From the Principal’s desk …..

For the past 2 weeks I have been fortunate enough to sit at The Principal's Desk while Mr Thompson has been on leave. I would like to thank all the staff and students for working together to maintain an educational and supportive environment. During this time we celebrated our new school captains with a badge ceremony and a morning tea. Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains – Vanessa Hunt & Jared Vaughan

Vice Captains – Monique Von Kistowski & Lachlan Cavanough

Sports Captains – Keeley Pfeffer & Shawn Wilson

Lower Secondary 2 organised a school 'Crazy Hair Day' last week to support the Leukaemia Foundation. They were successful in raising over $200 towards this cause. Well done to all who participated and thank you for your support.

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour team have been busy creating visuals for our School Expectations: We are Safe, Respectful, Learners, so keep an eye out for them next time you visit the school. Next week’s whole school focus is 'We are Respectful'. Each day the students are asked to give examples of how they can show respect in different areas of the school and community.

Sarah Lockwood
A/Principal
**LP1**

Hello Everyone, LP1 have been busy bees as usual. We have been tracing, painting and singing our way through the fortnight. Our letter of the week is 'S' and we have all been giving our best effort to say ‘ssssss’. Last week we joined in the 'Crazy Hair Day' and all went home with amazing hair doo’s thanks to the lovely Miss Laura and her helpful class of lovely ladies! As the term progresses, we are all getting tired, however, we are doing incredibly well for our first year of school. Well done LP1. Until next fortnight

Miss Ish, Miss Lynda & Miss Susan.

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**LP3**

This week in English we have started learning about the emotion ‘angry’. We have made angry faces with play dough, making sure the mouth is straight and the eyebrows are frowning. We are reading a book called "When I feel angry". In this book we have been looking at the characters' expression when they are angry and what the character does to calm down. This book gives us lots of ideas to try when we feel angry. The character in the book takes deep breaths, they go for a bike ride or they go for a run to help them clam down. We have taken photos of each other showing an angry face and we have talked about what makes us feel angry. We have continued using our sight words 'I' and 'am' to write sentences. This week we have written the sentence, "I am angry." In Maths this week we have been testing our understanding of addition. Next week we will move onto learning about subtraction. In communication we have been using a social story "asking to play". The children have really enjoyed learning how to ask friends to play with them. We are going to video the children doing this and then play it back to them to learn how they could improve.

Miss Kristy, Melissa and Fiona

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**UP1**

Welcome to week 8. UP1 have been safe, respectful, learners throughout the past two weeks. In English, we spent some time reading "Hickory Dickory Dock" and identified the rhyming words. We have been reading lots of books and listening for rhyming words! Our sight words of the week last week were “up” and “you”. This weeks’ sight words are “I”, “we”. Every morning we use our “when, who, what, where” picture folder to create simple, silly sentences. We have been learning to build sentences and use capital letters and full stops! We practice writing and spelling our name every morning in our sign in book too. In maths we are getting really good at completing simple subtraction sums. We have been playing interactive games, using lots of different materials and worksheets to help us learn. We have also been practicing our name, numeral, quantity match and missing numbers up to 20! On Friday mornings we participate in team games on the oval, we are developing turn taking, team building and gross motor skills. We have lots of fun! Last Friday we participated in cooking too, we made delicious banana choc-chip muffins. We are all great helpers measuring ingredients, cracking eggs and mixing.

Miss Krystle, Carol & Kathy
LP2

LP2 have been very busy this fortnight. We have been learning about the letter ‘Nn’ and the letter ‘Cc’. We made necklaces and carrots during our literacy time. Both activities were tricky but we did a good job. On Friday we were lucky to have some students from UP4 and LS2 help us out with cooking and reading. Thanks Miss Laura’s class for reading to us and Miss Neve’s class for helping us ice biscuits. We like it when the big kids come and visit us.
Miss Erin, Sue and Tracey

UP2

Upper Primary 2 have enjoyed participating in a shared reading of an Audio book called, “I Feel” (YouTube, BigHeartKids). We have examined each page and identified words which describe our emotions and feelings. We discussed facial expressions that match each emotion and feeling and role-played our own facial expressions! We also explored how body language and physical reactions can demonstrate emotions, e.g. our face goes red when we are angry or we smile when we are happy. We are continuing to learn the letters of the alphabet and are enjoying filling the whiteboard with as many words as we can for our letter of the week. At the end of the week we paste these words into our word books. We should each have a lovely personal dictionary by the end of the year!
This week we began using the iPad APP, Clicker Sentences, to help us make our weekly sentence. The children are motivated and confident in using the iPads. They very much enjoy writing the sentences which will make a book to be added to our classroom bookshelf and can then enjoy reading this in our daily quiet reading time. In maths we have been sorting objects into groups to identify how they are similar and different. We have been counting collections and reading and writing numbers to 20. We had some interesting discussions, with all of the students realising why we need to use numbers. We know that numbers help us to tell the time and read the calendar and we learnt that numbers are everywhere and help us in many ways - they are on our letterbox, in a recipe to help us bake a cake and on the number-plate of our car!
Miss Michele, Angela and Kylie

