Effort above achievement:  

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our students for the magnificent effort each made in the Cluster cross country event last Friday.

The day had an interesting twist at the start with a rain cloud coming over just as the senior boys started their race, however, after a short delay the rest of the day was clear of rain and all events proceeded as normal.

Thanks also to the parents who assisted with transport and with marshaling around the course. The event simply couldn’t run without this level of support.

Special congratulations to those who received awards or who gained places in the next level Bendigo event:

- Isabelle Curnow (Girls 12/13)
- Tom Callaghan (Boys 12/13)
- Mya Alexander (Girls 11)
- Josh McCarthy (Boys 11 and 2nd place in event)
- Seth Hewett (Boys 9)

The Bendigo event is on Friday, 13th May (which is also NAPLAN week). More details early next term.

Artist in Residence:

We are now very close to commencing our Artists in Schools program for 2016. I have received this letter from our artist:

Hi. My name is Mary-Ann Scull and I will be the artist involved in the Artist in School program for Terms 2 & 3 in which we as a collective group will be putting together a puppet show.

The children will be learning how to use visual art in relation to history and culture. The theme is ‘You and Me’ and we will be exploring different cultures as well as the different types of puppets and their uses in story telling.

During this learning experience they will prepare, plan, design and manufacture a show that will be conducted around mid August at the Town Hall. There will be both an afternoon performance for the local schools and an evening performance for the general public.
Through this each student will experience working within a team, taking ownership and pride in their work and also a sense of accomplishment in performing by the development of creative expression.

I hope they will enhance a feeling of self worth, self-confidence and personal satisfaction in their accomplishment.

If parents would like to be involved there are a number of areas that they could contribute: a) the construction of the puppets and background; b) helping out with the lyrics of a song, poem or rap music; c) the production side of the process, or d) promoting and advertising.

If any of these areas interest you and you can spare some time please ring me on 5438 7304

P.S. I would also like to know if any child is allergic to latex or plaster.

Thank you. I will keep you informed as the program progresses.

Parents and Friends:

Has been a very busy week! Firstly I would like to thank everyone involved in last weeks excursion to the Bendigo Aquatic Centre and the 52 Storey Treehouse production at the Ulumburra Theatre. P & F were kindly granted the job of catering lunch. A special thank you to Bridgewater Bakery and Champions IGA Inglewood for their kind contributions, and to the parents that did the wonderful job of serving lunch for 200 students and teachers at the pool. A very successful day. enjoyed by all that attended.

Also a reminder that breakfast will be served at school tomorrow morning for the last day of term. All are welcome to come along, any one willing to help out is also greatly appreciated. Meeting at the school around 8.30am & The Easter Raffle will be drawn tomorrow after breakfast. So please have tickets returned tomorrow so they will make the draw...

We have had a wonderful response to requests for donations, for this raffle. Thank you to all families that contributed. And a special mention to those that went the extra mile and solicited businesses into donating also. Great job.

Hope you all have a wonderful break
Carmen

Parent/Teacher:

Teachers would like to meet with parents during the first week of next term. We would like to share with parents some of the work and progress of each child, discuss goals for the term and raise any concerns.

Time will be made available in 15 minute sessions after school on Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th April. (Mr. Mellberg will not be available on the Wednesday). Available sessions will commence at 3.45 p.m. with the last session commencing at 5.15 p.m.. Please contact teachers (5438 7355) to make an appointment. If these days are unsuitable, please make arrangements with the teacher to meet at a later date.

4-6 Classroom:

Students have been focusing on improving their writing skills during the term, especially in the narrative genre. The class has learnt about writing a good opening sentence, the contents of the orientation, complication, climax and resolution, and how to build tension. Each student has completed a number of formal and informal writing tasks. The best part is that all students have really improved in their ability to write to structure and demonstrate a broader range of literary skills.

We have continued with our weekly spelling and times-tables tests. Parents are encouraged to set aside a few minutes each night for a quick test. Practice tables sheets and current spelling lists are available at school and will also be available at parent/teacher interviews.

Community Announcements:

Newbridge Netball Club:
A reminder that Newbridge Mini Netball training starts next Thursday 31st of March at 5.00pm.