WORKING BEE

Thankyou to all those people who helped out at last Saturday’s working bee at the school. Many maintenance jobs were completed which will ensure a safer yard area for students. Thankyou also to Fraser Smith for overseeing the working bee and organising essential materials and equipment.

SOCcer CARNIVAL

Last Friday (March 22nd) our Year 3 to 7 students and staff, Morgan Slattery, Leonie Thomas and Bern Geddes attended a Round Robin Soccer Carnival at the Sports Stadium at Gladstone. From all reports, students enjoyed the day very much and were commended by staff from other schools for their sportsmanship, organisation and behaviour. It is very gratifying to know how well our students represented our school community. Well done to all of you who were involved and thanks to St. Jo’s for organising this day.

SAPSASA NEWS

Congratulations to Hannah Watson who won 2 silver medals last Friday at the Swimming Meet in Adelaide.

On Tuesday 26th March Year 6 & 7 students were involved in SAPSASA Netball/Football trials at Jamestown. Congratulations to Nikala Schmidt who has been selected to trial again for final squad selection on Monday 8th April and to Joel Zanker, Scott Richens and Tyson Amey who will represent North Eastern in Adelaide from the 20th May-24th May, Term 2. Congratulations to Tyson who will be the Vice-Captain of this team. Thankyou to all parents who provided transport and organisational support to enable our students to be involved, especially Bern Schmidt and Mark Amey.

STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These are being held Tuesday to Thursday next week and Monday following (Week 11).

FOLk FAIR BBQ STALL ARRANGEMENTS

The Folk Fair is being held next weekend – Saturday, Sunday 6th & 7th April. There are still many spots to be filled on the helper roster for the BBQ food staff for both days. Please respond with times you can help out asap, so the roster can be finalised and sent out to all families. A bag of onions for each family to slice will be sent home next Tuesday afternoon. Families can choose to return sliced onions to school that week and they will be placed in the freezer, or they can be delivered to the school’s BBQ stall at the Folk Fair during that weekend. Year 7 students will help me weigh out and bag the onions for each family next Tuesday.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Reminder Friday 5th April is a Student Free Day for Teachers in the Upper North to meet for Professional Learning regarding the new Australian Curriculum.

Calendar Dates

- Fri.29th March Good Friday
- Mon.1st April – Easter Monday
- Friday 5th April – Student Free Day
- Tues.2nd, Mon.8th April – School Interviews.
- Sat.6th April – Folk Fair
- Tues.9th April – Charity Bike Ride visit
- Fri.12th April – Term 1 Ends – short assembly 2.20
- Mon.29th April – Term 2 starts

EASTER RAFfLE

The Year 5/6/7 class has been conducting an Easter Raffle as a fundraiser for their camp which will be held in Term 4. The Raffle was drawn this morning and $481.00 has been raised. The winners were:

1st Prize: Julie Nettle
2nd Prize: Quentin Janz
3rd Prize: Jan Barberien

Student of the Week

Week 7
Presented to
ANGUS MCCALLUM
For a thoughtful attitude and his hardworking approach to classroom activities.

Week 8
Presented to
NIKALA SCHMIDT
For her excellent spelling results and highly developed research skills.
Once again we observe the Easter holiday break and it is an opportunity to reflect why we observe Easter and its origins. The hot cross bun reminds us of Good Friday when Jesus died on the cross. (Hence the cross on the buns). The opening of the buns on Easter Sunday represents the opening of the tomb when Jesus rose again. The sharing of the bun can ensure friendship between 2 people; “one for you and one for me”. Other symbols of Easter are the egg symbolising new life, with Jesus coming back to life. A butterfly is seen with that same meaning. However you celebrate Easter, have a blessed and happy time with your family and friends.

Helen Wurst

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VALIDATION

On Tuesday, 26th March our school went through a Validation process. All schools in the Yorke/Mid North Region are validated every 3 years. The Validation process is carried out by a panel of 4 Education Department members – 2 from the Regional office and 2 peer principals.

The Validation process is an audit of the Review, Curriculum and Teaching & Learning processes at the school and the panel looks for evidence in these areas to verify the quality of our work. The Panel gathered information through a school produced powerpoint presentation, documentation, observation in classes and through discussion with teachers, S.S.O’s students and Governing Council representatives. At the end of the day a report was prepared. Our Validation Day was very successful with many commendations and some recommendations to follow up over the next three years.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Yesterday, Sandra, Lyn, Morgan and I attended 2 workshops at Kadina, presented by Stephen Graham. Stephen provided us with many strategies to help students improve the quality of their exposition (persuasive) writing and spelling. Bern Geddes also attended a workshop in Clare presented by Carol Edwards from the Special Education Resource Unit on Oral Communication.

Kathy Arthur
Principal

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Georgia Winter and Lillie Shepherdson – for excellent work in Maths.
Samuel Shepherdson – for enthusiasm and valuable contributions in Science lessons.
Hannah Watson – for excellent work in Maths.
Talia Ziepes – for great counting in Maths.
Jackson Staker – for excellent computer research on sea creatures.
Georgia Wegner – for an excellent attitude in all maths lessons.

Connor Hoskin – for a good start with his exposition writing.
Jez Hartmann – for her enthusiasm in writing.
Dylan Davenport – for always completing his homework and excellent spelling results.
Scott Richens – for outstanding results at MNSEC sports and beating his personal best in Long Jump.
Will Griffin – for a fantastic “Magic Spell” in writing.
Miriam Byron – for accurately adding up and solving problems.

Hot Cross buns were prepared at recess and baked at lunch-time today.

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Well done
Hannah!
Southern Flinders Netball Club
Mini’s and Sub Mini’s Netball Training starts on
Thursday April 4th 2013
At the Gladstone stadium at 4:30 p.m.
Ages 8 years to Year 5's

NET SET GO
10 week program designed for ages 5 up will start
2nd May 2013
4:30 p.m. start at Laura Netball courts.
More information contact
Sandra 86622355
Bern 86684313

Southern Flinders Football Club
Mini’s and Sub Mini’s Football Training starts on
Thursday April 4th 2013 at Gladstone at 5:00

TO GIVE AWAY
6 PRINTER CARTRIDGES
EPSON STYLUS 880
If you have a printer that these would fit please see Bern at Laura Primary School