Dear Parents and Carers

NAPLAN testing time again
Our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 13–15 May (week 4)

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas. Further information is available on the ACARA website. (http://www.nap.edu.au/)

Cybersafety help button
Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers throughout the state. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy means of reporting cyberbullying and online concerns. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information. http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qsaav/cybersafety-button.html

Year 6 Transition Visit to WRSHS
Today many Year 6 students from our school attended the William Ross State High School transition day. They were supervised on the day by Mrs Lawrence, Ms Towers and Mrs Robson. Students enjoyed the activities and going to high school in preparation for them attending secondary school in 2015. The next transition visit is Wednesday 23 July (week 2 Term 3)

Transition to school from kindergarten
Starting school is a major life transition for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years' teachers in schools and kindergartens. By managing the transition to school in a supportive way, children's continuity of learning is maintained.

A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community. Have a look at the Step up into education website (http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/) for more information and resources.

Kerry Finn
Deputy Principal
Overview of Events Program Payment Schedule

Upcoming events are listed here to assist families and to keep families informed. If families are unable to meet the payment closing dates, please contact the school administration as soon as possible to make alternate arrangements. The cash collection window is open between 8:15 to 9:00am and 2:15 to 2:45pm.

All outstanding payments required as soon as possible please.

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5 KEYS TO SUCCESS— YOU CAN DO IT!

**Behaviour Focus Keys**

**Confidence:** Means trying something new and not being afraid of making mistakes.

**Persistence:** Means sticking to work that seems very hard or impossible to do and not giving up.

**Getting Along:** Means helping others with their school work, working nicely in small groups, and managing your temper when someone is mean to you or doesn’t do what you want.

**Resilience:** Means you are good at staying calm (you don’t get nervous, down or angry), calming down when you get upset and bouncing back to do your work and play with others.

**Organisation:** Means having all your school supplies with you at school and home, placing your past work into folders with dividers, having the goal to be successful and do your personal best, planning your time so that you do not rush your work.

LIBRARY NEWS

**Reading Focus**

A school wide focus on improving student reading performance is an ongoing component of the Education Department’s strategic plan for schools. Listed below are a couple of ways in which you can support the school and your children with this goal.

**Lexile Program**

Parents of students in Year 3 -7 can regularly review your child’s progress with their Lexile Reading. You can do this by heading to www.mylexile.com.au and logging in using your child’s username and password. From here click on the My Results button and select View My Reading Record. This will generate a report showing what Lexile books your child has read so far and whether they have passed the quiz based on the book. This can be a good discussion starter about reading interests, school performance and goal setting. Students should be completing the Lexile quiz when they finish reading the book as it reinforces comprehension of the text a significant part of improving reading performance. This also provides the teachers, students and parents with data that reinforces that the students are doing a good job with their reading.

**National Family Reading Month**

May has been identified as National Family Reading Month. To support this, City Libraries are running a number of specific reading related programs as well as author talks that are targeted for primary age students. Check their website: http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/facilities/libraries/activities/Pages/MMOL.aspx

Scholastic who provide our Book Club books are also running a Reading Month promotion with numerous prizes of $250 worth of book vouchers that can be won. To participate in this competition you will need to download a Reading log from the Scholastic website. Children record the number of minutes they spend reading during the month and enter their total reading minutes at the end of May on the website to be in with a chance to win. The website can be found at http://www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay

If you would like more information about Lexile Reading or any of the other activities please contact us in the Library on 4729 5186 or call in and visit.

Mark McKay
Teacher/Librarian

DEFENCE NEWS

Defence Parents AFTERNOON Tea

If you have been unable to come to morning teas, perhaps you may be able to join us in the afternoon. Come and get a car park early and join us for an informal get-together. We look forward to seeing you then.

Where: J Block – Near basketball courts.
When: Thursday 15th May
Time: 2:15pm

Tanya Hurditch
Defence School Transition Aide
SPORTS TALK

Congratulations to all students who have been selected to represent the school at next weeks Townsville Cross Country Trials. They were the 5 fastest students over 2000m in their respective age groups.

Our School Fun Run will be held on Friday, June 20. This annual fundraising event will support our school P and C with its many projects.

Well done to Emily Tsakissiris, Blair Minogue and Ainslie Minogue (Basketball) and Joshua Ferns and Joshua Nixon (Hockey) who made their respective Northern Region Teams this week. Good luck at the States!

It was great to see our Adopt-A-Cowboy Curtis Rona make his NRL debut just recently. Curtis has scored three tries in his two games and played very well. Curtis has visited our school a number of times over the past two years and we wish him all the best in his career. Go Cowboys!

Brett Hull
P E Teacher

Adopt-a-Cowboy visits are always popular with the children

P & C NEWS

P&C MOTHERS DAY STALL

Our very popular Mother’s Day stall is being held again on Thursday 8 May. You are welcome to come in and look only on Wednesday 7 May from 8.30am to 8.50am or at 3.00 to 3.20pm. Gifts range in prices from $3.00-$5.00 or $7.00. Cards are $1.00.

Volunteers are needed on the Thursday 8 May. If you can help, please leave your name and contact number at the tuckshop and I will be in contact with you.

Chloe Wessling
Fundraising Coordinator

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club News

Issue 3 of Scholastic Book club is now out. Please fill out order forms with your name and class. You can take the order form and money (in a sealed envelope or zip lock bag) to the Library on Monday 5th May 2014. Orders will only be accepted on that Monday. Volunteers are always required to help with either input of bookclub, distribution of books or covering the books the Library receives. If you are able to help please contact Mr McKay at the Library.

Annette Leicht
Book Club Coordinator

MUSIC NOTES ♫♪♫

Senior band are performing in the Fanfare this Tuesday, 6 May at the Civic Theatre. Parents and friends are welcomed to attend. Adults are $6 and children $4. Band members must be at the music room by 8am to dress in the music uniform. We leave at 8.30.

All year 4 & 5 students have begun playing the recorder this week. The recorder and a display folder is a requirement for their assessment. Recorders are $12 from the school tuckshop.

The choir performed And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda and Coming Home at the ANZAC parade on Thursday. We were given many compliments for our lovely singing and choice of songs.

For students of years 4, 5, 6 & 7 – It’s not too late to join the choir. If you are interested in singing and wished to be a part of a group that has the opportunity to sing for events and school concerts, then please come and see us on Thursday at first break in the music room.

Karen O’Donnell
Music Teacher

CAMP Payment deadlines

YEAR 6—$75 Deposit (Non-refundable) due by Friday 16 May.
Remaining $200 due by Friday 13 June. (Total $275)
Camp dates: 15-18 July (Mungalli Falls)

YEAR 7—$65 deposit (non-refundable) due by Friday 16 May
Remaining $200 due by Friday 13 June (Total $265)
Camp dates 15-18 July (Echo Creek)
Weekly payments are most welcome.
Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully a person or group. Bullying is repeated behaviour by an individual or group with the intent to harm another person or group. In the case of cyberbullying the intended harm may be

ANNANDALE TAEKWONDO

Learn self defence in a family friendly environment.

Classes: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

ANNANDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

PH: 0408 880 201

BullyStop Accredited Instructor

William Ross State High School 2nd hand uniforms for sale
2 pairs of boys black school emblem shorts size 8, 2 school emblem polo shirts size 12, 4 school emblem polo shirts size 14, Shirts $10 each and shorts $5 each. Take the lot for $60. Contact Lesley on 0478 504 933