

NEWSLETTER NO.11

APRIL 22, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

24th ANZAC Commemoration Service – 9am
27th North District Cross Country, Pine Rivers Park,
Strathpine
28th Breakfast Club

MAY

7th Mother's Day Stall
12–14th Naplan Testing
22nd Interschool Gala Day
28th Year 6 Leaders to Parliament House BBQ

**BUILDING.
NO WAY!**
**TAKE A STAND
TOGETHER**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2! Family time is so important and I hope that each of our families were able to slow down for a short time to spend some quality time together over the Easter vacation.

Easter Parade

The Easter Hat Parade was a great success on the last day of term. Students, staff and parents all enjoyed the morning with our Prep to Year 2 students as they paraded their Easter hat creations for all to see. The event was expertly overseen by our Arts and Culture leaders, Olivia, Katrina, Alyssa and Abbie singing our favourite Easter songs and participating in "The Chicken Dance" were also other great highlights of the morning. Thanks you Miss Bibby organising the event.



Parent Class Representative Meeting

We held our first Parent Rep Meeting this week. It was a great opportunity to get to know each other and work through how our group will operate this year. Our parent reps will be seeking input from our parent community around our newsletter. As a school we are hoping to hear from our parents around their thoughts on receiving the newsletter electronically and general feedback on the content.

Sex Education is the other area that will be for future discussion. Several options will be presented to parents for their consideration. We look forward to working these first few topics through with our parent community.



Anita Bond
Principal

ANZAC COMMEMORATION SERVICE

This Friday we will be holding our ANZAC Commemoration Service starting at 9am at the school pool facility. As a result there will not be a general assembly in the hall. Some seating will be made available for parents and family members.

ANZAC DAY WRITING COMPETITION 2015 WINNER ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations to Lily Milestone for winning first prize in this year's ANZAC Day Writing Competition. Lily was awarded first prize of \$300 in the Years 4 & 5 category for her essay on 'What ANZAC Day means to me'. She also earned \$300 for the EPSS library. Lily was congratulated by members of the Gaythorne RSL Sub-Branch Inc. as well as local politicians including State Education Minister Kate Jones (pictured with Lily) and State member for Everton, Tim Mander.

Well done to all students who submitted an entry in this year's completion.
Mrs Campbell



MORNING READING CLUB

Students who have received an invitation to attend Morning Reading Club in the library, the times are: Monday to Thursday from 8.20am to 8.50am. We look forward to seeing you again this term. Any queries please call or email Ms Lukey and Mrs Lyon on buke1@eq.edu.au

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



*Don't forget to actively travel EVERY Tuesday (Terrific Traveller Tuesday) and/or Friday (Fun Fit Friday)!!! Walk, cycle, scooter, skateboard, carpool or bus it to school! **Ditch the idea of having mum or dad drop you off right at the school gate.** Rain, hail or shine, actively travel to school to get your well-earned stamp in/on your AST passport/card.

*Congratulations to 2J and 3M for winning the Gold Star awards for the highest percentage of students actively travelling for Term 1 Week 9's 'Fun Fit Friday'. Which classes will win it for this week's 'Fun Fit Friday'? The results will be revealed at this week's assembly!

*Don't forget that all active travellers will receive DOUBLE STAMPS in their AST passports/on their AST cards for this week's Fun Fit Friday! Don't miss this chance to get a stamp closer to another AST prize!

*The focus for the month of May will be 'walking' to school. The classes with the highest percentage of students walking to school each week in the month of May will be announced as the winners of the Gold Star award. To encourage more students to walk in the month of May, every Fun Fit Friday in May, we will be giving students DOUBLE STAMPS in their passport/on their card, IF they walk to school. Again, don't miss this chance to get a stamp closer to another AST prize!

*Thank you to all of our school House Captains for continuing to tally the points for each House every Fun Fit Friday. It's wonderful to see so many students supporting their school house by actively travelling to school. Students are to wear their normal school uniform for future Fun Fit Fridays. Don't forget that every Fun Fit Friday, the House Captains will tally points (check in at the school hall before the first bell at 8:45am) for each student that actively travels. At the end of this term, the results will be announced and a House will be declared 'The BEST Active Travelling House'.

*Don't forget to claim your AST prizes at the AST shop. The shop is open every

Friday from 11:20am (after first break eating time).

ART CLUB

Some awesome charcoal drawings and very original clay models proved a fun and relaxing break during the wet weather lunch on the last Wednesday of term. More cool and creative activities to come each Wednesday at second break.

LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Lily on winning the Yr4/5 **Anzac Day writing competition** sponsored by the Gaythorne RSL Sub-Branch Inc. She has not only won some money for herself but also \$300 will go to the library. Thanks Lily! Our library has a wonderful selection of Gallipoli and World War 1 books on display for this week – 100 years of Anzac! An amazing ANZAC app for the IPAD is called *Gallipoli: the first day*. Also the *Army museum of WA* has an app for a *self-guided museum tour for World War 1*. Both these apps are free on iTunes.

The **Children's Book Council of Australia** (CBCA) awards short list is now out. <http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm> Our library will have these books on display during this term leading up to the announcement of the winners during Book Week which our school will celebrate in the last week of August. The CBCA is celebrating 70 years and the theme this year is **Books light up our world**.

The **Premiers Reading Challenge** will be starting up shortly. The reading dates start from May 19 and finish August 28th. The challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. This is a wonderful time to really become involved in your child's reading - find out what interests them, read together, have discussions, discover new authors and visit other libraries. More details will be available from your child's teacher in the coming weeks.

The **Poetry Competition** winners will be announced next week on parade. Some very interesting poems were submitted. A number of library books are still to be returned from last term. Could you assist us with returning these resources. Any concerns please call or email.

Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian
bluke1@eq.edu.au

MUSIC NEWS

CHOIR NEWS

Junior Choir and Elements members will combine to perform a song at our School Anzac Day Service, which will commence at 9.00 am this Friday 24 April. Extra rehearsals will be held on Wednesday and Friday mornings this week, at 8.00 am in the Music Room.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE 24 APRIL – EXTRA REHEARSALS

Both Junior Choir and Elements will combine to sing one song at our school Anzac Day Service, on Friday 24 April, so I would like to call special rehearsals

for Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Friday 24 April at 8.00 am to practise together. Some people may not be able to attend all three rehearsals, because of other commitments, but I would like to have the majority of our students at all rehearsals, as the Anzac service is such a special occasion.
Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

GARDEN CLUB

We will now be meeting on Wednesday at first break. We will continue to collect fruit and veg on Mondays and Tuesdays for our compost tumbler! Don't forget your hat!
Bernadette Crook

MOTHER'S DAY STALL



The Mother's Day Stall will be open on 2 separate days.

Friday, 1 May

Open for Year 6 only. Gifts available from \$5.00 - \$10.00.

Thursday, 7 May

Open for Prep – Year 5. Gifts available from \$5.00 - \$10.00.

We would love your help to volunteer on the stand. If you are able to help please email pamelagv@optusnet.com.au

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open each Friday morning from 8:30am – 9:30am.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED



Do you have uniforms lying around the kids have grown out of? Bring them into us!! We need your second hand uniforms.

Bring them to the Uniform Shop on Friday between 8.15-9.30am and we'll have a look at them. They need to be in good condition and if they are we'll PAY you \$10 per item for them, \$20 for Sports Jackets. Just remember to also bring along your account details so we can transfer the money into your account.

Help Required

The Uniform Shop would love some volunteers to help out on Friday mornings. If you would like to help out please contact me on jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au, phone me on 0402880216 or pop in and see me one Friday morning. It's a great way of meeting all the wonderful families in our school.

Stock update!!

We are still out of stock of size 4 Polo's.

Jeanette Jenkinson
Uniform Shop Convenor

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Welcome Back!

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

April Roster

Thursday 23 - Karla Chaffey
Friday 24 – Karen Nelson, Vicky Wilson, Jo Baird
Thursday 30 – Sian Renold

May Roster

Friday 1 – Ann Jabas, Misato Betts, ?

STAY WARMER WITH THE WINTER MENU ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE
Garlic bread \$1.10, warm Milo \$1.50,
Ham & Pineapple or BBQ Chicken pizza \$3.00.

Banana and Cinnamon Bread \$2.00 – home baked just for us!

Katrina
Tuckshop Convenor

Expressions of Interest – Home Bakers

The U&T sub-committee is requesting expressions of interest from any members of the school community to home bake for the Tuckshop. Ideal Menu items would be biscuits, healthy cake/slices, mini quiches, pikelets and mini muffins plus soups in winter terms. You could bake all or some items. Delivery to the Tuckshop would be once a week or a fortnight so items would need to be stored frozen (except for biscuits). You would be reimbursed for your ingredients upon receipt. An Introduction to Food Safety Course (or similar) will be offered. Please contact Katrina Coomber tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au to register your interest or if you have any queries.