



VIRGINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 2

Tuesday 9th May – Thursday 11th May

NAPLAN Testing
Year 3,5 and 7 students

Wednesday 10th May
Mother's Day Stall

Thursday 11th May
Rm 4/5/6 Excursion
to Gorge Wildlife Park

Friday 12th May
UP Bike Ed

Week 3

Thursday 18th – Friday 19th May

PUPIL FREE DAYS
OSHC AVAILABLE

Week 4

Thursday 25th May
BRAVE performance

Friday 26th May
UP Bike Ed

National Sorry day assembly
Community Centre
9:15am

Week 5

Thursday 1st June
JP foot checks

Friday 2nd June
Walkathon/ Casual Clothes Day



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Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2!

We have had a very settled, but as always busy start to the term. It certainly has been a far more settled beginning to term in comparison to Term 1.

Pupil Free Days

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Week 3

Thursday & Friday

OSHC available



Public Education Awards

The Public Education Awards recognise and reward the achievements of teachers, leaders, allied health professionals, support and corporate staff across our state.

Nominations are anonymous and may be made by any member of the public. Permission is not required from the nominee. Nominees must submit an application if they wish to be considered for an award.

Don't miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to: www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards.

Nominations close on the 31st of May.

Newsletters on Facebook page!



Our newsletters are now attached to our facebook page. They will also be uploaded to the Skoolbag app which was recently updated. We are trying to cut down on paper usage. If you are happy to read our newsletters via facebook, skoolbag, or e-mail rather than receiving hard-copies, please do let us know.



Email address for school newsletter OR you are happy to read via facebook

Please return to the Front Office

NAME:

CHILD'S NAME:

ROOM NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:



NAPLAN Testing

Congratulations to all of our students who sat NAPLAN Tests this week. Results take some time to come back but as soon as they do we will provide families with their children's results and on a school level we will analyse individual student and cohort results to further inform future planning.

Parent Insights

This week's edition will focus on a really interesting topic, "Teach children to persist". We hope you find it insightful and interesting.

If there is anything in particular you are looking for, please do not hesitate to come in and see either Ilia Tsoutouras (Principal) or Voula Pounendis (Deputy Principal) who may be able to help with finding an article to suit your needs.

WALKATHON/ CASUAL CLOTHES DAY!

This term/ year we will be hosting our casual clothes day and major school fundraiser, our Walkathon on Friday the 2nd of June. A note will come out regarding the Walkathon shortly. Over the last few years we have directed funds towards the expansion of wireless internet infrastructure and our Kitchen Garden program. This year we would like to further bolster our readers/ novels stocks for children to support our school priority in reading. We are really hoping you can support and get behind us and we can hopefully reach our target of \$5000.

We had previously also advertised this as a Walk Safely to School day morning event too. We have changed this as students will be in casual clothes and will host this day in conjunction with some more exciting news that is in the pipeline. Stay tuned as there is more to come!!!



Mother's Day Stall

Today we held our Mother's Day stall for students to purchase that special item for mum. Thank you to all who supported this in happening, particularly Jacqui and Mrs Pounendis who coordinated the stall and made it happen!

Sports Day



Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS



Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Teach children to persist

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

"Persistence and patience have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." John Quincy Adams

The ability to persist at a task and see it through to the end is one of the most important success attributes that you can develop in a child.

There are numerous times every day when children must persist rather than give in. A young child learning to tie shoelaces must persist. A primary aged student must show determination to finish tasks and a secondary student needs to work through difficulties, particularly those he doesn't understand or complete right away.

They need to be able to persist when work gets hard or life gets tough. They need the 'stickability' to work through difficulties and hang in there when things don't go their way.

Some children are more naturally predisposed to persist than others. They have a determined, even competitive streak in their temperament that doesn't allow them to give in. These children and young people can drive themselves very hard to succeed.

The results of the Australian Temperament Project show that persistence is the one temperamental

factor that can be improved over time. Parents and teachers can develop persistence in children and also impede its development by making life too easy for children so that they don't have opportunities to persist or hang in there.

Parents can promote persistence by encouraging their children to keep going and not give in at the slightest hurdle or difficulty.

Parents can be a sounding board for children's gripes but they should show confidence in their ability to cope and get through their difficulties. "You can do it" is far more powerful in terms of promoting an attitude of persistence than "If it is a little too hard then try something else."

Let children know that there is a correlation between effort and success. In fact, they need to learn that by GIVING EFFORT they will more than likely experience more success. The ability to persist in the face of difficulties maybe an old-fashioned quality but it is one of the best success attributes that children will ever develop.

Here are four practical strategies you can use to promote a sense of persistence in your children:

1 Develop a vocabulary for persistence

Words like "Hang tough", "Work Hard" and "Hang in there" can become part of their every day vocabulary.

2 Point out to children when they stick at a task

Most parents know it pays off when they catch their children being good but it also pays off to catch them being persistent. The behaviours you focus on as parents expand so let them know when they have been persistent. Also remind them that persistence generally pays off.

3 Help children to remember

times when they experienced success by HANGING IN when they were younger. Let them know that persistence has paid off before and it will again.

4 Talk about HARD WORK with your children

They need to understand that to be successful they need to do things that are NOT fun or easy. While it would be good if all work and learning was fun, in reality, this is not always the case.

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Term 2 Calendar
(current as of 9/05/2017)

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1/05/2017	2/05/2017	3/05/2017	4/05/2017	5/05/2017
1					
	8/05/2017	9/05/2017	10/05/2017	11/05/2017	12/05/2017
2		NAPLAN	NAPLAN Mother's Day Stall	NAPLAN Room 4,5,6 Excursion	Bike Ed (Yr 5/6/7)
	15/05/2017	16/05/2017	17/05/2017	18/05/2017	19/05/2017
3			Governing Council Meeting 7pm	PUPIL FREE DAY Staff Learning	PUPIL FREE DAY Staff Learning
	22/05/2017	23/05/2017	24/05/2017	25/05/2017	26/05/2017
4				Brave Performance	Bike Ed (Yr 5,6,7) National Sorry Day ASSEMBLY (Rm 9/10)
	29/05/2017	30/05/2017	31/05/2017	1/06/2017	2/06/2017
5				JP foot checks	Bike Ed (Yr 5,6,7) WALKATHON Casual Clothes Day Kids Helping Our School
	Reconciliation week				
	5/06/2017	6/06/2017	7/06/2017	8/06/2017	9/06/2017
6	World Environment Day			JP foot checks	Bike Ed (Yr 5,6,7) ASSEMBLY (Rm 4/5)
	12/06/2017	13/06/2017	14/06/2017	15/06/2017	16/06/2017
7	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	SCHOOL PHOTOS		SCHOOL PHOTOS (catch-up) JP foot checks	Bike Ed (Yr 5,6,7)
	19/06/2017	20/06/2017	21/06/2017	22/06/2017	23/06/2017
8					Bike Ed (Yr 5,6,7) Start Smart Financial Literacy
	Refugee week				
	26/06/2017	27/06/2017	28/06/2017	29/06/2017	30/06/2017
9				Start Smart Financial Literacy	ASSEMBLY (Rm 3/13)
	3/07/2017	4/07/2017	5/07/2017	6/07/2017	7/07/2017
10				Progress Reports sent home	Whole School Assembly