Dear Parents & Carers,

YEAR 3, 5 & 7 2014 NAPLAN TESTS
All students in these year levels received a 2014 NAPLAN Parent Information brochure last week.

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/). If you have any concerns, please contact your child’s teacher.

NAPLAN tests are a routine part of the school calendar. However students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child’s school. A formal application form can be collected from the office and must be received by the principal prior to Friday 9 May if parents are intending to withdraw their child.

Kind Regards,
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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded the Student of the Week Award for their classes today on Parade:
PREP: Lachlan F, Lachlan W-P, Isla, Mia, Ava & Ryan
YEAR 1: Ryan, Maya, Jaime, & Arama
YEAR 2: Kayla, Brooke, Bradley, Perrin, Gabbie & Owen
YEAR 3: Travis, Jack, Sophie, Liam, Tejay & Eli
YEAR 4: Alexa, Byron, Molly & Jye
YEAR 5: Sonny, Eli & Liam
YEAR 6: Jakoda, Cheyanne & Jayde
YEAR 7: Alissa & Lucy

A REQUEST FROM THE OFFICE
Could all parents please let us know their current email address so that we can check our records and update our records as needed? Thanks!

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
Another fantastic North Arm Cross Country and Fun Run event was held last Thursday. The weather held up and team spirit was impressive, with Captains leading their Houses in loud and passionate war cries and cheering for runners. Well done to all participants. An excellent effort was put in from Prep to Year 7, and concluded with another Ninderry victory. A big congratulations to Age Champions:
10 years Jazz and Byron;
11 years Keira and Jackson;
12 years Porscha and Jake;
13 years Hannah and Noah.
There will be 18 students representing North Arm at the Nambour District Trials on May 20. We wish them the best of luck.
We are now into our Athletics training in HPE lessons and Friday sport, in preparation for the carnival at the end of this term. We are very lucky to have a highly qualified Coach from Noosa Little Athletics working with the Yr 3s to 7s during our lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Regard, Claire Hope (PE Teacher)

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS- IN THE KITCHEN
Yesterday we started another new menu for the next few weeks: Eggplant lasagne, Parsley and basil pesto pizza, Kale chips and Passionfruit slice. We harvested eggplants, basil, parsley and kale from the school garden. Local donated produce that we used were lemons and passionfruit. Thankyou to the Heslop family (year 2) for the passionfruit and bananas. Also thank you to yesterdays parent helpers Tracey (3F), Emma, Kylie and Jane (4B). It makes the lesson so much better with the extra help. We have been busy making Lemon and poppyseed biscuits, Rosellas in syrup, Toasted Muesli and various chutneys for the Mother’s Day stall on Friday. Thankyou Rachael Rohr for helping with this.
To assist in preparing your child and self (if you are able to volunteer) the following kitchen classes are next Tuesday 13 May: 9am- 4F (Mrs Fabbro), 11.40am-5/6 Mrs Wellman, 1.40pm-2/3 (3 only) Mrs Cividen.
Just a reminder also, that long hair needs to be tied back out of the face for cooking for hygiene reasons, particularly when cooking for others.
Regard, Belinda Paynter (Mother’s Day Coordinator)

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Week 3 Tuckshop Special: Spinach Feta Filo Parcel ($4.00 or $6.00 for Special + Fruit Juice + Ice Cream treat or apply slinky)

NB Friday is Flexischools Orders only-no cash on Fridays thanks)

To all Prep and parents new to our NASS tuckshop, please register on FlexiSchools to order at: https://www.flexischools.com.au

Also please consider lending a hand in Tuckshop, the look on childrens’ faces when they see loved ones in the tuckshop is priceless.
Regards, Bec

MOTHER’S DAY STALL (FRIDAY 9 MAY)
Thanks for all the donations. Keep them coming! We will accept them up until Thurs 8 May. A reminder if anybody is planning on baking that all food must be nut free, and a list of ingredients included. All welcome to join us for coffee while we sort and gift wrap on Thurs 8th at 9.00am. Contact Belinda ph 0418 308 047 or just turn up, we’d love to see you!

Regards, Belinda Paynter (Mother’s Day Coordinator)

P&C CHOCOLATE DRIVE
A huge Thanks to all the parents and carers that have returned the money for the “Keeping the Library Cool” chocolate drive, right now we have covered our costs and are looking for the last of the money to come in so we can finalise this fundraiser and present the prizes to the first 50 families who sold their chocolate boxes.

We have some boxes left to sell so if anyone is up for a further challenge please connect with Tracy Farmer (tsaint8@gmail.com) or Sue Pele (sue@richerlives.com.au)

Regards, Sue Pele, (P&C President)

NOMADS PLAGROUP (NASS)
Just a reminder that we have a Play Group operating at our school for all children from Birth to Prep age, every Monday morning from 9.00-10.45am. This is a great social opportunity for parents and bubs alike and everyone is welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS!
Congratulations to Makenzee of 1R, who competed in the 2014 Sunshine Coast Dance Eisteddfod being run in Caloundra last week and this coming week.

Makenzee was placed: Third - Solo U6 Classical Ballet; First - U6 Classical Group; First - U8 Classical Group; Second - U8 Lyrical Group & Third - U8 Novelty Group.

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COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Year 6/7 into Year 7/8 – Junior Secondary 2015
Coolum SHS would like to invite all current Year 6 and 7 parents and students
to an
‘Information Evening’
Wednesday 7 May, 6.00-7.00pm, Coolum SHS (Humanities Block)
The evening will provide all parents with a valuable insight into important is-
/issues related to Year 7/8/9 students moving into Junior Secondary at Coolum