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From the Principal

Today marks the end of week six of the term and much has been happening in our school.

NAPLAN

I am very proud of the engagement of our students in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) over the past two weeks. Despite state-wide network issues on day 1, rain and COVID we managed to finish our testing last Friday. In total 589 students (+ 1 BSDE student who attended our school) completed the tests across Year 7 and 9, completing a total of 2,356 individual NAPLAN tests.

The results of these tests are useful when considered in line with our school assessments. The current year 7 and 9 students did not sit their tests in 2020 so this will give a good snapshot of their progress.

Special thanks must go to Dr Darnell, Ms Muller, Ms Scholes, Ms Stanway and Ms Jennings for their efficient and supportive manner in running the tests, and our two technicians Mr Strachan and Mr Kerr who ensured that our devices were charged and ready for use.

Our school will receive detailed reports and students receive an individualized report later in the year.



Belated 2021 School Dux Presentation



I was pleased to welcome Paulina back earlier this month so that we could present her with her Dux prizes from Heritage Bank which we were unable to do earlier in the year. Paulina is currently studying a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Education (Secondary) at the University of Queensland, but was happy to come back and see that her name is already up on our honour board in the office. Paulina is such a great role model for our students and we will proudly monitor her career path.

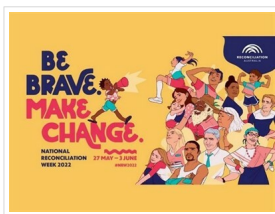
May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

Our school has an expectation of being Respectful – and this is the core message of DFV Prevention. I have talked on parades this week to students about what a respectful relationship looks like and what it is not. I have talked about the importance of knowing how to act so that you are not a victim, you are not a perpetrator and not being a passive bystander.



Students – and parents – are encouraged to report any concerns to members of the Executive or Student Services Team, Year Coordinators, or another trusted adult so that they can get support to manage difficult situations.

National Sorry Day/Reconciliation Week



Yesterday was National Sorry Day – an opportunity to acknowledge and raise awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture.

National Reconciliation Week, which starts today, celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

The 2022 theme for Reconciliation Week - Be Brave. Make Change. - is a challenge to us all to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for all. At school we look for opportunities to discuss the importance of National Sorry Day and how we, together, can make change.

COVID updates

As we work to understand what 'COVID normal' looks like I remind parents that if a child is unwell or showing symptoms of COVID they should remain at home. If students are unwell and are missing assessments – particularly if they are in years 10-12 – please contact the school on the day of the assessment (if not before) so that we can set up an AARA (Access Arrangement and Reasonable Adjustment) with the appropriate evidence. Application forms can be found on our school website.

Students who are close contacts, but not showing symptoms, may come to school but must be wearing a mask for seven days.

I remind parents that the school has RATs that can be sent home with students if they are feeling unwell. Students are welcome to wear a mask at school if they feel more comfortable doing this.

Congratulations Esports National Champions



How exciting for both of our Esports teams to make it to the National finals of the Rocket League Series 1 2022. Our Green team progressed through to the Grand Final and won their

tournament 7 games to nil – against a team that had never been beaten before. Well done Alex, Cooper and Zac.

2023 Enrolments

I was very pleased to welcome so many families to our Showcase afternoon on Thursday May 12 despite the very wet weather. We also had many interested parents attend our school tour on Wednesday afternoon.

Our first enrolment afternoon is Monday May 30. Parents wishing to attend on Monday should contact the school office to ensure that they have completed the correct enrolment paperwork. All new students must attend an information afternoon with their parents to complete their school enrolment.



Students interested in our Academic Program of Excellence class should book in to participate in the testing on June 14. Students interested in our other Programs of Excellence – Dance, Rugby League, Instrumental Music or Esports – should be in touch with the school to progress your applications as soon as possible.

Parents and Citizens' Day

Friday May 20 was P&C Day. On this day we take a moment to pause and recognize the importance of having an active P&C in our school. Our P&C runs our tuck-shop and uniform shop, it provides input into important discussions in our school, and provides financial support to both individual students and school programs. I thank all members of our P&C but particularly our past and current office bearers for your commitment to working with school staff to improve the educational experience for our students.



Afternoon Student Pick-ups



Staff have again brought to my attention, many parents are using the drive-through road at the ACE building as a pick-up lane and holding up traffic in the afternoon in peak times. This can have a flow-on effect of backing up traffic onto the main road. I am disappointed to hear that some parents become abusive to staff when directed to move on. The school has a designated pick-up point on High Street, just below the second car-park entry.

I have informed staff that they can take photos of cars that are using the road inappropriately and I will pass repeat offenders on to the police for potential action.

Parents and Citizens' Association

Our May P&C meeting was held on Tuesday night – via Teams this month. Moving forward the P&C will aim to run at least one Teams meeting each term.

