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Dates to Remember

MAY

Wednesday 15th

NAPLAN Reading

Thursday 16th

NAPLAN Language Conventions

Sporting Schools

3.20 - 4.30pm

Friday 17th

Walk to School Day

Division Cross Country

Monday 20th

Pupil Free Day

No students required at school

Tuesday 21st

NAPLAN Numeracy

Sporting Schools

3.20 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 22nd

The Keeping Place

Excursion P/1/2

Thursday 23rd

Sporting Schools

3.20 - 4.30pm

Monday 27th

MARC Van

Please return books

Tuesday 28th

Sporting Schools

3.20 - 4.30pm

Thursday 30th

Winter Sports 5/6

Sporting Schools

3.20 - 4.30pm

A warm welcome to our new students Ella, Phoebe, Penny and their families to Nicholson Primary School. We hope that you all settle in quickly and enjoy being part of our community.

Mothers Day

I hope everyone enjoyed their special day last Sunday. Thankyou to Jodie Halton, Amanda Kennedy, Gaby Pazzinato De Oliveria and Robyn Barbour for organising and running our stall last Friday. There was an amazing variety of well thought out gifts for students to purchase. Your ongoing support around our school is always appreciated. Thankyou to Melanie McCann who donated the lovely plants for the stall. They were very popular!

Cross Country

This Friday we have a record 14 students representing Mitchell River Cluster at the Division Cross Country being held at Nagle College. Good luck to all our competitors! Thankyou to Ms Gamble for coordinating this event on behalf of the cluster.

Walk Safely to School Day.

This Friday is Walk Safely to School Day. We all need to consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. If you would like to join us and walk to school, we will be meeting in the paddock next to the Nicholson Hotel at 8.30am.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that no students are required at school next Monday 20th May. All staff will be attending a Professional Development Day with our learning partner school Bruthen. The day will once again be facilitated by our external consultant, Helen Butler as she leads and supports us through deepening our understanding and capacity to deliver the High Impact Strategies of Feedback and Questioning into our learning and teaching.

NAPLAN

This week students in Years 3 and 5 have been participating in NAPLAN testing. This year, testing will be done on-line except for grade 3 writing. Students at Nicholson have had opportunities to familiarise themselves with the format through practise tests in an online and paper format. While we do analyse the data from NAPLAN for internal reasons, we do not see these tests as the key measurement of student progress and growth. There are many summative and formative assessments teachers use to get an accurate, precise picture of student achievements and growth. Thankyou to Mr Hunt for taking up the coordination of NAPLAN this year and in particular for ensuring that our ICT is capable and ready.

Kind regards,

Sue Clague

Principal



Growth Mindset



Over the past weeks we have revisited the idea of Fixed and Growth Mindsets and how having a Growth Mindset helps to develop strong neural connections in the brain. It also helps increase motivation, willingness to accept new challenges and have a healthier reaction to failure. All-important in becoming the best we can be.

One way that you can help your child develop a Growth Mindset is by carefully choosing the words that are used when you praise them. Every word you say or action you perform tells children how to think about themselves. Praise should be directed at effort instead of accomplishments.

Here are some examples-

Instead of saying, "You are a great athlete. You could be the next Gary Ablett!" try "Keep practicing and you will see great results." "You always get good marks and that makes me happy. Try "When you put in effort, it really shows in you marks. You should be proud of yourself. We are!" "Your drawing is wonderful; you are a little artist." Try "I can see you have been practicing your drawing; what a great improvement!"

Specialist News

PE

The PE program has been indoors on recent Friday's due to the weather, participating in dance and indoor games.

Good luck to the Cross Country team who are representing Mitchell Cluster at Division Cross Country on Friday.

Digi-tech

Our focus across the whole school at the moment in Digi-tech is continuing to build our understanding of online safety. We have continued building our understanding of the importance of not sharing our personal information with others online. We have also been exploring different features in the program 'Word' that we can use.

Art

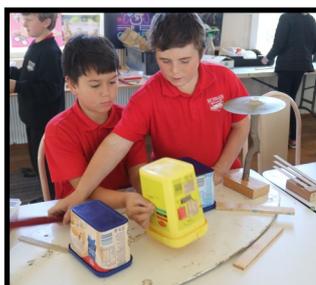
P/1/2 have been learning how to thread through holes in pieces of card to make Little Mother' Day card for their Mums. The grade 2/3's have been sewing wool into hessian to create pictures, patterns or messages and to tie off knots. The 4/5/6's have been learning how to thread and sew using wool as well as using sewing needles and tying off knots.

Music

The two junior classes have been using the syllables in different fruits to compose and play their own musical pieces.

The 3/4 class have worked on playing as members of a three piece band with a focus on melodies, harmonies and rhythms.

Making original musical instruments has been the target of the senior class. They have done a great job using everyday objects like wood, cardboard, bottles, rubber-bands, marbles etc to build their instruments. Patto, with help from Kaylah, used his clever building skills and lots of creativity to make an amazing amplified guitar.



Growth

Honesty & Trust

Respect

Connectedness

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