I would like welcome Mr Norton to the school who will replace Mr Paul as the General Assistant for the remainder of this year.

Our last NAPLAN assessment took place this morning for students in Year 3 and 5. I was very impressed with the effort student’s gave in completing the assessments. It is important to remember that these assessments capture student performance on one day and on one particular type of assessment. Results are not due back until late Term 3.

To complement our work on RESPECT teachers have been completing online training for Peer Support. Peer Support is a program which focusses on developing leadership skills and responsibility amongst senior students so that they will be able to deliver lessons to small groups of students ranging from Kindergarten to Year 6. Following the teacher training, Stage 3 students will be trained over two days. Leaders and support leaders will be chosen and groups formed. With the support of teachers, leaders will deliver 8 lessons to students. Our focus this year will be on friendships. We hope the community will support this initiative along with our efforts to encourage students to ‘Respect Yourself and Respect Others’.
Good luck to students who will tomorrow compete in the Razorback Cross Country. Please remember if you are catching the bus you must be at school by 8.15am as the bus will leave school at 8.30am.

Congratulations to Mikayla, Jordan, Amelia, Katie, Sophie, Jordi, Cooper, Daniel, Isabel, Luke M, Amarli, Laura, Ryan, Liberty, Maria, Riley and Liam on receiving your Principal’s Award. Congratulations to Tristan, Charlotte, Leah, Luke J, Gabrielle, Cody, Kallen, Kaylee, Amelia, Zoe, Maria, Paige, Thomas and Victoria on achieving your Silver Award. It is encouraging to see so many students being Respectful, being Safe and being a Learner.

Our Respectful trophy winners for the last two weeks have been Olivia and Victoria. Well done to these students.

Performing Arts
Miss Kriste will once again prepare students for their dance item. Students will work with Miss Kriste on a Tuesday morning. Our first lesson will take place on Tuesday 26th May at 9.30am. Students involved will need to make a commitment to the event and be required to pay for these lessons. A separate note will be issued to those interested. The Performing Arts will be held during the week commencing the 17th August.

Start Smart Program
Students from Year 1 to 6 will participate in a financial literacy program sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. Students will learn about the value of money, the difference between needs and wants and using a credit card. This is a great program for students.

Canteen News
Our canteen opens each Monday and Friday with the support of a small group of parents and grandparents. If you can help on any canteen day please add your name to the roster. An Italian Meal Deal will be held on Wednesday 27th May. Students will be able to order spaghetti, garlic bread and a drink for $6. A separate note will be sent home. Our Mother’s day stall was a great success. We raised $200 for the school. Thank you to everyone who bought a gift.
Community News
Our last community meeting was well attended and achieved a great deal. Parents are happy to support the Peer Support program as well as establishing a special Fairy Garden behind the climbing equipment. Parents discussed the Worm Farm and thanks to Mr Johnson we have all the information we need on establishing one for the students to use. We also discussed about building a chicken coop near the vegetable gardens. Mr Paul was going to build this, however, in his absence it would be great to have parents build something for us. If you are interested in this please contact the office.
Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2nd June at 9.30am** in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome.
Join us at Bargo Hotel for the Meat Raffle on this Friday the 15th May. All proceeds taken on the night go the school so bring the family and friends and enjoy a great night.

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**Walk Safely to School Day**
**Friday 22 May 2015**

All primary school children, along with their parents and carers, are encouraged to walk safely to school.

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2015 Assembly Awards Term 2

Week 2
K/1
Achievement Awards:
Lilly
Encouragement Awards
Amelia
2/3
Achievement Awards:
Kaylee
Encouragement Awards
Luke
4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Zoe
Encouragement Awards
Jack

Library
Kobe, Isabel, Tianna.

Week 3
K/1
Achievement Awards:
Katie
2/3
Achievement Awards:
Cooper
4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Amelia

Library
Katie, Tyler, Kallan, Liam.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware. Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child’s weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word. Here’s some advice about how to help your child master spelling. Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing