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2016 Diary Dates...

3 – 6 May: Year 4 Bike Education.
10 May: P&C Meeting 5:30pm
10 May: Internet Usage Information Session 7:00pm
10 – 12 May: NAPLAN Year 3 / 5.
16 – 20 May: Book Fair
19 – 20 May: School Photos
23 – 26 May: Year 4 Bike Education.
1 – 3 June: Year 6 Camp.
14 June: Twilight Concert
15 June: Sports Day Field Events only
16 June: Junior Sports Day
17 June: Senior Sports Day
20 June: Instrumental Music Camp
23 June: Show Holiday
24 June: Last day of Term

Student Absence Line: 49656360

This service is available for parents rating their children's absence from school. Please clearly state their name, class and reason for absence. All absences are recorded for teachers.

4 May 2016

From the Principal's Desk

One hundred and twenty students and staff participated in the town Anzac Day Parade. School Captains Baiden Papavasiliou and Eva-Jane Newsome laid a wreath at the town cenotaph on behalf of our school community. Lest We Forget. A story on Mr. Les Palmer the official guest at our School Anzac Parade is included in this newsletter.

Fifty-one percent of our students received High Attendance Certificates for their attendance in term one. Congratulations girls and boys, remember Every Day Counts!

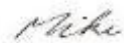
The years 3 and 5 students will participate in the national testing for literacy and numeracy from the 10th to 12th May. Students sitting the tests are asked to get adequate sleep, eight to nine hours each night, eat healthy meals including breakfast and exercise regularly.

A reminder to parents to return the form for the Cyber Safety session conducted by Sergeant Nigel Dalton on Tuesday 10th May at 7:00pm in the library. The form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Our P&C meeting will be held prior to this session at 5:30pm in the staff room. You are most welcome to attend.

A big thank you to our mothers who have organized the Mother's Day stall for us this year. Mums have a wonderful day on Sunday, we will be thinking of you.

Enjoy your week.



Mike Anderson
Principal.

Foyer Display - Year 2C and 2D created a display called 'Partitioning' for the foyer in the last fortnight. From butterflies to lady beetles, our display was a creative way to show our mathematical knowledge when pulling the numbers from 0-99 into parts. Combining art and



maths challenges our thinking!

Student Invoices Sent Home - Invoices were sent today for students with outstanding balances on their school account. The items highlighted in yellow are now due. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss payment arrangements or set up a Centrelink deduction.

Thank you to all the parents who are continuing their payment plans already set up and those who have finalised their students fees for this year.

From the Guidance Officer - Not Now, Not Ever: Response to domestic and family violence

The first day of May marks the beginning of Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

The existence of domestic and family violence in our community and its prevention is everybody's responsibility. It is a complex issue that can impact on anyone, regardless of age, wealth, location, cultural background, sexual identity or gender.

The Australian Government **Family Safety Pack** aims to reduce violence against women from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. This website contains information available in 22 languages regarding rights and where to get support if needed. There are many other external organisations that offer support and resources. Visit the department's website for more information

<http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/information/domestic-family-violence>

Sports Notices -Mackay Tennis Trials

Congratulations to Ryan Donovan and Sophia Sticklan on their recent selection in the Mackay Tennis team. We wish them all the best at the upcoming Capricornia trials.

Capricornia AFL

Well done to Cohen Frith on his selection in the Capricornia AFL team. Cohen will now travel to Hervey Bay for the State AFL trials. All the best Cohen.

Northern Suburbs Cross Country

Well done to the following students on gaining recent selection in the Northern Suburbs Cross Country team: Cohen Frith, Jaxon Purdue, Ryan Donovan, Jordan Latcham, Zulieka Jones, Rachel Kavana and Amy Young. All the best for the Mackay trials.

School Rugby League

Our under 12 rugby league team has continued to improve over the last two weeks. However, unfortunately lost to Eimeo Road in the previous game. All the best to the team who compete against Emmanuel this week.

Mackay Girls Rugby League

Congratulations to Teesha Edwards, Skye Mathers and Taylor-Lee Dillon who were part of the Mackay Girls' Rugby League side that recently won the inaugural CQ Girls Challenge Trophy in Rockhampton. The girls defeated Rockhampton 16-14 to clinch the title.



School Anzac Parade



Mr Les Palmer speaking with Fitzgerald students about ANZAC Day

On Friday 22nd March we solemnly remembered the ANZAC's who fought in the wars to protect Australia's and New Zealand's democratic way of life. A minute of silence was observed as a sign of respect to those soldiers who fought and died in these wars. The Fitzgerald choir sang two songs, Advance Australia Fair and The Last Anzac. A special guest Mr Les Palmer spoke to the students, teachers and parents about the Vietnam War, which he fought in. He showed his and his father's war medals and spoke about the significance of these medals.

By Sophia Sticklan 6D

'Parent Learning Café - NAPLAN Information' by Sue

Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher - 'The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Information' is the topic of the next Parent and Caregivers' Learning Café in Week 5, Monday 9 May 2.30-3.00pm. Find out what is assessed by NAPLAN, how the results are shared with parents and how to avoid test anxiety. The topic of the Learning Café in Week 6, Monday 16 May is 'The Great Homework Debate'. How much homework is enough? What type of homework is useful? Who does the work?

