Next week’s CHAPEL PROGRAM promises to be extra special. Please refer to the letter that was sent out for further details.

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Our Garden Grows and Grows...
Principal’s Message

The man next door rebuilds old steamboats. He brings home an old timber wreck and painstakingly strips away all the paint and varnish. Any broken or rotten parts he carefully restores, matching the style and shape. The old steam engine, corroded and wrecked, is pulled apart and each part painstakingly polished. New parts are hand made in brass. It takes many hours of sticking at the task, but the final product of that attention to detail, over time, is outstanding.

Perseverance – ‘persistence, endurance, stick-to-itiveness, staying power, dogged – diligence’ – a great list of words to describe the focus and tenacity that show so keenly in a job well done.

The product of that perseverance is just fantastic as it toots its steam horn proudly and putt-putts across the lake. Thomas Edison made 18,000 attempts before he invented the simple but effective light globe. He learned well the value of staying with a task.

A task may be challenging but it can be done if we stick to it.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

Art Show

A reminder of the Art Show taking place this Saturday evening at the Cooranbong Campus. The show commences at 6pm with drinks and canapes prepared and served by the Yr 11 Hospitality Students. There will also be music performances by the Yr 11 Music students. At 6.30pm the official welcome address will begin with prizes announced. This event gives the opportunity to showcase the talent of the Yr 12 D&T and Visual Art student projects along with K-12, the Early Learning Centre and Toronto Campus student works. We’d love to see you there!

Great Results for Toronto

Each year our students in Yr. 5 and Yr. 3 do the NAPLAN tests in English and Numeracy – Maths! These tests are given to all children across Australia and the results are benchmarked against the National performance. Toronto Campus is a small school but we are BIG on RESULTS. It’s just great to see our students scoring on or above the benchmarks and some recording scores well above the benchmarks. All the hard work from the teachers over the last couple of years with foundation in the SLL program is now starting to show in the performance of the children. Congratulations to our Toronto students for great NAPLAN results!

Great Campus Outstanding Ambassadors

We are starting to plan already for 2017 and that means we need to get the word out that there are spaces for students in our great little school. We have a NEW brochure and we would love to get these out into the community. Our data shows that our best ambassadors for the school are our parents who can tell the story so well. Please drop in and see Mrs Allan in the Office and collect a brochure or two to share with families you know. If every family encouraged one student enrolment then just imagine our school with waiting lists.

To encourage you to be our best promoters, if a new student enrols and says your family recommended them we will give you a $250 discount off your fees for K-6 enrolments. Now that’s an offer worth considering!!

Let’s build our great school for 2017!!
Welcome to Term 2! It’s great to see everyone back at school again. We hope you had a wonderful holiday. Congratulations to Riley who celebrated his birthday during the holiday break.

Even though we’ve only been here for four days this week, it has been a busy time filled with lots of activities. We ... of landings at Galipoli. We plan to take good care of these special reminders of what others have done for our country.

We have begun to study a new book in English and we are having lots of fun finding out all about the adventures of a girl ... we are looking forward to sharing our work with others. Well done everyone for a fantastic effort in our spelling test!

We are trying really hard to fulfil our homework requirements for the new term. We need to remember to complete our new ... night. We are going to try really hard to read lots of books and record our efforts in our new Reading Record Booklets.

A great start to the term, everyone!

Pre-Kindy

This week we have been learning about the letters l, h and u. We tasted lemon and lime lemonade, honey on a cracker, and Uncle Toby’s oats - with an umbrella in it! Our story this week has been a film study about the Ugly Duckling. This was a very popular movie with lots of children wanting to view it again. Our value this week has been perseverance, and Pre-Kindy led out in our chapel program. We even made a movie about perseverance. We know that to show perseverance, we need to, “Keep trying.”

In the gardens, we prepared a garden bed for planting, moved soil around, and put garden waste into our compost bins. The children love the physical work outdoors.

In Maths time, the children have been loving using Study Ladder, our new computer program, which can also be used at home. Look out for the log in codes that I will be sending home.

Have a great week everyone!
During Maths this week our focus has been position. The theme for show and tell for this week: favourite toy to show and tell about.
Next week the topic for show and tell is: Bring something you have made. Tell us how you made it.
Group 3 Garden
Group 4 Garden hunt
Group 1 and 2 Science discussion
Our garden group moved some mulch and prepared our garden beds ready to plant with seedlings.
We are now seeing a lot of change in our bean seeds. As they grow we can see the roots spreading out rapidly and some even have the first signs of a leaf coming.

Congratulations to the following students:
Star of the Week – Isobel
Value of the Week Award – Tyler
Speedy Maths – Mikayla, Katie, Eden, and Ioana.
The reading certificates are a little over due as I have been forgetting to add them to our chapel presentations. Thank you to parents for filling out the reading log as that is how I calculate how many books have been read.
Reading Certificates - Reading 15 Home Readers- Katie, Daniel, Kayden, Grady, Ioana, Isobel, Eden and Mikayla.
Reading Certificates – Reading 30 Home Readers- Katie, Daniel, Kayden, Grady, Eden and Ioana.
Parents can you please remind students that homework folders need to come to school every day.
We have our Infants Sports Day on Friday which we are all looking forward to. Keep watch for photos of this event in next week’s newsletter.
We have worked hard this week and achieved some amazing things. We have been learning all about how to use a compass and we have completed activities to develop our skills with using maps. It has been great fun!

We have been very busy in English. We worked very hard in reading comprehension and we had some great class discussions about our answers. We also made origami tulips and then wrote a set of procedures about how they were created. It was great to see everyone working really well in Spelling. We discovered some interesting synonyms and antonyms relating to our words this week.

We began working on a special art project all about our country. We talked about what makes Australia unique and then we were asked to think about how we can show this in pictures. We began to draw pictures to place on a collage and next week we are going to take a walk around our school and capture photos of things that are distinctly Australian. We will then add these to our collages. We are looking forward to the finished products!

A big thank you to Mrs Borgas for teaching us on Tuesday and Mrs Greensill for teaching us on Thursday while Mrs Ryan was away. We hope Mrs Ryan feels better soon!

Great work this week, everyone!
Prayer Requests

We would like to encourage our school community to come together in prayer.

If you have any prayer requests, please feel free to let the staff know, so that we can include your request in our prayers.

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