Principal's Report

Student Representation
Last week many of our students played in District sporting teams, which is fantastic. Congratulations to Marnie H making it to the next level in girls’ soccer. What an amazing effort.

Rosie M and Jamie B represented our school on Sunday in the I Sea I Care walk to raise money for dolphin research. Thank you to those students for your commitment to such a wonderful cause.

Valuables
While we will do everything we can to make sure valuables are safe, we encourage children not to bring phones, video games and the like, to school. Should it be necessary, I ask that they are left at the office for safe keeping. The craze at the moment is ‘loom bands’. They are relatively affordable and obviously great fun, however, they have the potential to go missing. Please make sure your child hands them to the teacher for safe keeping.

Absences
I have mentioned previously that there has been a major focus on student absenteeism by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. If your child has not arrived at school and you have not notified us, we will send you a text message. I encourage everybody to let us know if your child will be absent for safety reasons and also to help us to be able to support you to get your child to school if we can. We know that with a sick child you may forget to let us know, however, we worry if we are not sure why a child is absent. When you send your child to school each day you will be assured that they have arrived safely, if you don’t hear from us! This is just another example of how we want to work in partnership with you to ensure your child receives the best education possible.

EVERY DAY COUNTS-Children who are absent from school for three weeks a year, miss six months of schooling by the end of Year 6. Research shows that school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

NAPLAN
Naplan testing is occurring next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for year 3 and 5 students. It would be extremely helpful if you could make sure all the children sitting tests are well rested and have a nutritious dinner the night before.

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EDUCATION WEEK

MONDAY 19TH MAY—FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2014

We are planning a great week of activities for the students and parents so keep a watch out for invitations regarding open days etc.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
THURSDAY 8TH MAY & FRIDAY 9TH MAY

Gifts for Mothers’ Day will be available for the students to purchase from our Mothers’ Day stall. Items will range in price from $1.00 to $5.00.

NUDE FOOD DAY EVERY WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY HOT LUNCHES $2.00

Next Wednesday 14th May, 2014 we will be serving:

VEGETABLE SOUP & CRUSTY BREAD

ATTENDANCE

WEEK ENDING 24.04.2014

WEEK ENDING 02.05.2014