Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

This week we would like to start by thanking all the families who came along to our Working Bees over the weekend. Apart from having a lot of fun they achieved a great deal - planting and mulching the courtyard area, cleaning up our library courtyard and even the painting of the Art room! Thank you all for your time and effort - it is greatly appreciated by us all!

Congratulations also to our Interschool Cross Country Team who won the Sunbury Schools Cross Country on Monday. Well done to all students who show great persistence and determination during our daily fitness program—your efforts have paid off! The following students have won their way to the Woodlands Division Cross Country on 12th June: Calan Bowman, Chelsi Bowman, Kiralee Collings, Jade Dunne, Liam Denner, Abby Hildebrand, Bailey Korteman, Mitchell McLean, Zac Ramsay, Dilanka Samaranayake, Cooper Shoebridge and Imogen Wardley.

Have a great week!
Glenn & Diane

NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN Testing for students in Years 3 & 5 will be held next week on Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th of May. Last week students in Years 3 & 5 received further information about NAPLAN. It is particularly important that the students in this area of the school are here and ready for the start of the school day. Catch up tests for students who miss tests through absences will be offered wherever possible. Catch up tests must be undertaken by Friday 16th May. For more information about the tests please speak to your child’s teacher or visit the VCAA website at www.naplan.edu.au

Please speak with Glenn or Diane if you require any further information.

Mother’s Day
Afternoon Tea

Friday 9th May at 1:45pm

Classes have been busy cooking up a storm for tomorrow’s afternoon tea. We are looking forward to a fantastic afternoon.

Education Week
19th — 23rd of May

A timetable detailing our Education Week activities accompanies today’s newsletter. These activities provide a range of opportunities for parents to learn more about our school and to see their children working in their learning environment.

Activities include School Council information sessions for parents at 2:30pm and 5:30pm on Monday 19th May. There will be an opportunity to:
- Hear about the progress of our school
- Share ideas / views with parents on School Council

Invitations were sent home last week. We hope to see you there and hear your views!

The Kismet Park Community Walkathon is Coming Soon!

PTA will be holding a Community Walkathon on Friday 23rd of May. Sponsorship forms along with further details were sent home with students last week. The funds raised will be used to further enhance our learning spaces and our playground environment. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you require further information.

Prep 2015 Enrolments

Our 2015 Prep enrolment process will commence soon with information sessions being held at the following times:
- Thursday 22nd May 2014 7:00-8:00pm
- Tuesday 27th May 2014 9:30-10:30am
- Wednesday 4th June 2014 9:30-10:30am

Dates to Remember

Friday 9th May: Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea & P-2 Cross Country
Sunday 11th May: HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY
Monday 12th May: Prep Western Water Incursion
Tuesday 13th May: NAPLAN Testing
Wednesday 14th May: NAPLAN Testing
Thursday 15th May: NAPLAN Testing
Friday 16th May: P-2 Coach Approach & 2:30pm School Assembly
Monday 19th May: Education Week, School Council Annual Report Meeting
Monday 26 May - Advance notice of PTA AGM 6:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome

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Junior Maths Challenge

Number 2 - Dice Toss Puzzle

2. After rolling a standard number dice 20 times, Amy has collected this information:
Help her make a bar graph with it. (Don’t forget the title and to name each axis)

1 - \\
2 - \  
3 - \ \ 
4 - \  
5 - \ \ 
6 - \ \\

Senior Maths Challenge

Number 2 Time Problem
A digital clock shows either three or four digits. At what time do the digits have the greatest sum?

PTA FUNDRAISER
The PTA are hosting a fundraising Tupperware demonstration on Tuesday 20th May in the PTA room from 1:00pm—2:15pm
ALL WELCOME.

CANTEEN
Please be mindful of price increase on our current Winter Menu.
You can collect the NEW menu from the office or alternatively you can go online www.kismetparkps.vic.edu.au

EXTEND AT KISMET PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Welcome back everyone! Term two is now well on its way, and it has been a busy time for all of us at Extend. We said goodbye to our after school care assistant Caroline - who is returning to full time studies in nursing. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours but her presence will be missed by all the students and staff at Extend.

Last week we trialled and tested a range of different activities to help staff get a better idea of what will work in our program. Students really enjoy being involved with the preparation of activities and most like to have their own say in what we do. Based on this information, we have been running activities such as "A Minute to Win It" - where each student created their own game and the rest of the group had to participate and try to achieve the best time/score in order to win the challenge.

We also enjoy doing craft activities to foster creativity and encourage artistic expression. Students really enjoy using a variety of resources to bring their vision to life. We have made creations such as tube creatures, animal plates, jewellery from beads and buttons and origami for Mother's Day.

- Lesya

Our Extend Superstar is … Chelsea LH for being a pro-active helper at after school care and being a great role model to younger students.

This week’s activities:
Monday 12 May:
Book Club and Outdoor Group
Games & Races
Tuesday 13 May:
Science Experiments
Wednesday 14 May:
Gardening Program
Thursday 15 May:
Making Puppets
Friday 16 May:
Cooking Activity
Australian Red Cross

Sunbury Mobile Unit located at Memorial Hall, Sunbury

Appointments are Essential– New donors welcome

Monday 2nd June 1:30pm– 7:30pm
Tuesday 3rd June 1:30pm—7:30pm
Wednesday 4th June 1:30—7:30pm
Thursday 5th June 2:00pm—7:30pm
Friday 6th June 9:30am—3:30pm

Call 13 14 95

SUNBURY NETBALL ASSOCIATION Inc.
Eric Boardman Stadium Wilsons Lane, Sunbury

WINTER REGISTRATION DAY
SATURDAY MAY 31ST
9:30AM—5PM

This will be a one off registration day.
Please ensure that you register on or by this date.
We will not be accepting payments after this date.
Fee are $100 for existing players
New players: $145 (inc. Netball Victoria registration)

If you are new this season, you must fill out a registration form which is available on our website: http://www.sunburynetball.org.au/

And bring it along with you on the day of registration.
Compulsory SNA Polo Tops will be available on the day for $25
SNA Socks $10

ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR NAVY NETBALL SKIRTS.
NO OTHER COLOUR WILL BE ACCEPTED.
We do not sell the Navy Netball skirts, these are available at any sport store.

For further information please contact:
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HELPING STUDENTS GET READY FOR THE NAPLAN TESTS

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One view commonly put forward is that the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations. If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it’s best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests.

Children and young people take their cues from their parents about how to handle many situations. American psychologist Martin Seligman discovered more than a decade ago, through his research into children’s thinking styles, how closely a child’s explanatory style mimics that of the parent they spend most time around. Optimistic parents beget optimistic kids, just as anxious parents can beget anxious kids. The impact of a parent’s explanatory style seems to be magnified somehow in small families where there are fewer voices to be heard.

As a parent it helps your child, if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It’s better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It’s also worth remembering that many children don’t stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:

1. **Take your cues from your child**: If your child doesn’t worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn’t exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.

2. **Focus on doing their best & trying hard**: Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.

3. **Listen to any concerns they have**: If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a ‘get over it’ response. “Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them.” Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.

4. **Give them some relaxation ideas**: Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.

5. **Help them retain their perspective**: One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what’s the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise.

A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it’s going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.
Learning by doing is such fun in Grade 1/2C. In Term 1 Inquiry Learning led us to Investigate the Aboriginal culture. We also visited Bunjilaka at the Melbourne Museum where the new hands-on activities provided unique interaction with the exhibits.

The Prep -2 Athletics Day was held last week. Every student participated in the running races.