Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am writing this newsletter in Tony’s absence. He will be returning to school this coming Monday. Thank you to Annette Condon for the professional job she has done in teaching the Primary class over the last two weeks.

**CROSS COUNTRY WRAP UP**

Friday began overcast and showers started. At no time did we consider postponing the day. The energy, effort and organisation that staff and parents contributed to this event cannot be measured. Darcy McDonald does an amazing job preparing the track. Rebeka Piggott is relentless in her pursuit of information from the other competing schools. She does a great job organising the competitors and staff. Our P & C, under the direction of Kerri Moss, do a fantastic job in catering. Thank you to everyone for their efforts on the day. Our students were outstanding in their behaviour and participation in all races. We have four children who will travel to Corndale in 2 weeks to compete in the Zone cross Country.

**GOOD LUCK**

To the following competitors who will be competing at Zone Cross Country

- Maggie Moss - 1st in 8/9yrs girls
- Xavier Cook - 6th in 8/9yrs boys
- Annie Brosnan - 4th in 11yrs girls
- Hope Porter - 5th in 11yrs girls

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**CLASS WEEKLY AWARDS**

**INFANTS CLASS**

Travis Marvin - Excellent effort in academic pursuits and being helpful to other students.

**PRIMARY CLASS**

Ned Arthur - Providing interesting and well constructed oral presentations and feedback in class
NAPLAN FOR YEARS 3 & 5 STUDENTS
NEXT TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY
The federal government’s NAPLAN tests will take place in week 3 this term for students in Years 3, 5, 7, & 9.
Our year 3&5 students will be guided through these assessments with Mr McCartney.
All primary students have been looking at the format of the 4 tests over the past couple of weeks to make sure they feel comfortable with the format. These tests are important for diagnostic purposes, that is, we use the results to find areas of development for students and teaching programs. We try to encourage a relaxed attitude towards the tests. There is no need for anyone (students, parents or teachers) to get stressed or anxious about the tests. Each session is only an hour or less spread over 3 days.

COLOURSS YEAR 6 CAMP @
COLLINS CREEK PS 12/13 JUNE
All COLOURSS year 6 students have been invited to attend the annual Year 6 Camp. This is a very important and beneficial activity for all year 6 students to cement friendships and work on new social strategies in preparation for high school. The camp involves leadership activities with COLOURSS teachers and a visit from Kyogle HS staff and students who will lead discussion and activities to provide a positive transition to the high school setting for 2015. Permission notes are being sent home to Year 6 students today.

NEW SAND PIT TOYS
The P & C donated $100 towards the purchase of new sandpit toys. These are now available to the students and are stored in mini wheelie bins purchased with money raised by the Student Parliament morning teas. What a great collaboration. The Student Parliament and the P & C working together

MR MCCARTNEY BACK ON DECK NEXT
MONDAY
Mr McCartney will be back on duty next Monday after some leave. The school would like to thank Mrs Condon for her 2 weeks of teaching this term with the primary class. They have enjoyed their lessons and look forward to seeing you again. Mrs Perrin will continue her Wednesday lessons till the end of term 2.

ATHLETIC TRAINING
We have begun preparing for the small schools Athletics carnival which is in week 8 of this term. Larry Condon is generously donating his time and expertise every Tuesday afternoon for whole school training sessions. The students are enjoying the training.

WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS
Marne Petherbridge and Mikailah Piggott will be completing one week’s work experience at The Risk next week. We welcome both girls and will certainly keep them busy during this time.

P & C MEETING
The monthly P & C meeting will be held on Monday morning 12th May at 9.00am. Please note the change in time from afternoon to morning. We hope this will suit lots of parents, if they are dropping children at school.

FRIDAY LUNCHES
$5.00 Meal Deal
The P & C are offering the students a special on Friday. Lunch will be a drink, chips and sausage roll or cheese and spinach roll for $5. Orders will be taken on Friday morning.

BOOKCLUB
Please return by 16th May

MOTHERS DAY
Any outstanding monies for the Mother’s day gifts please send back to school by Friday in the envelope attached to your newsletter

STEWART HOUSE MUFTI DAY
& DONATION DRIVE & BOUNCY BALL SALES
9th May
The Student Parliament will once again support a worthy public school charity, Stewart House on Friday 9th May. All funds raised from the donation drive envelopes (attached to newsletter), the Mufti Day and Bouncy Ball sales help keep Stewart House open so that disadvantaged students from across NSW have the chance to go to Sydney for a break and a health check.
Bouncy Balls will be on sale from Friday 9th May for $3 each. We have only ordered 30 which is enough for 1 each plus a couple of spares. Money can be sent in over the following week for a ball or brought in with a gold coin donation for Mufti day on Friday 9th May.
Please remember you can send in money for a bouncy ball or your donation envelope any day over the next week.

Below Right - The 5 to 7 year old girls line up for the 600m run.
below - The fierce competition between the 8/9 year old boys

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Playgroup at The Risk
We are investigating the possibility of offering The Risk School as a venue to hold a playgroup. We need a minimum of 3 interested families. If you are interested in supporting this venture please ring Rebeka at The Risk Public school to express your interest and leave contact details for further correspondence.
School Office - 02 66 366 127
Email - therisk.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM
The cooler weather means students will be wearing “layers” to school. Tracksuit pants should be navy blue in keeping with our school uniform policy. The school jacket is very warm, practical and looks great. Students should be encouraged to wear this to school. Please label all winter items.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
To all Mum’s, Grandmothers and Caregivers

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