PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Over the past weeks Year 3-6 students have been participating in selections for the CWA Public Speaking Competition. Each student has prepared and presented a speech to their class. Congratulations to Isabelle Back (Yr3), Lachlan Coleman (Yr4), Jake Philpott (Yr5) and Alex Andrews (Yr6) who have been selected as the Clergate representatives to compete in the competition to be held at Kinross later this month.

The new classroom will be delivered this Friday. The 4-6 classroom has been painted inside, the southern wall outside has been repaired and painted and the screens replaced. We are expecting the carpet to be replaced in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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Show. Thanks to Miss Swiatkiwsky for coordinating and showcasing the ANZAC themed art display which looked spectacular.

Attendance: We have been closely monitoring the student attendance rate and we have noticed an increasing number of students with a regular absence especially for the whole or part of Friday and on carnival days. Of particular concern for staff is the number of lessons or assessment tasks missed by individuals in a KLA which is only covered on a particular day. The Department has specifically stated that if students are regularly absent they are to have a medical certificate. If attendance is unexplained or unsatisfactory we are required to place students on a formal Attendance Plan and work closely with parents to improve this. We urge all our students to have excellent attendance as a priority, to maximise their learning and educational opportunities.

Mother’s Day: Thank-you to the P&C and volunteers who organised the stall for our students to purchase gifts for Mother’s Day. We wish all the gorgeous Mums a beautiful day and hope they enjoy the presents.

NAPLAN will be held next week. If your child is sick or absent please notify the office on the morning of the exam.
The timetable is as follows:
Tuesday
10.15-11.15 Language Conventions
12.20-1.20 Writing
Wednesday
10.15-11.15 Reading
Thursday
10.15-11.15 Numeracy

AWARDS

K/1 Awards
Lachlan Coutts  Presenting his news clearly and confidently
Kaden Prior For his terrific effort in TEN
Oliver Fowler His wonderful effort in Literacy Groups
Preston Wallace His beautiful handwriting

1/2 Awards
Emma Hills Counting 266 cubes into the scales when weighing a stapler!
Rebecca Kemp Writing thoughtful ‘Bucket Filling’ slips to her friends
Lincoln Bouffler Accurate work in using $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{3}{4}$

3/4 Awards
Lachlan Coleman Presenting his speech twice in front of 2 classes
Thomas Wright His keenness and determination to present his well prepared speech
Mickayla Hillman Presenting an excellent speech and for her positive feedback to all students
Ella Matthews Attending choir auditions by herself and always contributing and participating enthusiastically in Music
Kate Ferguson Willingness to present her speech to 2 classes

4-6 Awards
Zack Vanderboon His fantastic creative writing on Storybird
Cameron Griffiths The care and attention to detail in his art work
Mark Kemp His outstanding dedication in Maths
Georgia Larkin An excellent creative writing piece on Storybird

MORNING ARRIVAL TIME
We would like to remind parents that the earliest students can arrive at school is 8.30am. If your child/ren need to be dropped off at this time they must sit quietly on the chairs in the eating area until dismissed by the morning duty teacher. Please note that staff are not required to be on duty until 8.45am. Prior to this they are in classrooms preparing work or attending meetings.

OSSA CROSS COUNTRY
The OSSA Cross Country will be held this Friday 8 May. All students from Kinder to Year 6 are expected to participate in the Cross Country.

OSSA SPORTING TEAMS
Congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent OSSA in the following sporting teams:
Rugby Union – Jake Philpott, Jack Stubbs
Touch Football (boys)– Jackson Wright, Jack Stubbs, Riley Robinson, Jarad Prior
Touch Football (girls) - Jade Harding, Bonnie Keegan, May Turner
Soccer (boys) – Jack Stubbs, Kallum Bouffler
Soccer (girls) – May Turner, jade Harding, Bonnie Keegan
Hockey – May Turner, Bonnie Keegan
Netball – Bonnie Keegan, May Turner, Summer Gillespie, Emily Eleftheriou

LOST JUMPERS
Cameron Hawkins has lost his size 8 woollen jumper and size 12 sports hoodie, both have his name in them. Please check your child’s jumpers at home.

SCHOOL FEES
School fees are now due. The fee structure for this year is $60 for the first child and $50 for each child thereafter. The payment of such fees is not compulsory; however, parents are strongly encouraged to support the school in this manner.