Principal’s Message

You are Invited to our Literacy Showcase and National Storytime Reading of The Wrong Book by Nick Bland
Tuesday 28 May 2013

To showcase the outstanding work of students and teachers at our school parents are invited to attend literacy lessons, National Storytime reading and a parent workshop on 28 May 2013.

The day will start with a K-6 assembly at 9:15 am. Classrooms K-6 will be open from 9:45 am – 10:30 am for you to drop into and view group literacy activities. All lessons will feature the use of interactive whiteboards to enable you to see how we are using the latest technology to facilitate learning. Teachers will also share with you some of the newer features of the Robert Townson Public School website.

At 10:40 am all teachers will read The Wrong Book written and illustrated by Nick Bland to the students. Children will be able to join their siblings so that families will be together for the reading.

National Storytime aims to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy
- promote the value and fun of books
- promote an Australian writer and publisher
- promote storytime activities around the country
- provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents and the wider community.

Parents are invited to spend recess with their children. The canteen will be serving tea and coffee as well as other treats for morning tea. A parent workshop will be presented by the Literacy Committee in the Library between 11:20 am - 12:00 pm. A more detailed note will be sent home closer to the event.

ANZAC Ceremony

Our ANZAC ceremony was capably led by the SRC. Their messages focused on the ideals of courage, endurance and mateship. Children were told of how the ANZAC tradition was established on 25 April 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Thank you to all the students who laid wreaths during the ceremony.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you

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NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au.

**Aussie Farmers Direct Fundraising**

Attached to this week’s newsletter is an Aussie Farmers Direct fundraising opportunity for you to support the school. Aussie Farmers products which are 100% Australian fresh promote healthy eating and good nutrition.

**P&C Meeting**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May at 2:00 pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Linda Green - Principal

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Shop at Woolworths and help our school receive resources. Please place your stickers on the card and don’t forget to fill in your name at the bottom and return to the Woolworths Earn and Learn box in the office foyer.

Wayne Osborne – Deputy Principal

**PBIS**

Our PBIS focus areas for Week 3 is:

- Put rubbish in bins to help keep our school environment clean and tidy.
- Speak to playground pals with respect.

**Anzac Day Service**

‘On Thursday we went outside and we sang the National Anthem. We had one minutes silence to remember. The soldiers had to try to shoot the other people and the nurses and doctors had to go to the war too. Chloe and Katelyn got to hold the wreath and we had to listen very carefully. The soldiers were brave and they landed on a little beach in Gallipoli.’

by Liam Smith 1L

**Stewart House Clothing Bags**

Stewart House provides short-term respite care to thousands of public school children each year.

Children will take home Stewart House bags today. Any quality old clothes would be greatly appreciated. Please return full or empty bags to your child’s class by Monday 20 May 2013.

Paula Clements – Charities

**From the Office**

Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the Term 2 school planner.

Lynn Turner – School Admin Manager

**From the P&C**

**School Banking**

The next school banking day is **Thursday 23 May 2013**. Children are to hand in their bank books to their class teacher on the day.

Christine Wright – P&C President

**Notices**

**Fire Station Open Day**

St Andrews Open Day Saturday 18 May 2013

Children could have their dreams come true and get to climb up on the big red truck. There will be activities, show bags and a chance for kids and their parents to meet their local firefighting heroes on your local station’s open day. Find out more: www.fire.nsw.gov.au

**Anxiety and Depression in Children and Adolescents – Parents Workshop**

This workshop explores the symptoms displayed by children and adolescents with depression and/or anxiety. It examines treatment, diagnosis, causes and related risk factors. There is a focus on what parents can do to support these children.

**Date:** Tuesday 14 May 2013

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

**Venue:** Learning Links Mt Pritchard
Lvl 1, 46B Reservoir Rd
Mt Pritchard 2170

**Cost:** FREE*

**Suitable for:** Parents and Carers ONLY

For enquiries and bookings please phone Dana on 8568 8200

* This workshop is funded by the Department of Education and Communities.
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