I reported to parents regarding NAPLAN and the proposed change to the Catchment Map of the school.

There will be no June meeting as our scheduled date falls during the winter vacation, so our next meeting will be face-to-face on July 26.



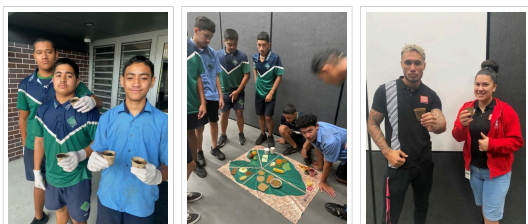
Off to a GoodStart

GoodStart is a program designed to improve the health and wellbeing of Maori and Pacific Islander families. The eight-week program focuses on working with communities to help build skills, knowledge and confidence to eat healthy and lead a healthy lifestyle to give Pacific Islander and Maori children a good start on the road to a healthy future.

When students learn about healthy life choices and creating good habits, they can change the way they live, not just for themselves, but for their families too!

Students learnt how to plant tomatoes and how simple it is to grow your own herbs while also learning about the different food groups using the taro leaf.

Thanks Charyse (FLAKER Graduate) and Jodeci for delivering this program to our Year 9 students last week.



FLAKERs Give Back

This week is National Volunteer Week and our wonderful Year 11 & 12 students who are completing their Cert III in Active Volunteering, have organised a collection drive for Baby Give Back - a fantastic local charity supporting those in need with young ones.



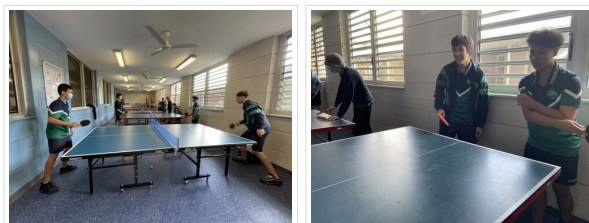
Lunchtime Activities

Our Lunchtime Activities continue to be a huge hit with our students with activities aimed at keeping minds and bodies active and engaged. Student wellbeing is also important and with opportunities to make new friends, it's another reason why

our Lunchtime Activities are so popular. Here are just a few of the activities that happened over the last two weeks...

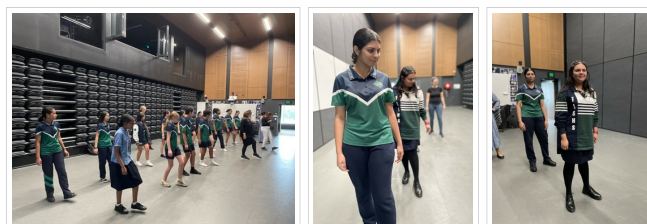
Table Tennis

When it's raining outside....



Jerusalema Dance

Another way to keep our students active and engaged by dancing to the beat!



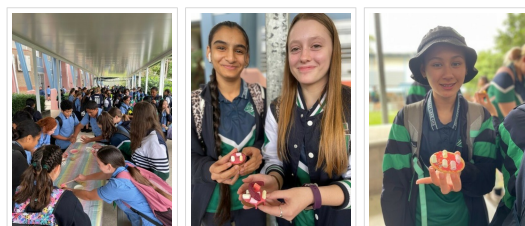
Jazz Ensemble

The FLAKE Jazz Ensemble entertained the crowds thanks to our marvellous music teacher, Mr MacKenzie!



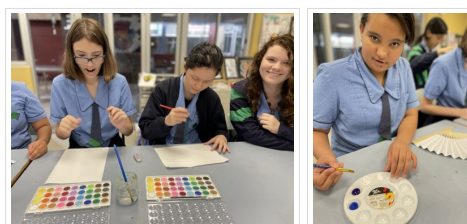
Biscuit Decorating

A huge hit with our Junior students and only a little bit of sugar before going back to class!



Art Club

A quiet place to be creative.

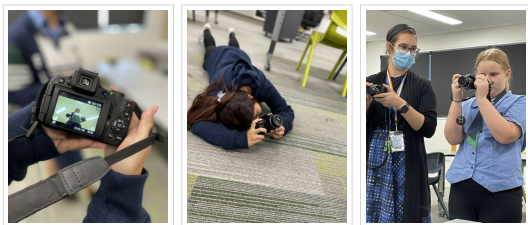


Photography Club

Our new Photography Club holds weekly workshops and this week students were building on their knowledge and skills in

photography. They learnt about different camera settings of aperture, shutter speed and ISO. Students manipulated the camera shutter speed to capture long exposure images showing the movement of light. Last week they mastered the art of taking shots from different angles.

The Photography Club holds its workshop every Wednesday Lunch 1 in 14C1 and students can see Ms Lidgard in the ACE staffroom if they're interested in joining.



Pacifikas LEADing the Way

Our Year 11 Maori and Pacifica students took part in the annual Pasifika LEAD (Legacy, Education, Achievement, Dream) Camp last week at the Gold Coast.



This program, led by Griffith University and supported by Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and the Australia Catholic University (ACU), is designed to broaden their educational aspirations. Over 180 students from 18 schools took part in workshops geared to inspire their career pathways and personal goals, extend their comfort zones, progress their leadership effectiveness and embrace their cultural pride and strength.

Students wrapped up the camp with an awesome Culture Night showcasing 7 different cultural performances and the grand finale - the HAKA - was performed by all students as a thank you to their school staff and mentors. Thank you to our Pacifica Liaison Officer Sam Motu for leading our students, your work with all of our students is AWESOME!

Maths Corner

Travis O'Brien, Maths Teacher



Wow, end of May already and nearly the end of Semester 1. There is a heap of great maths content this month, so without further ado....

Meet the Maths Department

Hi, I am Ian Clapham. Born and raised in Brisbane. By the time I graduated year 12, I knew I wanted to be a teacher and started my Diploma in Manual Arts teacher. During the first year of university, I knew I did not want to be a Manual Arts teacher, mostly due to a horrendous lack of skill. So, I ran away and joined the army. The details of my service are classified, I could tell you, but...after my time in the army, I returned to University to get my Bachelor in Education (Primary). I finished it this time, but my path took me in yet another different direction. I enjoyed my position of leadership in the army so I went into management, studying a Bachelor of Business. I finished this as well and worked for several years in various retail management roles.



A move to Maryborough in 2000, for family reasons, took me back to education of a sort. I worked for an RTO delivering certificate courses in retail, office administration and education. After two years I returned to Brisbane taking on a role in recruitment for a labour hire company.

Teaching called me back. 16 years ago, I actually started teaching. I have always taught Maths, from grade 7 to 12, I now teach senior business as well. I have been a year coordinator, Head of School Behaviour Management and now the Student Leadership Association Coordinator. Maths is the most important subject. English teachers will disagree.

Last Month's Puzzle

The Insurance Salesman



An insurance salesman walks up to house and knocks on the door. A woman answers, and he asks her how many children she has and how old they are. She says I will give you a hint. If you multiply the three children's ages, you get 36. He says this is not enough information. So, she gives a him second hint.

If you add up the children's ages, the sum is the number on the house next door. He goes next door and looks at the house number and says this is still not enough information. So, she says she'll give him one last hint which is that her oldest of the three children plays piano.

Answer

Answer: {2, 2, 9}

If you list out the trio of factors that multiply to 36 and their sums, you get:

- $1 + 1 + 36 = 38$
- $1, 2, 18 = 21$
- $1, 3, 12 = 16$
- $1, 4, 9 = 14$
- $6, 6, 1 = 13$**
- $2, 2, 9 = 13$**
- $2, 3, 6 = 11$
- $3, 3, 4 = 10$

Since the number on the house next door is not enough information there must be more than 1 factor trio that sums up

to it, leaving two possibilities: {6, 6, 1}, {2, 2, 9}. When she says her 'oldest' you know it can **not** be {6, 6, 1} since she would have two 'older' sons not an 'oldest'.

June's Hot Tip

Last month we talked about pre-reading and the enormous benefits available. How did your young adult(s) go with that? This month, it's time to reinforce your engagement with your young person. Ask to see their workbook. The point here is not to interrogate them nor the work, rather, make it clear you are interested and you value this. I suspect many of my students complete less than their parents think and expect. Hunt for the date and ask them to lead you through one of their solutions. Oh, and ask if they take their textbook to class? This might surprise you.

Puzzle for this month

Jumping Jellybeans

An athlete is able to jump FOREVER. However, every time that she jumps she gets a little bit more tired, and every jump goes $\frac{1}{2}$ as far as her prior jump. Now, for her very first jump, she goes $\frac{1}{2}$ of a metre. On her second jump, she goes $\frac{1}{4}$ of a metre, and so on and so forth. How many jumps does it take for her to travel 1 meter.



Send your solution for a prize

Send in your solutions with an explanation to trobr0@eq.edu.au. What happened last month? No solutions from anybody, surely many of you had a go. There are prizes.....

Fun Fact



Introducing the number 4. It is the only number in the English language that contains the same number of letters as its name. In fact, choose any number whatsoever and count the number of letters in its name to get a new number. Count the number of letters in the new number, and keep going. No matter what number you started with, you'll eventually end up with four.

Jada, Lola, Matilda, Ashlyn, Kaysey and Mia. Not pictured - Irene, Alyssa and Aleta.



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The Arts

Dance Scholarships

Thanks to a kind donation from local member Charles Strunk, two Dance POE students from each year level have received a scholarship to cover a portion of their fees. Scholarships are awarded for exceeding PRIDE expectations, outstanding dance performance or known financial challenges. Congratulations to the following students (pictured) Jerome, Jeremiah, Antonette,