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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Labour Day Holiday	Monday 4 th May	School Closed
P & C Meeting	Tuesday 5 th May	7.00pm - Staffroom
Mother's Day Stall	6 th , 7 th , & 8 th May	
Year 7 – 'Electricity: A Shocking Experience'	Wednesday 6 th May	9.30am - Hall
You Can Do It Assembly	Friday 8 th May	9.15am - Hall
NAPLAN Testing	Tues 12 th , Wed 13 th and Thurs 14 th May	All years 3, 5 & 7 classes
Queens Birthday Holiday	Monday 8 th June	School Closed
Last day Term 2	Friday 26 th June	School returns Tuesday 14 th July

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

National Literacy and Numeracy Testing in 2009

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May. Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 will participate in four tests during this period: Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The Language Conventions test will incorporate spelling, grammar and punctuation while the Numeracy testing will incorporate number, space and measurement. The Year 7 Numeracy test will consist of a calculator-allowed test, followed by a non-calculator test. It's important that all students undertaking these tests are in full school attendance on the test days which are 12, 13 and 14 May.

A brochure with more information about NAPLAN 2009 is available for download from the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs at www.naplan.edu.au/verve/_resources/. If you have any questions about NAPLAN 2009 visit the Queensland Studies Authority website at www.qsa.qld.edu.au/assessment/7972.html or contact our school office (3714 1222). Parents will receive an individualised report of their child's NAPLAN test results in mid October 2009.



ANZAC Day Activities

Our students made excellent contributions to both the school and community ANZAC Day Services last week. We can be very proud of our student presenters and many thanks to our school families who

marched with us under our school banner last Saturday. Yet again our school was represented in large numbers at this important community event.

Successful Funding News

I'm very pleased to advise that we have been successful in receiving \$200 000 worth of funding from the Federal Government National School Pride program to install 30 Interactive Electronic Whiteboards in our classrooms! This is wonderful news as it will mean all 44 school classrooms will have this excellent learning facility installed and operational by Term 4 2009. To date, we have installed 14 electronic whiteboards classrooms through school and P&C funding. We are in a position to implement this project in a manner that all students in the school will get equitable and immediate benefit. I must acknowledge the support we have received from our Federal Member Mr Bernie Ripoll, in obtaining this funding.

School Storage of Bikes and Scooters

As you are aware we are promoting active school travel this year which encourages students to either walk or use bikes and scooters as a transport means to and from school. Pleasingly, this has been happening. With additional bikes and scooters coming onto campus each day it's timely to remind everyone that all bikes and scooters must be stored in the School Bike Cage which is located between A and I blocks. Street access is via the upper Kauri Place gates. Whilst the bike cage is a secured area which is locked each day between 9.15am and 2.30pm, there is always the risk of theft or damage to stored student property that is unattended. I strongly recommend that students take the extra precaution of locking their bikes/scooters with their own lock and chains. The practice of students folding and storing scooters in bag racks is not permitted. Unfortunately they take up too much space and present safety issues to other students.

School Newsletter Goes Electronic

From July 2009, our school newsletter will be distributed to all school families via your email address and direct upload to the school website. Bulk distribution of print copies will be discontinued. We've been planning this changeover process for the past eighteen months which is in line with many other schools of our size and structure. The reasons for the change are as follows:

1. **Cost** : Even with subsidised funding through back page advertising, the reprographics and labour costs for producing and distributing print copy newsletters exceeds \$6500 of the school budget annually. This money will be redirected towards purchasing more classroom learning resources for your children.
2. **Online access levels**: 2007 ABS data indicates 90.2% of households in our school enrolment zone have internet access. For families without home internet access, a limited number of print newsletters will be produced fortnightly which will be obtainable on request from the school main office counter.
3. **More newsletter space**: Presently we are limited to 2.5 A4 pages of space for school newsletter items each fortnight due to advertising and banner commitments. Electronic newsletters offer unlimited space for news items without additional paper and printing expenses. This will allow us to include more student related articles with photos, students work samples and also include the many community news requests we receive each fortnight.
4. **Environmental considerations**: By changing to electronic newsletter distribution, we won't have to consume 40 000 sheets of A3 paper and 18 drums of photocopy toner annually.

For some time now we have provided an electronic newsletter distribution service to parents on request. If you are presently receiving your newsletter by this means, you will automatically be retained on our newsletter electronic mail-out list when we changeover in July.

For all other families we require you to register your email address with us prior to the June mid-year vacation. This can be done simply by sending an email to admin@forelakess.eq.edu.au and typing "newsletter address" in the subject box. There is no need to provide an additional message. We will send you a reply email confirming that your family has been added to the school newsletter emailing list.

