PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear parents and caregivers,

This week’s focus has been on NAPLAN however, what an exciting end to last week. I was in attendance at the Fairfield Principal’s Conference on Thursday and Friday and missed the fun however, I received the following feedback.

Mother’s Day Breakfast
What a success!!! We received thank you letters from parents letting us know how much they enjoyed the breakfast. We are delighted to receive that feedback and I thank Mr Rangiah, the committee and all helpers on doing such a wonderful job!

High Achievers Morning Tea
Congratulations to all students who were invited to the morning tea. Keep up the great work.

K-6 Assembly
Great job to the students in year 2 and the teachers, who wowed the audience with their outstanding performance.

NAPLAN
This week the students in year 3 and year 5 completed NAPLAN. Thanks to Mr Rangiah for his organisation and we look forward to the results of the assessment.

Cross Country
The weather was certainly lovely last Wednesday for the Cross Country. The students’ participation was strong and of course their behaviour was exemplary. Thanks to Mr Ottmann and his committee on the organisation of the day.

Term 2 Reports
The teachers are busy completing a report for each student based on assessments and in class observations. These reports will be given out during the interviews in week 8. Exact dates for each grade will follow in next week’s newsletter.

Enjoy the weekend!
Genelle Goldfinch

5T CLASS REPORT
5T have been learning about ‘State and Federal Government’ as part of our theme unit. We are particularly interested in our links with the Queen in Britain and why Australia is still part of the monarchy.

As part of our writing unit, we are looking at persuasive writing. Half the class were monarchists and the other half were republicans. Here are some of the debates we had:

“People who are good enough should be able to have an equal chance to get the top job, instead of giving it to the Queen” - Sergen (republican)

“The Queen is there for us in case the prime minister abuses his/her power.” - Brandon (monarchist)

“The Queen did not earn her power. She was given it because she is part of the royal family.” – Christian (republican)

“The Queen can protect us if we are at war with other countries because we are allies.” – Wilma (monarchist)

“We are not the Queen’s first priority. Britain will always come first.” – Tien (republican).
YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASSES

Applications for 2015 Year 5 opportunity classes are now open. All applications need to be made online. If you are interested in applying for a 2015 OC placement for your child, please see Mr Prasad for your copy of the information booklet which you will need to assist you in completing the online application as well as providing some important dates. If you require assistance in completing the online application, please contact Mr Prasad. Friday 16 May is the last day to complete and submit online applications.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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DEMOCRACY IS OUR VALUE OF THE MONTH

Students demonstrate democracy by being accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.

Free Parent Computer and iPad Courses

Parents - we’re here to help you learn your way around the computer. Together you can learn alongside your child or help them with your computer skills. It’s so important for you to learn in order to help your child online, to get access to resources and support your child with computer based skills. Computers will help you help your child in school.

Why do we want to help you understand computers and iPads? Because educating parents about computer basics will help them get more involved with their children’s education. The more parents are involved, the higher the student success. It’s a fact!

Why do I need to know about computers and iPads? Show your kids you are serious about learning too. Computers and iPads are everywhere, and often available to use for free in libraries, schools and other places. Plus, computers and iPads are vital to our future.

Where can I go to practise what I learn? You’re in luck. We have a computer lab and an iPad lab available for you to come and learn where we offer classes and open labs for parents to practise their technology skills. Come on Friday afternoons from 1:00pm – 2.20pm. It is absolutely free!

Please fill out the following form and enrol into our free parent course. You are able to join in at any level. At the end you will receive a certificate for attendance and participation.

Spaces are limited and we are only able to take 15. Get in quick! We will contact you if your place is confirmed.

I am interested in enrolling for the:

• Basic Computer Course in term 2

My full name is __________________________________________________________________________ (please print)
Contact phone numbers __________________________________________________________________________
My child/children is/are __________________________________________________________________________ (name/class)

K-2 CROSS COUNTRY

Our K-2 Cross Country will be held at school on Thursday 22 May at 11.45am. All students will participate in their grade event and run a couple of laps of the oval. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend and watch their child participate.

PSSA SHORTS & SOCKS

Sporting socks and shorts are now on sale in our school canteen. We have shorts for our Rugby League, AFL and Soccer PSSA teams and socks for all our other PSSA sporting teams.

AFL & Rugby League Shorts $16.00

Socks $10.00

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