'Whitsunday Voices Short Story Writing Competition' - by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

Talented narrative writers from Year 3 upwards are encouraged to enter this competition. Students are invited to respond to a theme or topic of their choice, entries should be original, word-processed with 1.5 spacing on one side of a piece of paper. The due date is Friday 27 May at 3:00pm. Entry forms are available from the Fitzgerald SS Office or visit <http://www.whitsundayvoices.com.au/>

ATSI Family Homework Support' restarts Tuesday 10 May - by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher

The ATSI Family Homework Support afternoon will restart on Tuesday 10 May. All parents and caregivers of Fitzgerald's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island (ATSI) students are invited to accompany their children to the weekly sessions, held in the mini computer lab beside 4E. Contact Toni Mooney tmoon38@eq.edu.au for more information.

'Winners Announced' by Sue Hamilton-Smith, Master Teacher - Congratulations to the winners of the 'North of the Pioneer - What animal makes the best pet?' Years 3 to 6 Student Persuasive Writing Competition. Year 3 winner Cody Webb and runner up Georgia Bickford, Fitzgerald SS. Year 4 winner Jasmine Busst, Eimeo Road SS and runner up Kimberly Ortega of Fitzgerald SS. Year 5 winner Lachlan Burgess, Fitzgerald SS and runner up Jacob Turner, Eimeo Road SS. Year 6 winner Dekotah Seed of Fitzgerald SS.

Library Notice - Our school's first Book Fair for 2016 is quickly approaching – please mark in your diaries that our School Book Fair's Grand Opening is on Tuesday 17th May from 3pm – 6pm. It will continue to remain open each morning and afternoon for the remainder of the week. Catalogues will be sent home today with your child for you to look at the wonderful purchases that will be available. We all look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair which is a major part of our Library's fundraising. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you to Ashlee Berkett Year 3 for her kind donation of a locally produced and written book titles Freya, the First Aider. This book is available for loan from our library as of Monday 9th May.

Remember May is National Family Reading Month: if you would like to send in a photo of your family reading to be displayed in our library. Each entry will receive a small Certificate and prize to congratulate your family on reading more in May.

Digital Technologies

Year 6 students have almost completed the written component of their Young ICT Explorer's competition and we are at working on our design. One of our groups have been required to fabricate their own mechanisms using Plastimake which has proven to be extremely exciting! Students are also using their knowledge of Paint.Net to create an exciting and eye catching advertisement to sell their product as a part of their English unit of work.

Year 5 have almost completed the first stage of creating their game which takes them on a Quest to locate one of the stones from the Deltora Belt. The students have written four clues in which their sprite or character will share as a part of the Quest. We are all looking forward to next week where we will use a ProBot or BeeBot to navigate around the maze in the Land of Deltora.

Year 4 students have completed their backdrop plan of their Bike track and we are ready to import this and move around the stage or game board demonstrating the road rules we have learnt during our time at the PCYC Bike Track.

Year 3 have been busy reading code and programming a BeeBot to find various locations on a map of Australia. We have visited a number cities, towns and places before arriving at our final destination. Students have been required to program their BeeBot to travel over the oceans and seas and on land to ensure their BeeBot arrives safely at their selected locations.

Tuckshop Talk

ROSTER:

- Thurs 5th – Robyn Adams
- Frid 6th – Melissa Sterling
- Tues 10th – Robyn Adams
- Wed 11th – HELP NEEDED
- Thurs 12th – HELP NEEDED
- Frid 13th – Alma Hawdon
- Tues 17th – Robyn Adams
- Wed 18th – HELP NEEDED

*Please consider volunteering in Tuckshop as we only have a handful of helpers.

Under 8's Day

Prep – Year 2 students will be celebrating Under 8's Day 13th May, 9.15 – 10.30. There will be lots of activities, games, obstacle course, disco, races, face painting and more. Younger siblings are welcome to attend but must remain under parent supervision at all times.

School Photos You will receive photo information shortly. School Photos are taken on 19th – 20th May. Photo envelopes to be returned directly to the Photographer on 19th – 20th May.

Sergeant Dalton's Visit to Year 6.

Earlier this term, year 6 had a visit from Sergeant Nigel Dalton. You may have heard of him on the news or if



you have a child in year 3. He came with the Safety Circus. He came to talk to us about cyber safety and cyber bullying. He told us about the age requirement for Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram,

you have to be 13 years to join them. But for Kik junior you have to be 17 years. 70% of kids are bullied. To prevent your child from being cyber bullied you should keep tabs on their social media until they are of age. When or if your child is being bullied at school or online, use the Fitz High Five. Tell someone else. If it gets really bad tell the police.

By Jorjia Morley 6D

From Chaplain Nic - 5 cent challenge

Thank you to all the parents and students who are supporting our school chaplaincy program through bringing in your 5 cent pieces to your classroom teacher. All the money raised goes directly to keep the school chaplain's numerous programs operating which directly promotes the wellbeing of students. As at the end of week 3 the top five classes in the school are as follows:
 1st 1A \$81.90 2nd PC \$77.95 3rd PD \$64.40 4th 2A \$57.95 5th 4B \$50.10.

The 5 cent challenge will finish at the end of term two. The class in the school which brings in the most 5 cent pieces will win a pizza party for their class. Keep your eye on this spot for updates.

Who is Chatting to your Kids?

A Parent Information Session on:

- The dangers of the internet for our children.
- Predatory behaviour into your home and your child's life.
- Bullying /Cyberbullying.

Presenter: Sergeant Nigel Dalton, Mackay Police

When: 10 May 2016

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Fitzgerald State School Library

Audience: Parents and Staff only, no children.

Who is Chatting to your Kids?

Name _____

Numbers Attending _____

R.S.V.P. by 10 May 2016 Thank you.