Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome Back
Welcome back to term 2. It will be a busy and long term of 11 weeks. The students will be involved in NAPLAN testing, interschool sport, excursions, in-school activities and three-way conferences for reporting.

NAPLAN Testing
A reminder that National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Testing will take place in week four this term, from Monday 11th to Friday 15th May for years 3 & 5.

Half Day Close for 3 Way Reporting
On Thursday 25th June we will be closing the school from 12.20pm for 3 way reporting conferences to be held. If you have any questions about this, please contact the office.

Term 2 Calendar
The calendar for this term was sent home with your child last Thursday. This calendar is also available on our website.

Parking in Laythorne Street
I would like to remind everyone who picks up or drops off children to school that you are not to park in the driveways of residents. Parking is ONLY in the marked bays in front of the school in Laythorne Street or in Wewak Court. Please don’t leave your car stationary in the access road of Wewak Court as the school bus is not able to exit and this in turn causes delays in getting those children home. Some children are also getting out of cars that are stationary on Laythorne Street which is very dangerous practice.

Mother’s Day
We wish all mothers associated with our school a most enjoyable day on Sunday 10th May. We sincerely appreciate the support you extend to students directly and by assisting the P&C and in classrooms. I also encourage you all to buy a raffle ticket in the P&C Mother’s Day Raffle. The prizes are excellent.

Chris Brackenreg
PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

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ANZAC Ceremonies
Yesterday the whole school participated in two separate but equally moving ceremonies to honour the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. The senior students in years 3-6 attended the ceremony at Mirrabooka Senior High School and we are proud of their good and respectful behaviour. The junior school (PP-year2) also paid their respects in a ceremony held in the school hall.

The magnificent poppy wall made by all of the students in the Mirrabooka Precinct

Interschool Sport
Let the games begin! The first fixture for this year will be tomorrow at home against Dryandra Primary School. We wish all our students well and expect that they will participate with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship.
School Banking
Don’t forget that Thursday, 8.30am is School Banking Day and students should bring their weekly deposit to Room 4.

Breakfast Club
Come along and have a healthy breakfast on Thursday mornings in the canteen from 7.45am. A permission note must be signed by parent/guardian before you can attend – they are available in the office. If you are available to help out on that morning please come along.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to those families who have already paid. This money goes towards the extra benefits our children use at school which is not covered by the school grant. The amount is $40 per child with a maximum of $100 per family. Thank you in anticipation.

SCHOOL TIMES
Start of Day - 8.40am
Morning Recess - 10.40am—11.00am
Lunch - 12.35pm—1.15pm
End of Day - 3.00pm

*****Please note:
Every Thursday is late start at 8.55am and early closing at 2.30pm.

Why we should encourage our children to play outdoors.
As soon as a child is able to explore and discover things on their own, a new chapter of their life opens up – and usually while we’re not looking! They’re making their own choices about what they touch, feel and experience and their imagination and creativity begins to grow. Without even knowing it, their motor skills are improving, their common sense is building and they’re learning more about nature and how the world works … They’re having fun and they can’t get enough of it.

The more opportunities and experiences we present them with, the faster they’ll learn and grow, and we’ll help them become the happy, thriving, well-rounded kids they were born to be.

An extract from Jamie Durie’s book “Outdoor Kids”

TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Mirrabooka Primary School 9344 8655
Intensive English Centre (IEC) 9440 7777
Mirrabooka Pre-Primary 9344 8655
Mirrabooka Dental Therapy 9349 0330
Mirrabooka Senior High School 9345 9200
Mirrabooka Library 9345 2568
Facsimile 9344 1561
Facsimile IEC 9440 7788

DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL?
Some of the main reasons for children being late to school are:

- Won’t get out of bed
- Won’t go to bed
- Can’t find their bag, clothes, books, homework……
- Lunch not ready
- Slow to eat breakfast
- Homework not done
- Test or presentation at school
- Birthdays
- Watching TV until late, or watching TV when meant to be getting ready for school
- Screaming and not letting go of you

Here are some suggestions which are based on setting regular routines:

- Have a set time to be out of bed
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Make lunches the night before
- Have a set time for starting/ending breakfast
- Set a daily time for homework activities
- **BE FIRM**, children MUST attend school
- Provide lots of positive encouragement
- **BE FIRM**, a birthday is not a holiday
- Turn the TV on only for a set time, and if appropriate
- Time arrival to school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with teacher beforehand, place your child’s hand into that of the teacher/assistant and then leave.
COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Plans for the Mirrabooka Community Garden have been completed and participants in the Public Meeting held last term were universally enthusiastic over the design. Our thanks go to landscape architect Liam Lacey and his mentor Paul Rumble of Rotary for the plans and Charles Otway of TerraPerma for the original ideas.

The Rotary network is able to work in a community providing support and expertise. Matilda Bay Rotary has been linked with MSHS (now the Mirrabooka Precinct) for the past 20 years or so and they look forward to strengthening their ties with our community through this project.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

1st Prize - GET FIT PACK
( $300.00 Gift Voucher to Leisurepark Balga & Gift Basket )

2nd Prize - PAMPER PACK
( Basket of Beauty Products )

3rd Prize - GIFT PACK
( Basket of Goodies for MUM )

Tickets will be on sale outside Room 4 before school. Raffle will be drawn on Friday 8th May.

Healthy Snack Alternatives

It is not uncommon to hear children requesting snacks such as ‘a packet of chips’, ‘some soft drink’ or a ‘chocolate biscuit’. It is sometimes difficult to say no because the more nutritious alternatives are not as appealing or quick to prepare. Below are some suggestions for more nutritious alternatives for snacks.

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<td>Corn chips &amp;</td>
<td>Carrot sticks with home-made hummus or tzatziki dip, low fat cheese slices and wholegrain crackers</td>
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<td>Chocolate biscuit</td>
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<td>Ice-cream</td>
<td>Frozen low fat yoghurt, natural yoghurt drizzled with honey or low fat custard with fresh fruit</td>
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* Nuts are a high allergy food for some children. Check your school’s policy regarding nuts. For more information on the Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Schools, go to www.allergy.org.au/posspapers/anaphylaxis.htm
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