FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Week 2.

Car Park
I would like to thank all the parents and community members for responding so well to our requests for making our car park safer for our community and especially our students. I spent each afternoon last week monitoring the situation and I am pleased to report that the number of dangerous incidents has reduced dramatically.

I would just like to remind everyone that double parking or stopping in the middle of the car park (whether you are waiting in the car or not) is not allowed as this heightens the risk of accidents occurring. If you are entering or exiting the car park on foot with your children, please do so via the pedestrian crossing and refrain from crossing the driveway road.

Students are not allowed in the car park at any time without the direct supervision of an adult.

Thank you again for your immediate response. The safety of our community members and students is of the highest importance.

P&C Mother’s Day Stall
Today the P&C held their annual Mother’s Day Stall, providing a range of lovely gifts for students to purchase for their mothers and grandmothers. I would like to thank the P&C parents for organising and running this important event which allows our students to say thank you to their mums in recognition of all the amazing things they do for them.

I hope all of Rossmore’s wonderful mums and grandmothers enjoy celebrating their special day with their families.

NAPLAN
For students in Years 3 and 5, the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy testing will start next Tuesday 13 May and continue on Wednesday and Thursday. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. More information: www.nap.edu.au

Preparations for the testing have been undertaken in classrooms with tips for maintaining focus, applying strategies and staying calm being a focus. Please reassure your child that this is one test that looks at some of their learning at this particular moment in time. Information about their continual learning is collected throughout the entire year and provides a more balanced and rich view of student achievement.

A healthy breakfast, a good night’s sleep and arrival before the bell will help to relax and prepare your child for each day’s testing.

We know our Year 3 and 5 students will give their best effort each day.

SRC News
Congratulations to Kristian from the Kindergarten Elves for being elected as the new class representative for the SRC. Kristian was elected to the role following the creation of the third infants class which saw the Elves’ SRC member become the Avatars’ SRC member.

Cross Country
This Friday, students from K-6 will participate in the annual cross country carnival at Rossmore Pony Club. Notes were sent home last week in regards to the event. Thank you to those parents
who have already returned the note to the school office. There is no cost associated with the event. A meal deal of a sausage sandwich and drink must be pre ordered. Thank you to Mrs Piper for organising the carnival. I look forward to seeing many parents at the carnival.

**Cowpasture Community Gala Day**
The Term 1 Gala Day that was postponed due to wet weather has been rescheduled for Friday 16 May. As the event is being held on a different date to that on the original note, an updated permission slip must be signed and returned to school. If you have already paid for the gala day and lunch deal, no further money is required. If you are new to the school or did not return the original note with payment, permission and payment will be accepted at the office. Notes for the postponed gala day are being sent home this week.

**School Administrative Manager Position**
At the end of last term, Mrs Mary Monaghan our substantive School Administrative Manager (SAM) who had been working in a different position with the Department of Education and Communities for the last 2 and a half years, has vacated the position.

Mrs Tania Kennedy has been relieving in the SAM position for the majority of that time and I thank her for her hard work in keeping the office running smoothly.

As a result of Mrs Monaghan leaving the school, the position has now formally been vacated and will be filled through the merit selection process. The position was advertised last week and applications will close Wednesday Week 3 and will be followed by interviews.

I will inform you of the successful applicant once the process has been completed.

**School Photos – Special Photos**
The individual and family photos went home last week. Some group photos of the School and Sport Leaders, SRC and the Captains will be on display in the office. These may be ordered through the office.

**Have a wonderful week.**
Sandy Juleff

**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club is due on the 12th May.

**STEWART HOUSE**

The Stewart House clothing appeal is on again. Please return bags and any donations to the office by the 23rd of May.

**FROM THE STUDENTS**

**Hobbits**

A Bird’s Eye View

Khaled

If I was a bird, flying high in the sky, I would see lots of colours. I would see everything tiny. I’d see green hills, crystal blue rivers, tiny, tiny people, cars that look like toys, buildings that look like Lego and trees that look like broccoli. A whole land that looks like a piece of art! It would be so awesome to be a bird.
Lachlan

Our class have been looking at bird’s eye views. If I were a bird I would feel a nice, cool breeze down my back and in my face. I would see tall trees and kids riding their bikes in the sun.

Reilly

I am a bird flying high in the clear, blue sky with the wind at my feathery back. I look down and I see green colourful flowers. I also see a village with tiny people going towards the city and people coming to the village.

Faith

My favourite view is over the fields of tulips in the Netherlands. It is amazing, all the unique colours. They all have different textures. The wind is blowing making beautiful music like flutes and violins, as if it is singing.

Louise

I soar through the air. I see beautiful views of mountains, rivers and colourful fields. There are so many colours; green and yellow fields, grey and black for the tall buildings and cities. The trees are like little ants and the rivers are like puddles. From my view the best view is in the country because the trees look like broccoli and the cars like little moving crumbs.

LEADERS’ UPDATE

On Monday 7 April, The Hon Arian Piccoli MP Minister for Education, came to our school. When Mr Piccoli arrived we shook his hand and introduced ourselves to him. When he visited the Kindergarten Elves, all the Kindies welcomed him and showed him the activities they do in the classroom with Miss Sorbara.

At the end of the day Mr Piccoli was that kind he donated four lovely books for our library. It was a lovely afternoon spending the time with Mr Piccoli.

This morning the P&C organised a lovely Mother’s Day Stall for the students to buy a gift for their mothers. There were $2, $4 and a $6 table and also a raffle prize full of goodies for one lucky mother.

We hope all the mums love their gifts from their child/ren and hope they have a wonderful Mother’s Day.

SPORT LEADERS’ UPDATE

On Friday 9 May, all students K-6 will be attending the cross country at Rossmore Pony Club. The students K-2 will be doing
fun activities and 3-6 will be running around the track. 8, 9 and 10 year olds will be running 2km and the 11, 12 and 13 year olds will be running a 3km track.

On Friday 16 May, Gala Day will be continued and everybody participating in netball, Oztag or Newcombe Ball. K-2 will be doing fun activities at Middleton Grange Public School.

Yesterday some students chose to stay back for Active After School Sport. The sports for this term are NRL and cricket. It starts at 3.15 and finishes at 4.15pm. The days are every Monday and Wednesday. If your child wants to participate just go and ask the office for a note.

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SPECIAL AWARDS

Term 2 Week 2
Congratulations and a fantastic effort to the following students who received honour awards:

Yellow
Yordan Reilly R. Brayden
Sasha x 2 Rielly N. Rhys
Angus SN Alana Samantha G. x 2

Silver
Ashton Chloe

Gold
Katelyn

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Results from the 2013 Program

Thanks to the school community for the support and great response shopping and collecting stickers from Woolworths during the 2013 Earn and Learn initiative.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn program has assisted our school with new sport equipment and educational equipment to help students with a ‘hands on’ approach to meet curriculum outcomes. Our equipment purchased with our points last year has arrived:

1 x Tee Ball stand and Rubber bases, 2 x Double Dutch Skipping ropes, 3 x Telling Time Bingo sets, 20 x Pupil Clock Dials sets, 3 x Digital Clock Dominoes, 1 x Electric Circuit Board, 2 x Solar Kit 6 in 1, and 8 x Balloon Helicopters. Learning will be fun!

Thanks to Woolworths and a supportive school community, students have benefited from this program once again.

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HELPFUL INFORMATION

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

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.


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