Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students complete the NAPLAN assessment. These national assessments in Literacy and Numeracy are diagnostic, which provide a picture of what individual students are able to do and what aspects of the curriculum students may need assistance. Our students have been well prepared for these assessments both in class and at home. Teachers will use the NAPLAN results to plan teaching that will meet any identified needs and to extend students areas of strength. Results will be released in August this year with a copy of the test report provided to parents of all students who complete the assessments.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test. Results are used to plan future learning.

Last week the P&C held our annual Mothers Day stall. A total of $3998.00 was taken over the two days with $2,000.00 profit being raised. Thank you to all those parents who volunteered to organise and assist on the stall. The support parents gave the stall by sending money along with your children made the event a great success. Our students really enjoyed buying a present for their mums and grandmothers.

Our school was able to hold our annual cross country carnival as planned on 29 April, thanks to a break in the wet weather that day. The Kelly Park Committee and Holroyd Council gave our school use of the grounds for the carnival on the day. The races were longer than many of our students expected, but everyone enjoyed the opportunity to be out in the open after so many wet school days. With access to Kelly Park we are able to continue with our planned schedule for the district cross carnival tomorrow. Good luck to all our competitors in their races tomorrow.

Our P&C met last night. Topics discussed were the use of funds raised to assist school reading and Warakirri performances, school uniforms and reporting for end of term 2. The School Photographer presented future options for school photographs to the meeting. The P&C have committed to remain with the same photographer next year.

I hope all our mothers had a wonderful Mothers Day last Sunday. The sunshine made a welcome return this week and that has made for a very pleasant week around our school.

Regards,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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**WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015**

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And 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.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safety to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

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**VALUE OF THE MONTH: Excellence**

Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:

- giving recognition to students achieving high standards
- frequently encouraging and acknowledging individual improvement
- celebrating school community achievements
- encouraging students’ awareness of broader life opportunities

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:

- reaching personal best performance
- maintaining high learning expectations
- setting and meeting high standards
- persisting through challenges and difficulties in learning

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MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to the P&C for providing all the lovely gifts for our Mother’s Day Stall. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped on the days.

Thank You
SOUNDS OF SCIENCE
INVESTIGATING IN 2P

This term 2P have been getting their imaginary professor goggles on and snapping their rubber gloves. We have been investigating and observing the properties of liquids and solids and what processes occur to make them change in colour, texture, sight, smell and sound. Below are photos from our lesson on spaghetti. First we were organised into teams with specific roles. Then we each had one minute to observe the texture, smell and to think about adjectives that would describe it. We collected our adjectives together as a class. We read a poem about spaghetti and then created an annotated drawing and even included the actual spaghetti!!! We had a great time. Please check out our photos below.

2P working in cooperative groups to collect adjectives through practical experience and observation.

Adjectives that 2P used to describe spaghetti after it has been boiled.
Silky, slimy, wet, watery, yucky, flexible, breakable, moist, sticky, cool, room temperature, smelly, etc.

We learned that starch helps the spaghetti stick to the page like glue.

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5P ANZACS and World War One

We have been looking at current issues in class. We have been learning about the ANZACs and World War One as many centenaries are being remembered this year.

We have learnt that on the 25\textsuperscript{th} of April at a flat, sandy beach in Gallipoli (later named Anzac Cove) the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (Anzacs) landed there at the first light. Those bold soldiers who went to fight did not just fight for the fun of it; they went to fight for their country’s freedom. The men were not aware of the danger, sorrow, deaths and horror they were heading to but worst of all they were not aware that they would not see their families for weeks, months even years!

Smaran Pillai

Learning about ANZACs is really interesting. I have learnt a lot of things during the lessons. I will always feel thankful for the brave soldiers that fought for us. I learnt that the sandy beach that the ANZACs landed on was later named ANZAC Cove. The war started in 1914 but the ANZACs only joined in 1915. The families that lost people suffered their lives. This is the 100\textsuperscript{th} year since the ANZACs joined the war.

Parmitha Thiruvengadam

This term 5P have been learning about the ANZAC’s and WW1. I am happy to be learning about the ANZAC’s and improving my general knowledge. I am very grateful for those brave soldiers who fought for us, and some of them didn’t even come back. During the past few lessons I have inhaled allot of knowledge based upon the ANZAC’s. Here is one of the things I have learnt: Great Britain and Germany weren’t the only ones in WW1, both sides had allies too!! Another thing I learnt was that 130 000 soldiers died, 11000 Anzac’s died and 22,500 were wounded at Gallipoli.

