From the Principal

Dear Parents

Celebrations

This year, we have had some great NAPLAN results and I congratulate our students and teachers on their hard work, over the last two years to achieve these results.

These results are demonstrating that the work of the Master Teacher and her action plan around improving grammar and punctuation and ensuring we do not have the slump between Year 3 and 5 has been highly effective and also improved our lower school results as well.

Our focus on reading, and the work with the cluster which is heavily supported with funds from BMA, is also having a high impact on this area.

Writing, which is our major focus, has improved, but as we can see, we still have work to do in this area.

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BOOK WEEK CHANGE
Please note: due to unforeseen circumstances, Book Week Parade has been postponed for a week. It will now be on WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST @ 1:50PM

Thank you

T N C CRANES

for your generous donation of
tents and assembly costs
for our Athletics Carnival.
Your contribution to our school community is very much appreciated.

NAPLAN Online Pilot School
Year 3 and 5 started the pilot tests on Thursday. Year 3 writing is also in a trial where it will be marked and compared to previous results. A report will then go to the Minster to ascertain whether we go online in 2017 or still paper. All teaching staff have experienced the test and are fully aware of the ICT expectations of the test. Some classes have started to look at their ICT skills and the Australian curriculum to ensure they are covering the skills that are needed.

Year 6 – did their week 5 demand writing on the computer and also have added typing.com activities to their homework and it is their Rapid Recall for their ICT lessons (Year 6 did their writing demand this week online – results were a little lower)

Year 3 – Using a program called Improve in which you can set up questions that require the ICT skills such as drop and drag, type an answer, click in a bubble, to do some of their data grabs.

PREP – Typing a sentence to begin their ICT lessons with a time limit of 10 minutes. (All PREP students achieved this)

NAPLAN in 2017 will be a 2 week period from the 9-19 May for pilot schools.

Staffing
In 2017 we will have some acting vacancies that will be advertised for our school on the “Smart Jobs” website on 3rd October. They will be:

- Acting Deputy Principal (Term 1 2017)
- Acting BSM (2017)
- Acting A02 (2017)

P and C
Again, our P & C who work tirelessly throughout the year are providing our students with more upgrades to our school. Last term they upgraded the old water cooler in the under-cover area. This term, they are funding improvements to the E Block water trough, including the installation of a chiller unit, between the PREP and Year 1 class rooms. This will be happening around the 23 August.

The P & C were successful with a grant application, so new cabinetry for storage will go into the two Year 5 classrooms and one end of the Year 6 classroom over the September holidays.

Before School
The school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart on the last day of term. In the lead up to this activity we will be skipping at 8:20 on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning. Parents are welcome to come and skip or teach your children a skipping rhyme.

Rhonda Jones

Apologies to TNC Cranes for the error in your name in our ‘Thank you’ to you last week. But once again, THANK YOU!
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Tuckshop News
Term 3 “Our Online Canteen” New Cut Off Time 8:00am

Tuckshop is NOT open on MONDAYS

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Student of the Week

**WEEK 5**
- Ashley S - Prep A
- No permission to publish - Prep B
- Georgia M - 1A
- Steele R - 1B
- Jayden - 2A
- Aimee T - 2B
- Julius J - 3A
- Hady W - 3B
- Nikita H - 4A
- Riley A - 4B
- Bella W - 5A
- Claire B - 5B
- Declan N - 6A
- Lincoln M - 6A
- Rhanii P - 6B

**WEEK 6**
- Tori S - Prep A
- Shelly B - Prep A
- Noah P - Prep B
- Tyler H - 1A
- Sebastian L - 1B
- Makayla F - 2A
- Jai M - 2B
- Bianca R - 3A
- Caitlyn H - 3B
- Matthew B - 4A
- Mave B - 4B
- Jack C - 5A
- Charlie L - 5B
- Nixon A - 6A
- Randall W - 6B

Cleaners’ Cup
- Week 5 – 3A and Miss Tate
- Week 6 - 6B – Ms Richardson & Mrs Stoneman

School Lane - 2 minute Pick-Up & Drop-Off Zone

A 2 minute pick-up, set-down zone operates from 8am – 4pm Monday – Friday in School Lane. It is important to note the following:

- the zone is for a period of 2 minutes only
- drivers are requested NOT to leave their motor vehicles while in the zone
- motor vehicles should obey all signs in School Lane
- Police will patrol the lane to ensure it is used properly
- All students are to remain inside the school grounds until their parents arrive.

Also, a reminder that School Lane is a one way street running from Anakie Street to Borilla Street. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.
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HPE News
Jump Rope for Heart
Congratulations on the great work being done by our students to improve their skills at skipping. We have been getting our heart rates up and tried skipping for as long as we can. The students will be also trying to get Mums and Dads to join in the fun! Don’t forget, we have Skipping on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Everyone is welcome to join in. Thank you also to the folk who have been fundraising. This is NOT a mandatory activity but truly appreciated by the Heart Foundation. All fundraising is in an online format this year.

Capricornia Track and Field Carnival (Athletics Carnival)
Good luck to Bree D (long jump), Emma S (discus) as they head off next week to Rockhampton.

State Rugby Union Carnival
Congratulations to both Jett W and Dylan F. Both of the boys scored a try and their team came 8th which was fantastic in a carnival where many of the teams play in competitions week in and week out.

Interschool Touch Football
To the 5 teams we have playing, thank you all for your awesome work ethic out on the field and your excellent sportsmanship. To the Mum and Dad supporters and the coaches, thank you for showing how to be an awesome support team.
Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan

News from our Guidance Officer
Over the next few weeks, I will be including some information on how to develop resilience in children from a parenting perspective. This advice comes from Andrew Fuller, a clinical psychologist, working with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne (http://andrewfuller.com.au/).

His first two tips are:
No. 1 Promote Belonging
The sense of belonging we have is the strongest antidote we know of for self-harm, depression and drug abuse.
Children are most resilient when they have three types of belonging:
1. A sense of being part of a family
2. Having different friendships to belong to
3. Having an adult outside their family who connects with them.

No. 2 Have some mooch time
We live in a world that suffers from attention deficit disorder. We rush children from activity to activity, from lesson to lesson and from one organised event to another. Then we wonder why, when there is a lull, that they say” I’m bored”. Be a counter-revolutionary. Find some time each week just to be at home without anything structured happening. Quiet times allow children to develop creativity and ingenuity.

Regards
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