Quality Teaching on Show.

I have had the pleasure this week of visiting all classrooms during Literacy and Numeracy time as part of our Teacher Review Schedule. It has reinforced to me how lucky we are to have such a skilled and committed teaching staff who are providing some fantastic teaching and learning activities for our students. It was wonderful to see all lessons tailored to meet the individual needs of students in Literacy and Numeracy which has been one of our focuses over the past two years. 2013 will see further work in this area through staff coding each other's lessons against National Teaching Standards to foster continued development.

These visits also allowed me to see first-hand the great work all our students were completing in these sessions, and let me learn a little more about the learning style of each child. This was a very valuable experience and showed me how engaged our students currently are in their learning. I encourage all parents to visit a classroom for a morning session as I have done this week, to see for themselves the great things that are happening in our classes, as well as pick up some tips for helping their child at home. If interested, please contact your child's teacher.

Easter Celebrations

An early Easter this year has sneakily been approaching and is only one week away! Our school will be holding our annual Easter celebration next Thursday 28th March. We will be holding an early recess starting at 1.40pm, in which parents are invited to come and share in some warm hot cross buns with their children (must be ordered through the canteen by Tuesday 26th March). We will then hold the annual Easter Hat Parade, Easter Egg hunt, Egg and Spoon races and hopefully receive a visit from a furry friend!

All parents and siblings are welcome to join in the fun!

Easter hats should be made at home and brought on Thursday.

Students in K-2 will also be treated to a special Easter activity on Wednesday when they link up via a Video Conference involving the “The Easter Bilby”. This will involve some lead up lessons in class followed by the Video Lesson where students make an Easter surprise.
Gifted and Talented Opportunities

Our school always strives to provide activities for students showing strengths or talents in a range of curricular and extra-curricular areas. As part of this program, seven of our Yr4/Yr6 students headed to Cessnock West PS yesterday to take part in “Thirsty Thinkers Day”. Students participated in 4 topics from guest speakers including “Challenging numbers”, “Tools for persuasive writing”, “Lose yourself in music” and “Mad Scientists for a day”. Students have also been busy finalising their projects as part of Mount View High Schools GATS program with a presentation for parents to be held on Thursday 4th April from 1.15pm.

Bike-a-thon

Students enjoyed a fantastic day on their bikes today as part of our annual “Ride to School Safely/Bike-a-thon”. Students participated in a range of activities teaching bike safety including obeying signs, braking and stopping, bike relays, obstacle courses to name a few. Thank you also to all parents who came to share in this great day of activities. Keep your eye on the newsletter and website next week for more photos.

Zone Soccer Trials

Congratulations to Dayandhi, Daniel and Cheyenne who this week represented our school at the Zone Soccer Trials at Weston. The students all played well, showing off some great skills, however due to the high level of talent at these trials, they were unsuccessful in moving to the next level. This stands us in good stead for our small school’s soccer knockout competition which will be held next term.

Zone Cross Country

Twenty one of our students will be participating in the Zone Cross Country at Bellbird this coming Wednesday. Students will leave school at 11.40 for a 12pm walk of the course before their events starting at 12.30pm. A canteen will be operating on the day for snack and drink purchasers. Good luck to

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School Cross Country Photos (more on the website)
PBL Focus of the week

In the office

Safe
- Ask for help
- Don’t enter the kitchen without an adult.
- Get a note from the office if late.

Responsible
- Hand in their money and notes of a morning.
- Only go after seeing a teacher at breaks.

Respectful
- Knock once and wait
- Know it is a quiet place.

This week’s Principal’s Award

Congratulations to Ethan who gets this week’s Principal’s award. Ethan was this week noticed using exceptional manners when visiting the office. Great Job Ethan!

Yours in Education,
Scott Anderson
Principal

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Miss Pringle’s Class Awards K/1
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Mahleea Peterkin for being a happy and helpful student in class
Lily Brell for always using beautiful manners and helping others

Mrs Ford’s Class Awards 2/3/4
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Rose Brell for her excellent contribution to maths group work
Luke Jamieson for working hard in all aspects of the classroom

Ms Cornish’s Class Awards 5/6
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Taylah Hollingshed for working hard to complete set tasks on her computer
Cassandra Noon for informative and accurate contributions to our Text Study lessons

Mrs Durie’s Class Awards
Congratulations to this week’s award recipients:
Makayla Cagney for always trying her best in spelling and reading groups
Jorja Shearer for an excellent effort when practising her sight words!
Drew Dodgson for always being a responsible and respectful library user
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Hope Estate Fundraiser

A huge thank you to Debbie Billinghurst, Deborah Noon, Ben and Jodie Dederer, Dave and Deb Asquith, Mr Anderson and Damien Brell, who gave up their time at our Hope Estate Fundraiser on Saturday 16\textsuperscript{th} March. You did a wonderful job and raised some important funds for our kids!

Donations are needed for the Easter Egg Raffle

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\textbf{TO BE DRAWN}
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Please bring all donations to the office ASAP