Karnika Bhatnagar

Anzac Day is one of the most eye-catching topics I have learnt all year. Our brilliant teacher, Mrs Paterson, has taught us lots of information about Anzacs and the WW1. Anzac Day is not a day to celebrate but commemorate the ones who have served, fought and died in war. The 25\textsuperscript{th} of April is a special day for many Australians and New Zealanders. This is the date when the British Allies landed at Gallipoli, Peninsula the Dardanelles. To his day many Australians respect and acknowledge the ones who have risked and sacrificed their lives to give piece to our nation. I have learnt thousands of facts about Anzacs all thanks to Mrs Paterson.

Rakshaaiyan

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BOOK CLUB
Book Club orders have all been processed with Scholastic and we are waiting for the orders to be packed and shipped out to the school. There was a huge amount of books ordered and we expect them to be delivered late next week.

When they arrive at school we only have one volunteer, Mrs Gale, to distribute all the books to the classes and therefore it may take a long time for your children to get their books.

If you are able to help Mrs Gale in the distribution of books after they arrive, please come and see Mrs Propst or Mr Heffernan in the Library so that we can pass on your details and availability to Mrs Gale.

Thank you for your support.

WORLD BOOK ONLINE
The Library has purchased the encyclopaedia, World Book Kids, World Book Student and Early World of Learning online for all the students to use at school and at home for the next 12 months.
All can be used with iPads, tablets as well as computers.

Go to: www.worldbookonline.com
Log in ID: gps2145
Password: gps2145

Log on and start exploring!

Mrs K. Propst
Teacher Librarian

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Congratulations

Yash Patil (5P) received Australian Tennis Professional Rankings today. His current rank within Australia in men is 2932.

This is based on his performances in the 12U junior professional tournaments.

Well done.

LIMITED VACANCIES!

Preschool is a necessary stepping-stone to ‘big school’ and an important stage in a child’s development. At First Academy Preschool Childcare, we pride ourselves on providing a safe and nurturing environment in order for your child to reach their full potential.

Our centre caters for children from 0-6 years of age, operating between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm and offering:

- Quality supervised, learning and development programs integrated with playtime
- School readiness and transition programs for preschool children
- Fun and enriching activities
- All meals, including hot lunches, fruit and milk

For enrolments or any enquiries, please call 9863 2361 or visit the centre at 35 Carinya Rd. Girraween and meet our qualified and friendly staff.

First Academy Preschool Childcare
The Kids Paradise.

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Astronomy Night – Saturday, 16 May, 7pm – 9pm

OUR PLACE IN SPACE
Come along and become more familiar with our neighbourhood and have a closer look at our solar system, sun and moon.

The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and stargazing (weather permitting).

Cost: $18 Adult, $12 Child/concession, $50 Family
Bookings are essential, follow the link to register, www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What's On

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**ZUMBA**

First class is a FREE CLASS for all new participants!!! ANY TIME of this year!!!

**TERM 2** – Current timings: 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm (Thursday nights)

**TERM 3** time slots available: 7pm – 8pm, 8pm – 9pm or 7:30pm – 8:30pm (Thursday nights)

Call up now to confirm your slots!!!
Charmaine 0425 235 369 / 8819 6699
Charmer136@yahoo.com

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**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?**

FIND IT on the WORLD BOOK WEB

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OSHClub Update

It has been a wonderful few weeks in Oshclub. We welcomed another permanent assistant Neelofar Hussain, who will be working with us every afternoon.

Some of our themes in the recent weeks have been, weather, mothers day, the ANZACs, and most recently—community.

We asked the children what it meant to be part of the Girraween OSH community. Here were some of their thoughts:

Dhanvi: Respecting diversity
Neerav: Participation, eat food, and be yourself
Hriday: Play cricket
Rohini: Sharing
Anirudh: Taking care of each other

We have some vacancies in before school care this term, so to join us please go online:
oshclub.com.au

Thank you!
Maryam
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**Monday**

Steamed Dumplings Prawn (4 Per Serve) $4.00

**Tuesday**

Sushi Rolls Tuna or Chicken or Vege $3 Regular $5 Large

**Wednesday**

Hokkien Noodles Chicken & Carrot $3.80