Welcome back to Term Two of 2016! I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter and a relaxing break. Please note that next Monday, the 2nd of May, is Labour Day and is a public holiday. Students do not attend school on this day.

NAPLAN Information
On Tuesday the 10th of May to Thursday the 12th of May students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum. Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing. Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

It is important that students attend school on these days and arrive on time. Please ensure your child has a good night’s sleep and a good breakfast.

More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/). If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Coopers Community Connect Luncheon
Our next meeting will be a luncheon on Tuesday 31 May at 12:30, in the hall. Our topic for discussion will be “Developing Friendships.” We would love to see you there to share a scrumptious lunch and have a natter.

Thank you to all those community members who have offered to help at school. It is never too late to return your volunteer form.

Gala Day
Gala Day will be held tomorrow. Students will be travelling to Sunnybank Hills State School to play soccer. We will also have a softball team travelling to the Indians Baseball Club, which is located on Dew Street in Runcorn. All students will need to bring a packed lunch as well as their hat, water bottle and sunscreen. The payment of $10 is payable to the class teacher by departure on Friday.

Can all students please ensure that they arrive at school by 8:30am.

Staff News
Mrs McLean is on leave from the 3rd to the 13th of May, enjoying an overseas trip. Ms Healy will be teacher Year 3/4M during this time.

Karawatha District Music Workshop
Music workshops are being held for instrumental students at Runcorn State High School. The intermediate workshop will run over the 16th and 17th of May. The beginner workshop will be held on the 19th of May. Students from both workshops will perform at a night-time concert on the 19th. For all details please refer to the note information note. New notes can be collected from the office.

Please remember to return your permissions and medical forms, as well as your payment, to the office by tomorrow to ensure your place in the workshop.
Book Club

The 3rd issue of Book Club should have come home last week. If not please see your teacher as copies have been sent to each classroom.

When ordering from Book Club this year you now have 2 options:

1. Fill out the form on the back of the brochure and place this and your money or cheque (made out to Scholastic Australia NOT the school) in an envelope with ‘Book Club’ and your child’s name clearly marked on the outside. These MUST be given to your classroom teacher. Teachers will then send orders to the office in a folder.

2. Order and pay online with the LOOP system. (Linked online Ordering & Payment system) The instructions for this are on the back of the brochure but simply visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app. If you choose this option you do NOT need to fill in an order form or send anything back to the school!

The 3rd issue is due in TOMORROW Friday, 29th April. Books take about a week to be delivered after the closing date.

Books are delivered to your child’s classroom and are handed out at going home time. Any further questions please ask your child’s teacher or Mrs Tye, the Support Teacher – Literacy & Numeracy. (jtye4@eq.edu.au) Mrs Tye works Tuesdays Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Little Stars Reading Club

Young children (aged 0-5 years) and their carers will discover the joys of sharing books and stories when Brisbane City Council libraries launch the Little Stars Reading Club program on Tuesday 3 May 2016. In the program’s inaugural year, the Little Stars Reading Club aims to create opportunities for young children and their parent or carer to connect and bond while developing valuable early literacy skills.

There are five great reasons for children and their parent or carer to get involved in the 2016 Little Stars Reading Club.

1. Membership to the Little Stars Reading Club is FREE!
2. The Little Stars Reading Club can help young children develop their early literacy skills.
3. Record your book sharing your child to collect exciting monthly incentives – a rhyme time booklet, a coloured crayon kit and a library bag.
4. The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a $25 book voucher.
5. Not only is sharing stories and rhymes, singing, talking and playing with your child fun, but it is good for little brains too.

To register your child for the Little Stars Reading Club, simply visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or your local library to complete a registration form. Your child must be a library member to join the Little Stars Reading Club.

For more information about the Little Stars Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.

Library Lines

This term library lessons continue to support the ‘information literacy’ elements of classroom programmes, with emphasis on collaborative work. This is one of the FIVE kinds of learning in an inquiry process and an essential skill for lifelong learners. Some of these teamwork skills include:

- Listening,
- Asking questions to make connections,
- Explaining by telling how and why,
- Helping others to do things themselves/ responding to their needs,
- Sharing knowledge and reasoning,
- Finding out what others know.

Prep: supporting skills of listening to retell, summarise & communicate and sharing what we know/ observe.
Year 1: supporting geography inquiry skills- specifically collaboration, labelling, identifying and connecting.
Year 2: explicit teaching of collaborative skills including listening; finding out what others know; explaining.
Year 3/4: explicit teaching the library database; locating; sharing knowledge & reasoning; explaining.
Year 5/6: supporting collaborative and debating skills – listening; explaining, reasoning; consensus-making.

Readers Cup is well under way and I have met with local network representatives to organise the competition day in June. Our school team is keen—they have been sharing their thoughts, readings and have been preparing questions for each other.

CONGRATULATIONS to the prolific word hunters in year 2, 3 and 4. Special mention to Pippa, Ruby, Trinity, Bianca and Caitlin. Anyone can bring in a wondrous word or poetic phrase that they’ve found in their reading. Just remember to clearly mark your name and the book title on it.

Teacher Librarian Mrs Eastwood and Mrs Schot, Teacher aide.
ANZAC Day—Origins and Meaning

The ANZAC tradition - the ideals of courage, endurance and mateship that are still relevant today - was established on 25 April, 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. It was the start of a campaign that lasted eight months and resulted in some 25,000 Australian casualties, including 8,700 who were killed or died of wounds or disease.

The men who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula created a legend, adding the word ‘ANZAC’ to our vocabulary and creating the idea of the ANZAC spirit.

By the 1920s, ANZAC Day ceremonies were held throughout Australia. All States had designated ANZAC Day as a public holiday. In the 1940s, Second World War veterans joined parades around the country. In the ensuing decades, returned servicemen and women from the conflicts in Korea, Malaya, Indonesia, Vietnam and Iraq, Afghanistan, veterans from allied countries and peacekeepers joined the parades.

World War One spanned between 1914-1918, and as such the years 2014-2018 mark the Centenary of the conflict. Marking 100 years since our involvement in the First World War, the Anzac Centenary is a time to

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