Don't forget our newsletter is also presently accessible on our website www.forelakess.eq.edu.au . On the home page you will find a prominent link to the current edition.

Year 5 Camp

Mr Stafford and myself had the pleasure of visiting the Year 5s on camp last week at Ewen Maddock Dam Outdoor Education Centre. It was very obvious that all students were having a great time meeting the many outdoor activity challenges they participated in. Our school camping program relies on the 24 hour supervision and management that our school teaching and support staff provide on camp. (they don't get paid overtime!). A special thank you to Michelle Fix,, Samantha Colbert, Anu Pillay , Heidi Sullivan, Wendy Polson, Lyz Dozzi, Melissa Carney and Andrew Sellick for their very good work in organising and managing the camp.

With regards
John Faragher, Principal



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is on again and all students from Prep to Year 7 are encouraged to pick up a book and take part. The Premier has challenged all Queensland primary students to read 20 books in 15 weeks and discover the joy of reading.

The challenge runs from 11 May until 21 August 2009. All students who meet the challenge will receive a certificate signed by the Premier.

Last year, over 60,000 students read more than one million books and the goal is to exceed this result in 2009.

Our school is registered in the 2009 challenge. Students may obtain more information and reading record forms from their classroom teachers. Guidelines and suggested booklists are on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at

www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

SPORTS RESULTS 24 APRIL

Senior Soccer Yr 6 – played St Marks 2-0 FLSS lost

Senior Soccer Yr 7 – played St Marks 1-1 draw

SPORTS DRAW – 1 MAY

Senior Netball Div A – FLSS A – play Murri A at Inala SS

Senior Netball Div A – FLSS B – play St Marks B at Inala SS

Senior Netball Div B – FLSS C – play Durack B at Inala SS

Senior Netball Div C – FLSS D – play Durack C at Inala SS

Senior Rugby League – play A/Ridge at Mortimer Rd

Junior Netball Div A – play Grand Ave A at Durack SS

Junior Netball Div B – play Watson Rd B at Durack SS

Senior Soccer Yr 6 & Yr 7 – play Grand Ave 1 at Lions Club

Archerfield Rd, Darra

SPORTS DRAW - 8 MAY

Senior Netball Div A – FLSS A – play FLSS B at Inala SS

Senior Netball Div A – FLSS B – play FLSS A at Inala SS

Senior Netball Div B – FLSS C – play Oxley A at Inala SS

Senior Netball Div C – FLSS D – play Oxley B at Inala SS

Senior Rugby League – Semi Finals

Junior Netball Div A – play Durack A at Durack SS

Junior Netball Div B – play Carole Park B at Durack SS

Senior Soccer Yr 6 & Yr 7 – Semi Finals

STATE SPORT

Jim Henjak (7D) has been selected in the Met West Rugby League Team to compete at the Qld School Sport State Championship to be held in Cairns from 25 June - 01 July.

Well done, Jim – a huge achievement!

REGIONAL SPORT

Congratulations to the following students who represented Inala District at recent regional carnivals:

AFL (22/23 April): Jayden Reeves-Feruglio (7C), Jayden McKay (7B) and Chris Clayton (7B)

Hockey (28 April): Emma Raisin (7A)

Netball (28 & 29 April): Aldrinna Tuala (7B)

Congratulations also to Jessica Gordon (6C), Sabrina Wigfield (6D) and Kayla Tobeck-Greenlees (7C) who will represent Inala District at the upcoming soccer carnival to be held 02 & 03 June

We are very proud of your sporting achievements – well done!

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Today the District Cross Country was held at St Mark's Catholic School. There will be a report in the next edition of It's Thursday.

FLSS CROSS COUNTRY

Our school Cross Country will be held on Friday 22 May.

The program will be:

