Railway Estate State School Newsletter

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Great state. Great opportunity.
Principal’s comments…

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to term two! It has been a great start to the new term and excellent work has begun in each class. It has been a joy to see all the students looking refreshed and happy after their holiday. We have another busy term lined up and we are looking to build on the great success of our recent school review. We received much affirmation and commendation from this three-day review. It has also provided us with strategies to further refine. The Executive Summary will be uploaded to our school website next week for everyone to peruse.

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D. Broadfoot
Principal
14th April, 2016

READING BENCHMARKS

As we begin the new term teachers and students will be setting targets and goals, particularly in reading, which is our focus area of improvement. We have set year level benchmarks for our students in reading, to ensure that all students are successful throughout their education. These are aligned to regional expectations. We are working with a strong and united focus to ensure students are progressing towards these benchmarks. Whilst we realise that not all students will attain these benchmark levels immediately, we are determined to ensure that every student is progressing in their reading. Below are the benchmark levels for each individual year level. Parents need to know these so that they understand the level of reading necessary, and so that they can work with their children and the teacher to attain this level or beyond. Please note that these benchmarks are for the end of term 2.

End of term 2 benchmarks: Prep: level 4; Year 1: level 13; Year 2: level 19; Year 3: level 23; Year 4 – 7: Reading age matches chronological age, within 6 months at time of test

STAFFING CHANGE FOR 5F

Mrs Fisher will be reducing her fraction for the remainder of the year and will now be teaching Monday to Thursday. Miss Jocumsen will be teaching 5F on Fridays. She will be teaching Science and Technology, as well as focusing on literacy and numeracy skills.

ANZAC Day March

Once again, our school will be attending the ANZAC Day march at The Strand. This will be Monday 25th April. A separate note regarding this will be sent home early next week, once details are finalised. We will be holding our own ANZAC assembly at 9:00 on Friday 22nd April.

LABOUR DAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please note that Monday 2nd May is a public holiday.

NAPLAN – Year 3 and 5

From 10th to 12th May, as part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), national tests will be held in literacy and numeracy for all students in Australia at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The national tests will assess student achievement in literacy and numeracy in much the same way as they have been done in the past. Students will be familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer. The main difference is that all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 at schools across Australia will be doing the same tests on the same days. Students will have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar. National tests will provide information on how students are progressing, and support improvements in teaching and learning. These tests will make it easier to monitor student performance in literacy and numeracy across the nation. Over 1 million students from 9,000 schools across Australia will participate in the national tests.

This information will be used to evaluate what students can do and how they perform against the national benchmarks. You can help your child by talking about these tests as a means of showing what they know and can do at this point in their schooling. Ease any anxiety by explaining that everyone in Australia will be doing this test at the same time and the testing process is an integral part of their school life.

Later in the year individual students will be given reports which will indicate their level of achievement in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, grammar and numeracy. You will be given an opportunity to discuss this report with your child’s teacher.

HOY –
Saturday April 23rd under D Block at 2.00pm
Size 4 Youth school polos are on sale at The Railway Café for just $10!

NEW HATS
Head on down to The Railway Café and check out the brand new school hats. They are reversible so one side is the school hat the reverse in your house team colour. For just $16 you get two hats in one! Available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from The Railway Café.

UNIFORM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
After a great deal of feedback from parents over the last couple of years about the school polo shirts we are looking at a new design. We have two designs in mind but we need your feedback before making a final decision. The artwork for the two designs will be up at the Railway Café until the 6th May and we’ll also send a note home for you to return if you can’t get in to have a look. Please note that any changes to the school uniform will be rolled out and we won’t expect parents to purchase new uniforms if they are not required.

Citizen of the Week
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Railway Estate School Centenary
Save the date: Saturday 27th August 2016
We need your help! If you are interested in assisting organising the celebrations and centenary book, please come along to the next Centenary Committee meeting today, Thursday 14th April at 5:30pm in our school library.

Families and community groups are encouraged to support our centenary celebrations by sponsoring a page in our Centenary Book from $40. Please contact the school on 47208333 for more information.

Like our school’s Facebook page to keep up to date with our celebrations.

School Resource Contribution
Please note that the school resource contribution can be paid at the school office. We strongly encourage your commitment to this important scheme. This contribution helps to provide important resources for the students’ curriculum needs, particularly as we do not use textbooks. The contribution is $80 for year levels 1 to 6 and $100 for Prep. Thank you to those that have paid this already. EFTPOS facilities are now available.

The School Breakfast Program is looking for helpers each morning before school. If you are able to help, even one morning, please contact the school office or the Tuckshop. Donations of milk are also needed and can be dropped off at the Tuckshop.

Arts Council
WHEN: Thursday 28th April 9:30am
COST: $5

You are invited to our Arts Council Performance
A story about Transportation, Good Rats, Bushrangers and Swaggers.

WHEN: Thursday 28th April 9:30am
WHERE: Railway Estate School Undercover Play Area
COST: $5

Payment due to the office by 30th April. No payments will be accepted after this date.

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