UP3

In English we have been identifying the differences between a story and an informative text and understand that they have different purposes? The students have been writing questions which they could ask the characters in the story. In Math the class has been revising the features of a calendar, and the sequencing of days and months. They have practised counting days and weeks to measure durations (e.g. How many days/weeks until we next come to school/have sport’s day/go on holidays?). Well done to those students who are logging on to Study Ladder and completing their Homework Tasks. Jordan has achieved his Bronze certificate, Matthew achieved Bronze and Silver, Thomas has his Silver certificate and William has his Gold Trophy.
Sarah, Anthea, Margaret and Susan
**UP4**

UP4 is at the end of Term 1, where has the time gone?! We have spent a lot of time getting to know each other and learning how to deal with each other’s differences. Mr Bill has been helping the boys to work as a team and see that working together = success. The boys are improving in Maths and English. They are seeing their small improvements and with lots of encouragement their confidence in themselves is growing. It was wonderful to see everyone in this class participate in Shave/Colour for a cure. Our boys had a great time and thank you to all the parents who sent in donations towards that.

Neve, Debbie and Gwen

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**LS1**

Seven weeks into the school’s First Term! Where does the time fly to? Students have done a lot of learning. In Maths they’re learning about Analogue and Digital clocks. They’ve been asking Mr Wolf what’s the time on the Interactive White Board. They learnt a lot and thoroughly enjoyed doing this activity. In English we’ve been reading the book "The Shack That Dad Built" by Elaine Russel. In this story we did a Venn Diagram to show any similarities between the family in the story and our families. In Science learning is continuing in how Day and Night are caused. Our Swimming Carnival is on Monday 31st March. More information will follow closer to the date.

Mrs Singh, Belinda & Kylie

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**LS2**

WOW week 8 already. LS2 can almost smell the up and coming term break but know that there is lots of work to do before we’re on holidays. We are still collecting data in maths however this time we are using the observational method. We have been collecting data from sheets where we are finding out the **most popular colour of car**. Later in the week we are looking forward to visiting a car park and collecting our own data on the **most popular coloured car**. English we are finishing with Tiddalick the Frog through role play. We will be retelling the story through the eyes of the other characters from the book. We love acting and what better way to put our acting skills to the test. Last week’s CBL was at school where we cooked delicious fried rice. Everyone in the class helped with the preparation and cooking side as well as devouring it. Last week also saw the badge presentation of our school’s 2014 school, vice and sports captains. LS2 is proud to have this year’s girl school captain Vanessa Hunt, girl vice-captain Monique Von Kistowski and girl sports captain Keeley Pfeffer in our class. We know they will do their very best in their given role. The LS2 girls are doing some outstanding swimming with Mr Griffith, beautiful and creative art with Miss Sarah, loud rhythmic beat at drumming with Mr Bill and getting their groove on with Miss Krystle the Hip Hop coach. Have a great fortnight.

Miss Kathy, Miss Sheryl and Miss Laura
LS3

These are busy times for LS3. In English we are continuing to explore the imaginative text *The Forest of Hands and Teeth*. We are currently exploring the author's use of verbs and her examples of procedural writing. By next week we will begin constructing storyboards depicting our own procedural texts. In science we have explored the Earth's rotation and spin on its axis. We also took a closer look at the surface of the sun which, as many students were surprised to learn, is actually a star like billions of others in our galaxy. In maths we have been exploring angles. We have created angle measuring tools and many of us have discovered that the size of angles is not influenced by the mass of an object. Even small objects can have greater angles than larger sized items. Commemorations and celebrations have been the focus of our learning in history. We have learned that celebrations are festive and joyous in nature while commemorations are more sombre and formal. Over the next few weeks will explore commemorations and celebrations recognised in Australia and throughout the world. Of course, we are continuing our work with money, time telling, reading and essential word recognition. As for our fishing program, we are continuing our practise with casting and we are now learning to bait hooks. All-in-all we are having a great term!

Mr. Tom, Miss Justine, Miss Margaret

P&C

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle last Sunday, especially to all the parents who donated either money or bread etc. We raised $795 for our school so a big WELL DONE!! And also a big Thank you to Sheryl, Tony and Anne for staying the whole day.

We look forward to seeing you at our next P&C meeting on Friday 28th March 2014 at 1:30pm

Kylie Thompson

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