Principals Report

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting for Term 2 will be held next Tuesday 20th May at 7pm in our library. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

NAPLAN
This week, our Year 3 and 5 students are participating in the NAPLAN testing program. It is important that children do the tests, however it is also vitally important that children are not stressed by the experience. NAPLAN was designed as a snapshot look at student learning achievement. It is not a test that should be used to compare student results. The best way to support your child is to ensure they have eaten well, had a good sleep, wish them well and tell them to enjoy the challenge. Please remind your child to bring a water bottle with them.

School Assembly
We will be holding a special assembly on Friday, 23rd May where Rachel Staines (ex- student at RPS) will present the SRC with their badges and prizes from the raffle and colouring competition. I am very proud of the way in which the school community has participated in these fundraising events to support Rachel in her quest to swim at the Paralympics to be held in Rio. A huge thanks to everyone and I know Rachel is extremely grateful for our support.

Mental Maths Strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Class Shield
This week, we continue to encourage children to care for themselves and others with a focus on:
- Keeping our school clean
- Helping others in all settings
- Caring for self and others

PRINCIPALS RECOGNITION
Last Thursday, the P&C committee coordinated a wonderful Mothers’ Day Stall. As usual, the children very much enjoyed purchasing a ‘special’ gift for their mums! I would like to thank the P&C for arranging this event for our students and all who donated a gift. I also recognise Mr John Grimley and Mrs Natalie Cross for their support of students last Friday at the Paul Kelly Cup and PSSA Netball.

Working together as partners in the education of your child.
Meryl Tremain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week 3
13/5 NAPLAN Language and Writing – Y3 & Y5
14/5 NAPLAN Reading – Y3 & Y5
15/5 NAPLAN Numeracy – Y3 & Y5
16/5 NAPLAN catch up day

Week 4
20/5 Leadership Day BMEC P&C Meeting
21/5 Stage 2 Excursion – Chifley House
22/5 School Athletics Carnival
23/5 Bike Safety Day District Cross Country

Week 5
29/5 School Athletics Carnival - wet weather day

NOTES SENT HOME
- ES1/S1 Excursion to Japanese Gardens, Cowra
- S2 HSIE Excursion
- Bike Safety Check
- Athletics Carnival
- Russell Richardson/David Peachy

STUDENTS LEADING THE WAY

PSSA District Netball Carnival
Last Friday, 10 eager and enthusiastic girls went to Orange to compete in the PSSA District Netball Carnival at the PCYC Stadium. We played our first game against Lithgow PS and lost by only 1 point.
We played another 2 games and although we were unable to beat them, we showed great teamwork and were outstanding sportspeople on the day. Thank you to those parents who transported us to Orange and Mrs Cross for coaching us. Congratulations to Summer for being chosen for Western Netball trials.

**Report by Harriet Fitzsimmons and Summer Weekes**

**Paul Kelly Cup**

Last Friday at the Paul Kelly Cup, we played AFL against other schools. I was in Boys Team 2 and we played against Cathedral, Assumption and Holy Family. Sadly we lost the 3 games we played but we tried our hardest on the day.

After our games finished, we sat down for lunch and watched the girls’ final game. When their game was over, it was time for us to watch Boys Team 1 in the semi-finals. We were all up on the cliffs watching the most intense match ever. Unfortunately, Cathedral defeated them and they went into the grand final.

We all had free time on the field while we waited for our bus to arrive. It was the end of the Paul Kelly Cup and we returned to school.

**Report by Eden Lyle**

P&C NEWS

**Canteen Roster Term 2**

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Thank you to all who contributed to the Mother’s Day stall. It was a great success and we raised $700!

Canteen volunteers are urgently needed for the Athletics Carnival on 22nd May.

There will be no canteen if we don’t have enough helpers!

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

The following students will be presented with an award at this week’s assembly at 12pm on Friday.

**5 Awards**


Congratulations to you all!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Celebrating National Families Week 15th- 21st May

Bathurst Child and Family Network are holding a Bathurst Family Fun Day

There will be free food, entertainment, demonstrations, games & activities, face painting and jumping castle, with prizes and more.

**Where:** Bicentennial Park (near children’s’ playground)

**When:** Saturday 17th May 11am-2pm

There will be free buses running from Kelso, South, and West Bathurst. Phone Annette on 6331 8944

Glenray Industries

The annual fundraiser, the Macquarie Mile will be held on Sunday 18th May at 11am to 2pm, at Bicentennial Park. It helps to raise funds for people with a disability who work for our business divisions.

Everyone is welcome to support Glenray.

For more information please contact: Margaret Paton on 6331 2388