Athletics Sports

Congratulation to all our teams for the fantastic effort shown at our athletics day on Tuesday. Once again Mr Fraser ordered perfect weather for us and it was such a great sight to see everyone cheering each other and having great time. The prep –2 students certainly showed developing skills as they had a mini sports with bean bag shot put, long jump, distance runs, relays and hurdles. We are very appreciative of the help given by people who jumped in to rake, measure and help our students along throughout the day.

The results on the day were as follows:
- Red Swans - 263
- Gold Kookaburras - 225
- Green Eagles - 186
- Blue Seagulls - 125

The next level of competition is on 21 May. Mr Fraser will be in touch with those competitors who will have the opportunity to participate.

Please check bags for update about canteen next week.

National Assessment of Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Next week our grade 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN program. The program begins with spelling and writing on Tuesday, reading on Wednesday and maths on Thursday. All the test sessions are in the morning. The test papers are sent to a company which corrects and collates the responses and provides individual results as well as whole school results. These results not only help us plan for individual students but to set our direction as a whole school. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

2009 School Council

Our school council met last night to elect 2009 office bearers and I am happy to announce the positions were filled as follows:

- President: Sema Yilmaz
- Vice President: Russell Broomhall
- Secretary: Kym Paterson (elected in her absence - To be confirmed)
- Serjeant-at-arms: Helen Rose

2008 Annual Report to the Community

Our 2008 Annual Report was presented to School Council last night. The report will be available on our website very soon and hard copies will be available form the office from tomorrow. Please let us know if you would like one sent home.

Canteen

Thank you for your patience in waiting for the canteen to reopen. If all goes well the canteen will be open next Thursday.

Uniform

We are noticing that many students are coming out of uniform at the moment. We have many items available immediately in the uniform store with others available within one or two days. If you need any assistance in getting uniform items for your child please contact us and we will see what can be organised. If your child is out of uniform because of washing problems or any other short term reason could you please just send a note along to let us know.

Thought for the Week

Laughter is inner jogging.

Norman Cousins

Please keep in mind that we have two students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products.
**School Working Bee**  
**Saturday 16th May**

We are holding a school working bee on **Saturday 16th May** beginning at **9.00am-12.00am**

We are very proud of our school grounds and buildings and we believe that by holding working bees we can maintain the facilities for our children to a high standard.

I have the listed the jobs that need to be completed. Please return the attached slip if you can support us on the day, particularly if you can assist with a specific task.

Meagan Whitbourne

- Gutters cleaning
- Chook shed wire
- Painting Arbour
- Light pruning
- Erecting picket fence
- Chain sawing trees
- Tip run
- Building new compost bay
- Fluffing up tanbark
- Dead plant removal
- Mowing/whipper snip Jiddelick
- Weeding/Spraying
- Strengthening Garden Beds
- Tiling

I/We ________________________  
Will be at the School  
Working Bee on Saturday 16th May at 9.00am.

I can help with ________________________

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**Active After School Program**

Our program is up and running for this term it's great to see that the children are having so much fun. Just a reminder to parents that the program starts at **3.35pm** and finishes at **4.35pm** sharp.

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**Open Night 2009**  
**Wednesday May 13th, 4:30PM—8:00PM**

If you have a child in grade 6 who would like to attend an expo session please contact Rhonda Lawrence at the college on 51 526122.

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**Are you looking for child-care?**

Family Day Care is a unique home based child care service, providing learning & development in a home environment.

Family Day Care provides a warm, secure and family focussed environment for your child.

Christine McGilvray has vacancies available for after school care Monday through Thursday.

**For further information please contact:** Kilmany Uniting Care on 51 529600

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In the Kitchen.....
The plumbers are currently here, putting our pipes, stoves and sinks in. While they've been working, the children have been learning about good hygiene. This week, the 5/6 classes have been busy with a working bee, cleaning and organising the utensils and kitchen equipment - while cooking up some delicious sausages from Riviera Meats. On Thursday, the 3/4 classes have their first kitchen classes! Rod King from Riviera Meats is our celebrity chef this week. The kitchen classes for the week of 5th May, are sponsored by Riviera Meats.

Excess Produce.....
Occasionally we may have excess produce which the children then take the time to cost, package and sell at the end of the school day. We would love you to encourage them by purchasing from them. The prices are reasonable, the food has been grown by the children and it is all part of their learning. If you have any excess produce from your garden and would like to donate it, please see Megan, we would certainly appreciate any offers!

In the Garden.....
The enthusiasm shown by all the children in the garden classes was certainly contagious! They loved sowing seeds, turning compost, weeding, painting and creating climbing frames for snow peas, broad beans and peas. We have also harvested produce for the 3/4 year levels' first kitchen classes! The volunteers who came had a great time and found the children wonderful to work with. We are very lucky to have these people spend time with us, enriching the children's experiences.

Gardening Tip.....
Now is a good time to plant out broccoli seedlings. To try to keep the Cabbage White Moths away, try empty (half) egg shells around the seedlings. The moths think they are other moths/butterflies and stay away. This is the method we will be trying anyway, drop into the garden to see if we've been successful!

If you have thought about volunteering, we would still love more helping hands, both in the garden and the kitchen. Please see Megan or Deanne.

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