Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you all had a great break and enjoyed the last of the beautiful weather. I am looking forward to another busy term working with all of your amazing children! We had a beautiful Anzac Ceremony today, organized by Mrs Bailey (Beames). Thank you to Mrs Payseno for the lovely wreath she made. Also thank you to Mrs Bailey and her senior student helpers for bringing the true meaning of Anzac to us. We have some exciting events happening this term- the first school Cross Country, African Drumming Performance, Footy Grand Final and a Parent/Teacher Interview afternoon later this term. This is only a short term, 9 weeks, however it will be incredibly busy.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Tests for Years 3 and 5 will be held in Week 3 of Term 2. On Tuesday 13th May the Language Conventions test will be held. On Wednesday 14th May the Reading test will be held. On Thursday 15th May the Numeracy test will be held. These tests will be held at our school and will be supervised by relevant teaching staff.

Students do not need to do any special homework or preparation, just come to school relaxed and rested and ready to do your best. Students are tested nationally in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

For more information including FAQs, a parent brochure and past results, go to: www.nap.edu.au/.

Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Duffield, our new Assistant Principal. She is our first appointed Assistant Principal. I look forward to working with her. She is our Year 3-6 Supervisor, Learning and Support coordinator and will also teach 3/6M on Fridays. Mrs Bland will act as Assistant Principal this term. She will be the Year K-2 Supervisor, Technology Coordinator and will also continue to teach KJ. It will be great to have an executive team to assist me in leading and managing our school.

School Assemblies

From Friday 9th May (next Friday) all parents are invited to attend our weekly Awards Assembly. These assemblies will begin at 2.40pm and
conclude at 3.10pm. We ask that parents arrive at 2.30pm. Out of respect for the students presenting at the assembly, we ask that you actively supervise any pre-school children who attend these assemblies with you. I look forward to our first official assembly next week. At this assembly, as well as class and sports awards, ribbons will be presented to those students who gain a place in the Cross Country.

Cross Country
The Cross Country will be held this Friday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} May. Further details regarding this event are available in the letter sent out today. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will have a Fun Run in the morning, before going to class. Students in Year 2-6 will be involved in the Cross Country as per Department of Education age guidelines. Please ensure that all children bring extra drinks (water) on the day. Children with Asthma are also asked to bring their inhalers with them. Parents are more than welcome to attend this event.

African Drumming
Last term I sent information regarding the 8 week program of African drumming lessons each Wednesday. These lessons will begin tomorrow. There will be no lessons in week 3, due to Year 3 and 5 student participation in NAPLAN. All students across the school are expected to participate in these lessons. These lessons are $5 each. The total cost of the program is $40. Payment in instalments is more than acceptable. There will be a whole school drumming performance in the last week of this term, which will be very exciting! A letter regarding this program will be sent out to all parents tomorrow.

Made Fresh Canteen
Hurray! At last our canteen will be open. The Grand Opening will be next Monday 5\textsuperscript{th} May. It will be open for recess and lunch. Menus will be available on our website. Instructions for orders will be given.

Canteen Employment
If any parents are interested in a paid position working in the school canteen, please ring the Administration Office and give your phone number and details to the staff. These details will be given to Made Fresh, who will be in touch for interviews regarding this position.

Parents at School
Thank you to all of our wonderful parent volunteers, your support of our students and school is invaluable. Please remember that when you are at school, if there is a behaviour concern, do not discipline other students. If there is a behaviour issue, please refer this to a teacher. Our students are individuals and all teachers are aware of specific requirements when dealing with each child. Some children have special needs or certain behaviours that we are aware of and can deal with appropriately. Your support with this is appreciated.

It is distressing to students when a parent approaches them and disciplines them. The protocol is to advise the class teacher or an executive. We can investigate the matter and speak to the students involved if required. Try to think about how your child might feel if another parent approached them about a matter. Your support in keeping our children safe and treating them with respect is required and appreciated.

Thanks to those families who have paid the Voluntary Contribution
We really appreciate your support with this. This year the contribution has been set at $30 per single child and $55 per family. These contributions can be paid in installments. All contributions will be spent on Library resources to benefit all students.

Your Child’s Safety
Teachers commence supervision from 8:40am, so please do not send your child to school before 8:40am. Some children are arriving as early as 8:00am, there is no guarantee that any staff will be
present at that time. If you send your child to school before supervision commences, you are putting your child's safety at risk. We require your support with this matter.

**Winter Uniform**

There seems to be a little confusion about the girl's pants for winter. The colour of the pants is black. The trackpants for winter are also black. Should you have purchased maroon ones students can wear these to school. Also if you are concerned about the cold, students can wear a white skivvy underneath the polo shirt.

Have a great Term 2 everyone!
Donna Shevlin