9.00 - 9.30am = Year 2

9.30 - 10.30am = Prep

10.30 - 11.00am = Year 1

11.00 - 11.45am = Break

12.00 - 12.30pm = Year 4

12.30 - 1.00pm = Year 3

1.00 - 1.30pm = Year 5

1.30-2.00pm Break

2.00-2.30pm = Year 6

2.30-3.00pm = Year 7

- Children will run as a year level eg. year 5 boys
- Medallions will be presented for the "champions" of each year level - first placed year 5 boy will be "Year 5 boys champion"
- Prep and Years 1 & 2 have "heats". The "heat" winners (eg. the winner from 2A & 2B girls etc) will receive a 1st place ribbon AND the overall winner from Prep, Year 1 and 2 (girls and boys) will receive the "champion" medallion.
- Medallion winners' names will be published in "It's Thursday"
- All participants will receive at least one point for their House. (1st = 10 points, 2nd = 7 points, 3rd = 3 points; all other places = 1 point)
- **The wearing of appropriate shoes is mandatory.**
- Children should wear coloured house t-shirts (or a ribbon or similar, on their sports uniform indicating the colour of their House) so that identification of their house at the finish line will be easy
- All children will be given a numbered ticket at the finish line so they know their placing which can be written onto their certificate later.
- Prep and Years 1 & 2 "heat" winners (eg. the winner from 2A & 2B girls etc) will receive a 1st place ribbon and the overall winner from Prep, Year 1 and 2 (girls and boys) will receive the medallion.
- Icy cups will be available for sale at the conclusion of each cross-country event.
- **Every competitor needs a water bottle with them to their cross-country event.**
- Asthmatics should run with their medication – please ensure children have their medication with them.
- **It is assumed that every child will participate UNLESS written notification from a parent is received by their class teacher.**

THURSDAY'S THOUGHT

Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young. Fred Astaire

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

A new menu has been issued with effect immediately. Please take time to read the "checklist" attached, as these procedures help us to manage our time more effectively in the tuckshop.

Mon 4 th May	Labour Day Holiday
Tues 5 th May	Lynsay Cumpstay, HELP PLEASE
Wed 6 th May	HELP PLEASE (2 needed)
Thurs 7 th May	Uo Brown, HELP PLEASE
Fri 8 th May	Sylvia Pitcher, Penni Devenish, Deb Donderwicz, Shannon Graham

Mon 11 th May	Tracey Blackburn, Leanne Daltrey
Tues 12 th May	Rosie Pene, Suzy Molloy, Lisa McBean
Wed 13 th May	Thao Pham, HELP PLEASE
Thurs 14 th May	Amanda Carlton, HELP PLEASE
Fri 15 th May	Sylvia Pitcher, Penni Devenish, Deb Donderwicz, Shannon Graham

STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received an award on assembly:

Year 1: Kristian Castro, Jessica Petralia-Cooper, Cristin Collyer, Camilia Moore, Ryan Misa, Phoebe Everden, Rowan Rayner, Aaliyah Field, Erin Delchau-Jones, Mitchell Prince, Hakan Gunaydin, Jana Cuic, Caitlin Donohoe, Mahmut Jakupovic, Lachlan Allez, Anna Campbell, Toby Kazich, Bailey Muriwai, Felix Galvez, Lillianne Tran, Elliott Donaldson, Gabrielle Maskell, Rosemary Tamas Cao and Vincent Tran.

Year 2: Georga Cuic, Taylah Faulkner, Dakota Pene, Jessica Ingall, Taleasha MacDonald and Daniella Swart.

Year 3: Conah Brittain, Pam Faamalologa, Brandon Speed, Katelyn Millanta, Armand Martawidjaja, Jemimah Nimmo, Te-Raukura Heremaia, Daniel Stacey, Emma Rose, Shruti Pathare, Amy Holland, James Wilson, Charlotte Mendes, Annalyse Colebrook, Kiran Johal, Racquel Ritchie and Jedd Gardner.

Year 4: Shehan Aturugiriya, Bobbie Downie, Abbey Heywood, Brayden Dickens, Matthias Smalley, Alice Tran, Nicholas Greenaway, Daniel Enkelmann, Meika Haddon, Breanna Muriwai, Aaron Bryett, Kym-Mai Nguyen and James Rolley.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open Monday and Fridays 8.45am to 10.45am.

WINTER UNIFORM

Fleecy Zip Jacket	\$20.50
Fleecy V-Neck Jumper	\$18.00
Fleecy Track Pants	\$15.00
Fleecy Track Pants Double Knee	\$17.00
Microfibre Jacket	\$32.00
Microfibre Pants	\$23.50
Beanies	\$4.00
Scarves	\$5.00
Gloves	\$6.50
Knitted Tights	\$14.00
Tights 60 Denier	\$6.50

If you cannot make it into the shop you can order by credit card over the phone and I will deliver the items to your child's classroom. If you are phoning through an order could you please phone after 10am, as it is very busy first thing in the morning. (Phone 3714-1256)
Lay-by, EFTPOS and credit card facilities available.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Companion Card

The companion card program is designed for people with a disability who have a lifelong need for carer support. People with a disability who need the support of an attendant in order to participate in activities can sometimes be required to pay two admission fees – one for themselves and another for their companion. A companion card also allows carers to travel with the cardholder free of charge on all TransLink train, bus and ferries. For more information call 131304.

Included in this fortnight's newsletter: Tuckshop Menu