



Book Fair

Mr Lumley has been very busy organising this week's Book Fair. The children will visit the Fair during their normal Library lessons this week and there will be an **open evening on Thursday 8 May from 3:30pm – 6:30pm.** Lucky tickets are handed out for each purchase and there are books, posters and book marks to be won.



NAPLAN Reminder

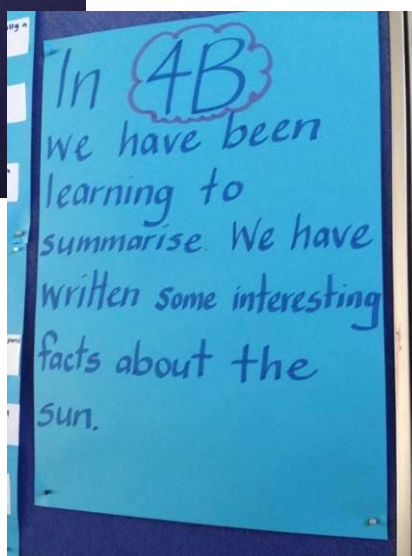
NAPLAN (National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy) will take place in Term 2 for all students in Years 3 and 5.

The dates for the NAPLAN assessments are:

Tuesday 13th May – Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 14th May - Reading

Thursday 15th May – Numeracy



Kids, social media and privacy

Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family's privacy settings and discuss online security. You'll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Printable planners for homework and study

School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It's a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they'll fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at <http://bit.ly/UbmQz8>

Is your child's backpack damaging their spine?

A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It's believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap

- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
- lift a backpack properly- bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at <http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo>

English refresher from School A to Z on Homonyms

Homonyms (also known as homographs) are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives them their meaning.

Ask your child for an example, like this one:

I prefer a fine *tip* on my pen.

He gave me a *tip* for the Melbourne Cup.

Don't *tip* the water on the floor.

You gave the waiter a generous *tip*.

More grammar tips at:

www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au/homework-and-study/english



Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014.

Generally students are in Year 4

in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student's) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to the [NSW Public Schools website](http://www.nswpublicschools.org).

Online applications **opened on Monday 28 April 2014**. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Application packages will be available at school **from 5 May 2014**. Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student's current primary school **by Monday 9 June 2014**.

Family Photos

The Portrait Gallery took a number of student family group photos when the school portraits were taken in Term 1. There are some fabulous photos and these are now available at the front office, so feel free to come in and take a look. **The photos are \$8** and all money collected goes directly into school funds.

On Thursday the 1 March we couldn't have wished for a better day to hold our Primary and Junior Cross Country. I was very impressed with the determination of our students as they ran around the course with their friends, parents and teachers cheering them on. Both events were very well organised by staff.

Surveys

Thank you for returning the surveys, we had 110 surveys returned which is **25%** of our school community. This is an outstanding response.

There are a number of things for us to consider:

61% of respondents **do not** want us to go paperless with the newsletter.

99% of surveys indicated that they were satisfied with the quality of general communication offered by the school. **2%** would like to see more notice given for upcoming events that require payment and more time for parent interviews.

The response was extremely positive with some areas for us to look at over time that may need adjusting or evaluation. I'm so pleased to be part of such an outstanding community.

Mother's Day Placemats

These laminated pieces of art are coming along beautifully. I think there will be some very impressed mums come Sunday.

Your child will bring home the laminated placemat on Friday afternoon.



P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 7 May 2014 starting at 7:00pm in the Staff Room. (Entrance can be made via the front office).

Our meetings are held in a friendly, informal atmosphere and usually run for about 60-90 minutes. All families within the school are welcome to attend.

Second Hand Uniform Stall

Uniform stall will be held Tuesday 20th May 8:45am -9:15am

	DIARY DATES
06/05/14	Book Fair
07/05/14	District Cross Country
07/05/14	Regional Touch Trials
07/05/14	P&C Meeting
08/05/14	Book Fair Family Night until 6.30pm
13/05/14	NAPLAN
20/05/14	UNSW Computer Competition
29/05/14	School Athletics Carnival
30/05/14	Value Pin Assembly

Voluntary Contributions

At the Annual General P&C meeting held in March it was decided that the school Voluntary Contributions would remain the same. The contributions are \$40 per child or \$60 per family. Payments can be made at the front office or via credit card if more convenient.

Credit Card Authorisation

Please Charge \$ _____ (total amount)

Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: __ / __

Verification No: _____(on back of card)

Card Holder's Name: _____

Alternatively, a credit card authorisation can be given by telephone to the Front Office on 6297 2020

Have a great week

Vicki Muscat

Principal



Congratulations

ELLA for winning the Canberra Raiders colouring in competition and being able to be their junior mascot for a day!



Stewart House Donation Drive 2014

Stewart House envelopes were sent home last week asking for a donation of \$2.00 to help raise funds for Stewart House. It would be appreciated if you could place a \$2 coin into the envelope and complete the entry details on the back to have the chance of winning a \$4,000 family holiday.

The sealed envelopes need to be returned to school by next Friday 9 May 2014.

Congratulations

Christine 4B and Mathew 3/4T who have completed their Premier's Reading Challenge 2014.

Happy Reading- take up the challenge!
Mr Lumley

Junior Assembly Awards Term 2 Week 2

Host: IN

Commences 12.10pm in the hall.

KC: Trinidad – working well in all areas.

Parker – following our school values.

KM: Ruby – being a responsible class member who enjoys helping others.

Emerson i – for trying very hard in reading.

K/1K: Max – improved work presentation.

Culeigh– excellent on-task behaviour.

1N: Connor– great manners and trying harder to be responsible and respectful all the time.

Lily– fantastic reading.

1T: Dwaine – excellent reading in the engine room.

Lily – excellent improvement in reading.

1/2A: James – improved attitude toward school work.

Mia – terrific start to Term 2.

2B: Clayton – for outstanding effort in cross country.

Mia– for application to learning and consistent demonstration of school values.

2D: Ashley – improvement in remembering to wear her glasses.

Flynn – being an active learner in mathematics.

Senior Assembly Awards Commences 2.10pm in school hall

3/4S: Liam– sensible work habits.

Jasmine – enthusiastic participation during lessons.

Emily – contributing ideas during writing lessons.

3/4T: Patrick – Poem “Spring”

Nathan – excellent effort in writing.

Krish – consistent effort.

4B: Emma – excellent work in persuasive texts.

Bella – excellent work in writing.

Andrew – excellent work in writing.

Adam– excellent effort in spelling.

4W: Georgia & Logan – always completing set tasks and working well with others in the classroom.

5S: Hailie – continued effort with her school work.

Caitlin – improvement in maths results this term.

Kobi – excellent results in PEG spelling.

5/6D: Michael – always ready to learn.

Aidan – eagerness to learn.

Ega – always ready to learn.

Bobi-Lee– being organised and ready to learn.

6R: To be advised.

Well Done!



**Queanbeyan Roadrunners Payment
Night –All Grades**

Tuesday 29th April 2014

Time: 5.30-6.30pm

At: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium

**Plus Roadrunners Information Night 29th April 2014
from 5.30-6.30pm. Players wanted for ACT State
League Winter Season - do you play Basketball, Netball
or AFL and might be interested in joining the
Queanbeyan Roadrunners. Each team trains and plays
weekly, come along to find out more.**

Queanbeyan District Basketball - Social Competitions

Payment & Information Night for Term 2

Day/Date: Friday 2nd May 2014

Time: 5-7.30pm

Venue: Queanbeyan Basketball Stadium

For further information:

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High School and Senior Men & Women