

GRAPEVINE



Principal's News

Welcome to a new school term, the second of four school terms in 2016.

Didn't Term 1 finish on a high with our traditional end of term whole school family disco? We had a great roll-up of students and we were impressed by the parents and families who supported this event.

Didn't our students look fantastic in the Taree Anzac Day March? Thank you to Mr Stevens for his quality leadership in coordinating this event. Our school held our own very intimate and special tribute to the Anzacs this morning. We will have new flagpoles installed very soon and we will return to flying flags on a daily basis.

On Tuesday the entire school staff participated in some very strategic professional learning based on building and maintaining positive relationships, understanding mental health and wellbeing and developing strategies for

promoting and enhancing relationships and belonging for students. This professional learning for staff fits beautifully with our strategic directions of Quality Wellbeing and Quality Teaching.

A few key reminders. We have students with anaphylaxis. Please refrain from sending any items to school that contain nut products. This includes spreads and treats. The other reminder is about school hours. We provide supervision for students from 8:45am. Please do not send students to school before this time, especially with the cold weather approaching. If your child does arrive early, class teachers have taught all students where and how to wait in a safe and fair manner. We expect your support with these two matters.

Stay strong!
Paul Sortwell

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We Make It Happen

Whole School Assemblies

Friday at 9:25am

- ◆ 6 May
- ◆ 3 June
- ◆ 17 June
- ◆ 24 June (NAIDOC Week)

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day falls on Sunday 8 May. In the lead up to Mother's Day, 5/6B and Mrs Blick will be holding a Mother's Day stall each day next week.

This stall will provide all students with a chance to buy mum that perfect gift to say "I love you!". Gifts will be priced from \$1.50 up to \$4. Gift bags will also be on sale for \$1.50.

Please get behind this special initiative by 5/6B and help your children spoil mum this Mother's Day.

All profits from this event will go towards Year 6 fundraising.



NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5

On 10-12 May the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and Years 5 at our school. The results of the tests will provide important information to us about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. All students are expected to participate

in the tests. Class teachers will contact parents if they consider an exemption is warranted. Parents can also choose to withdraw their child from these tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed. For further information about NAPLAN, please contact Mrs Taylor or Mrs Theo before Monday 9 May.



**Our School
Beliefs
are
Be Safe
Be Fair
Be A Learner**



Student Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

This term student reports will be sent home on Thursday 16 June. These student reports will provide information on your child's learning progress for the first half of 2016. Parent teacher interviews will occur on Monday 20 June and Tuesday 21 June, from 3.25pm until 5pm on both days. Ten minute timeslots will be allocated for you to meet with your child's class teacher. We hope all parents will attend these interviews.



Respectful Relationships

Swearing is verbal abuse. Swearing hurts people's feeling. Swearing puts people down and makes people feel sad. As a community, let's put a stop to swearing at Manning Gardens PS. We need to teach our children, our students, that there are other ways to deal with anger, frustration and disappointment. At school, we use school language and swearing has no place at our school. Spread the word and let's work together

to put an end to swearing.



Upcoming P&C Meetings

**Wednesday
11 May
at 5:30pm**

**Wednesday
8 June
At 5:30pm**

**New members are
always welcome!**

Term 2 Dates and Events

29 April	SCG ten pin bowling	10 May	ASLC
2 May	After School Learning Centre (ASLC)	11 May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
2-6 May	Mother's Day Stall	11 May	P&C Meeting at 5.30pm
3 May	SCR ten pin bowling	12 May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
3 May	SCG and SCB excursion	12 May	Eisteddfod performance - band
3 May	ASLC	12 May	ASLC
6 May	Whole School Assembly	13 May	SCG ten pin bowling
6 May	SCG ten pin bowling	16 May	ASLC
6 May	Careers Through Science – 4/55	16 May	SCG and SCB library visit
9 May	ASLC	17 May	ASLC
10 May	NAPLAN Years 3 and 5	17 May	SCR ten pin bowling
10 May	SCR ten pin bowling	17 May	SCG and SCB excursion
10 May	SCG and SCB excursion	19 May	ASLC