Principal Message

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:

- **Reading**
- **Writing**
- **Language Conventions** (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- **Numeracy**

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy developed over time through the school curriculum.

Last week our students completed their tests, along with class observations and stage assessments. We will continue to use all information to direct student learning. It is important to remember each child is unique and will develop at his /her own rate.

Term 2 Dates to Remember

Zone Cross Country - Tuesday 26th May

Wacky Wednesday Lunch Box Day! – Wednesday 27th May

P&C Meeting – Monday 1st June

Public Holiday – Monday 8th June

NAIDOC Day Performance – Wednesday 10th June

PSSA Gala Day – Friday 12th June
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

We would like to congratulate Dakota for her wonderful achievement as a Safe Respectful Learner. Dakota has reached her Gold Medallion.

To receive this award Dakota has earned the following:

- 3 Mini Awards
- 3 Merit Awards
- 3 Bronze Awards
- 3 Silver Awards
- 2 Gold Awards
- Gold Award + Invitation to Principal’s end of year excursion/special event
- Medallion
Cross Country

The sun finally shone for our K-2 and 3-6 Cross Country. Congratulations to all students on their wonderful participation and fair sportsmanship. Ice block stations supplied by our P&C and our fabulous blow up finish line added to our atmosphere.

Congratulations to our top 8 students in each age race who will represent our school at the Zone Carnival at Ambarvale.

A reminder to all students who have not brought in their sponsorship money that they are encouraged to collect their donations and bring in to the front office.
Mother’s Day

I hope mothers and grandmothers enjoyed a wonderful day last Sunday. Thank you to our P&C for their large range of beautiful gifts for the Mother’s Day Stall. Our children really appreciated their special shopping trip.
Preparations are currently underway for our 2015 Extravaganza. The “Extravaganza” is held every two years and has had wonderful community support.

Dance2bfit provides a 10 week program. The dance/fitness component is based on many dance styles suited to both boys and girls with “fun” and “fitness” being the focus. It is not an elite program or “just for girls” and caters for all levels of dance experience. We have employed “Dance2bfit Concert Program which includes the following.

Week 1 – Dance Instructors - Free Lesson to all students  
Week 2 – Dance Instruction begins - 10 x 45 min lessons  
Week 9 - Dance Instruction/ Support - Dress Rehearsal  
Week 9 - Dance Instruction/ Performance “The Extravaganza”

- Choreography of whole school finale  
- Costumes – supplied by “Dance to be Fit”  
- Professional Audio - cut music and equipment  
- Dress Rehearsal Instructors provided

Cost $ 4.00 per lesson - $40.00 per student (only first 2 family members pay)  
* Student Assistance- available on application to office for support where needed  
* Weekly payment plans can be arranged where needed.

For more information please visit their website http://dance2bfit.com.au/

Sue Sessions

Principal
St Helens Park Public School ANZAC Commemorative Garden

The design of the ANZAC Commemorative Garden is aimed at incorporating aspects related to the 100th Anniversary of the ANZACs landing at Gallipoli in Turkey in 1915.

- The straight path, made of crushed granite from the Snowy Mountains region, represents the 1 in the number 100. One end of the path points to West where ‘The Last Post’ is traditionally played at sunset. The opposite end of the path points to East where ‘The Reveille’ is traditionally played at sunrise.
- The inner circular border around the central Australian native Flinders Ranges Wattle represents the first zero in 100.
- The outer circular garden border of sandstone bushrock represents the second zero in 100.
- The 4 large bushrocks at the corners of the straight path represent the 4 military personnel called the ‘Catafalque Party’ who guard over the raised platform where the ANZAC Day service is conducted. The 4 military personnel are a Royal Australian Army soldier, a Royal Australian Navy sailor, a Royal Australian Air Force airman and a New Zealand Army soldier.
- The 2 semi-circles of gardens represent the semi-circular shape of the Royal Australian Army ‘Rising Sun’ emblem. The garden facing north also contains the main monument rock which houses the commemorative plaque dedicated to the ANZACs 100th Anniversary of the landing at a place called Gallipoli on the western coast of Turkey in 1915.
- All of the Australian Native plants in the garden have been especially selected for their flower colour, size and bird attracting abilities.

Lest We Forget