Principal’s message

Just a reminder that this term our newsletter will be coming out every odd week and we will hold our school assemblies on the even weeks. It’s wonderful to have Miss Kierrin Elsely continuing to work at our school this term on a Friday. Have a read of her article Miss Elsely’s Memo further on in the newsletter to find out about some of the exciting activities she will be doing with the children.

Our sessions with Healthy Harold were very informative and we had a lovely day with the students at Congewai Public School. We played tennis, created a mini movie, engaged in maths activities and played during lunch and afternoon tea time. A big thanks to the parents who assisted with transport and to Congewai PS for the invitation.

The Mother’s (and other significant females) Day breakfast was a great success and it was nice to see so many people join us for our feast. Once again we had wonderful weather and the fog lifted in time for us to view the valley from our top playground. A big thanks to our cooks (Wayne, Marissa and Kierrin) who did a terrific job of keeping the food and coffee/tea/milos coming.

This week saw the Year 3 children sitting the NAPLAN tests. The four tests were Language Conventions, Reading, Writing and Numeracy. We expect to receive the results back in term 3.

Next week we are heading off to the Small Schools Athletics Carnival to participate in a range of events and fun activities. Canteen facilities are available on the day so please support Mulbring PS as they put on this service. Parents need to transport their child/children to meet Trudy and myself at the oval at 9am. There is an earlier start time of 8am for those students entering the 800m and high jump events.

We are starting to reap the rewards of our vegetable gardens and we will use the spinach to make lunch for ourselves next Monday. Yum!

Kind regards - Michelle Murphie
Library news from Mrs Baker

Just a reminder to keep going with the Premier’s Reading Challenge. If you have any questions just ask me.

Miss Elsley’s Memo

On Fridays for the next few weeks, students will be learning about time. Try encouraging your children to tell the time at home. It can be helpful to incorporate time into everyday language. For example, “In ten minutes we will be leaving”, or “It is now 4.00pm; we need to be there by 4.30pm!”

Also on Fridays throughout Term 2, students will be learning about safety with an emphasis on road safety.

Here are some safety messages we will be working on:

- Hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! Every time you cross the road

Office news

School banking is up and running for the year. As always there are some great prizes on offer for our regular bankers. Banking day is still Wednesday so please bring your banking wallets in and leave them on Mrs Ryan’s desk. This term the Commonwealth bank have also added to the prizes by announcing a new competition. The major prize is a family adventure at Sea World Resort on the Gold Coast. Please read the attached flyer to discover all of the details.

Notes - Thank you to those parents who have returned permission forms and money for the Walk to School Safely Day, Athletics Carnival and Musica Viva. We all get busy and sometimes it’s easy to forget, so if you haven’t returned your child’s form or money, please return it to the office asap. If you are unsure check with Trudy.
• Use a safe place to cross the road
• Always buckle up in your seatbelt
• Get in and out of the car on the footpath side
• Wait till the bus has gone, then use a safe place to cross the road
• Always wear your helmet when you ride, scooter or skate
• Ride your bike away from busy roads.

We have many activities to look forward to, including Walk Safely to School Day, making our own short educational video on road safety and the creation of a board game based on this theme.

Walk Safely to school day will be held on Friday 23rd May. I encourage students and parents to meet me at Slacks Park at 8.30am to take part in our walk safely to school day. Walking to school with your child would be a great way to utilised and reinforce new safety skills students have learnt in the classroom. A healthy breakfast of fresh fruit and yoghurt will be provided at the end of the walk.

As part of syllabus requirements, students will take part in a weekly news session on a Friday afternoon. Students will be required to talk up to two minutes on the allocated topic for that week. The students all got a copy of the weekly topics.

Chaplain’s Chatter

It looks like the carrot seeds are starting to germinate and there are still plenty of radishes. But on the Wednesday of last week the students took another step in the garden. They planted seeds into seed boxes in preparation for planting the seedlings that will come up soon. We planted, Broccoli, Silver Beet, Cauliflower and Cabbage seeds. Each of the students has a set of boxes to themselves and each will record the growth in the seedlings each week by taking photos with their ipads and then recording progress. It looks like we may have some reasonably sized plants ready by the end of term.

I will be back at the school next week and we will continue with the Wednesday Morning Teas.

I am looking forward to meeting with the parents once more.  

When: Every Wednesday in school terms  
Time: 9-10am  
Where: The meeting room in the school office block  
Free: Tea/coffee and a snack

And remember “Kids Matter because ‘Kids Matter’ ” - Graham
Student activities

Photos of our Mother’s (and other significant females) Day breakfast.
Community news

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2014

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

Walk Safety 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 23 May 2014!

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