundation’s National Day of Action promoting children’s personal safety and providing Aussie Kids with valuable life skills. Please support this very important day as much as you can. Tracey Irwin (4/5I Teacher)

**CHEERLEADING**

The last few weeks of Cheerleading for 2013 are here, as we only have 3 weeks left. If you wish to be on any of the teams for next year please make sure you attend the auditions. Only new students to the school will be accepted in 2014.

Pups (Preps - Yr 2) - Monday morning and Monday 2nd break (Weeks 2 and 4) - due to the public holiday and pupil free day.

Reserves (Yr3 - Yr 6) - Tuesday mornings 7.45-8.30am Squad - Monday and Thursday afternoons (please refer to your latest note for times).

All children wishing to try out should have collected a note detailing audition times from Miss F on Tuesday. If you did not get this, please come and see me. There will be NO cheerleading after Week 4. Team lists will be displayed around the school at the end of the year.

National School Competition - WOO HOO! Our Cheersquad did a fantastic job representing our school at the National Schools Competition on the last day of Term 3. They performed 2 great routines and finished 6th in Cheer and 3rd in Pom. Congratulations girls - I’m very proud of you! Miss R:o)

**WANTED**

The cleaners always require plastic shopping bags to line the bins in the classrooms – if you have any spare could you please bring them to the office. Many thanks.

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Remember! The Tuckshop is now open Monday, Thursday and Fridays 8.15am to 11.45 am.

**OCTOBER ROSTER**

Thursday 10

Misato Betts

Friday 11

Karl Chaffey, Carol Gilmour, Sam Muir

Monday 14

Karen Penniman

Thursday 17

Misato Betts

Friday 18

Janene Ashton, Carol McLean, Penny Valentine

Please remember, Prep to Grade 2 children may not buy items over the counter. Everything needs to be ordered online or on a paper bag.

**NEW!**

Krazy Lemon - homestyle lemonade $2.00.

Trop-0-Saurus Slime Paddle Pop $1.90.

Lemonade Icy Twists $1.00.

A green hoodie was left behind by one of the Tuckshop volunteers last term. Come and see me if it belongs to you.

Katrina

Tuckshop Convenor

Tuckshop Online Ordering is here!

Run out of bread? Not enough cash on hand? Order your tuckshop lunches online!

Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and follow the instructions.

Please note - paper bag ordering is still available.

**ONLINE ORDERING**

- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.

Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.