FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Assessment and Reporting
Recently we held our parent information evening which was delivered by educational consultant, Lisa Jane O’Connor. This was an extremely informative evening, whereby parents engaged in learning activities which broadened their understanding of what the A-E grading scale actually means. The Australian Curriculum has ensured that the assessment of student learning has become more rigorous. In today’s educational terms, just because a child knows and understands a concept doesn’t mean that they are going to get a ‘C’ grade. To achieve a ‘C’ grade the student must be able to apply their learnt knowledge in a new context. This is just one example of what our parents learnt about and how the assessment and reporting of students has changed dramatically since we were at school.

Term 2 school reports will be sent home with your child on Thursday 7th July 2016. If at any stage you have questions about your child’s progress or report, in the first instance please make the time see your child’s classroom teacher who will be able to explain and provide evidence on why they received a particular grade.

Radio Partnership: 5THEFM
Newbery Park Primary School has formed a partnership with 5THEFM where by our students have been learning about the operation of a radios station, the role of the media and the importance of key literacy skills in being a radio announcer. The Year 6/7 class will be broadcasting live on 5THEFM. Live segments will include an interview with Mayor Peter Gandolfi, school and community announcements and a wide array of music programming. Special guests attending the event include Mayor Peter Gandolfi, Wattle Range Council CEO Ben Gower and business owners. Announcements and interviews will begin at 9:00am and conclude at 2:00pm so tune into 107.7 and listen to the wonderful learning that has been occurring.

Safe Holidays
It is that time of term when we are heading away to unwind and spend valuable and special time with our children and families. If you are travelling, be safe. If you are staying closer to home, enjoy the time in our community. A reminder that the last day of term 2 finishes with parents picking up their children at 2.20pm. This can happen from the gym once our assembly concludes.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Chelsie Hateley and Tess Doecke who have been selected for the SAPSASA Netball Team.

Kind regards,
Stuart Miller
PRINCIPAL
Trophy award winners from School Netball held in term 2.
Most consistent: Chelsie Hateley
Most dedicated: Mackenzie Job
Most improved: Chloe Finnis

Room 6 & 10 Forestry Excursion

On Friday 1st of July Rooms 6 and 10 travelled to Pasture Strip for our first tree planting excursion of the year. Pasture Strip is our Wetland Biodiversity Corridor and it is really living up to its name this year. A total of 457 plants were planted and while conditions were not ideal the student seemed to really enjoy it. It was great that the student wore casual clothes so we could all get close to nature in the muddiest way possible. Thanks to Miss Willmott and Miss Castello for braving the conditions and to Loretta for bringing her car. And of course thanks to the 44 wonderful students for their efforts on the day.

Angela Jones

5 CENT COLLECTION COMPETITION

The Parent and Friends Committee would like to say a huge “thank you” to all the families and students who participated in the 5 cent collection competition. Due to your fantastic efforts over $340 was raised for our school community. Our very lucky winners were Room 3 & 6 who enjoyed their ice creams on Friday. Room 6 raised over $107 for the upper primary and room 3 raising just over $73 for the junior primary. Once again we would like to thank you all for your effort and success in this fundraiser.

Parent and Friends Committee
What another exciting term this has been for Italian. As the students develop more of their language skills they are becoming users of the language, greeting me and using the language every day. I also love hearing how students are using the language at home, letting me know that they have embraced the language and the culture of Italy. We started off this term continuing to use the power of song as a learning tool, however we had to stop for several weeks as the students finished off work. I am pleased to say that we are continuing to learn Ci Vuole Un Fiore. Many students have asked me for the song lyrics and they can come and collect them from Room 8 Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Learning a language is highly important for everyone and learning a Latin based language, such as Italian, can help students consolidate their English skills helping to improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. I look forward to the second half of the year and seeing the students’ language skills develop.

Gabi Castello
THE BROADCAST HOUR & CAMP FUNDRAISER EVENT

Activities and Stalls

There will be lots of fun activities and stalls on offer while the program is being broadcast including:

- Cake stall with slices, cakes and muffins (Prices between $1.00 – $2.00 for individual cakes)
- BBQ ($2.00 for sausage, bread and sauce. See attached order slip)
- Face painting stall ($2.00 each)
- Guess the amount of Jelly beans in the jar (20c a guess or 6 for $1.00)
- Raffle: great range of prizes on offer (50c per ticket or 3 for $1.00)

All proceeds of the fundraising efforts will go towards reducing the cost of the 2016 year 6/7 camp to Murray Bridge.
All support in reducing these costs is much appreciated.

If you have any questions about the event, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Scanlon before or after school.
Round Robin Basketball  Yr 3/4/5 - 
Monday 4th July 2016

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