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From the Principal’s Desk...

It certainly has been a very busy fortnight at Kurrajong North! It feels like it was only yesterday I was writing my first newsletter for this amazing school. This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students sat for the annual NAPLAN test. I wouldn’t say that our students had a great time doing them but I will say that they took this extra task in their stride and with minimal fuss. A big thank you to the multi-talented Mrs Robinson, for teaching the Year 4 and Year 6 students during the testing.

Today I was very lucky to be able to attend the Small Schools Cross Country Carnival at Glossodia. We were very happy to finally get a sunny day to run the event after it was postponed twice! Our students behaved wonderfully and were a credit to our school and their community. Thank you to Miss Malcolm for organising our team and managing them so well; and to Mr Sorrenson for taking down the shade shelter so that our students had somewhere protected to sit.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

This year Kurrajong North Public School will be participating in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students. Mrs Robinson will be leading the challenge at our school and I thank her for the organisation she has already put into this event.
Approaching Your School

In my last newsletter I attached the ‘Approaching Your School’ Policy. If you would like a copy please contact Mrs Cobcroft and she will provide you with one. I would like to remind everyone that due to WHS guidelines and ‘Working With Children’ requirements that all visitors to our school (parent helpers for reading groups etc, canteen volunteers, religious instructors, deliveries etc) MUST sign in at the office before entering classrooms. Please remember that it is not appropriate to enter a classroom in the mornings once instruction has started for the day unless you have been to the office first.

Teacher Professional Learning

This term our whole school professional learning focus, will be around developing scope and sequences for the new Science, History and Maths syllabuses. We will also be developing our milestones for the Strategic Plan—the finer details of each area of focus. There will also be mandatory professional learning for principals this term around teacher accreditation, the Performance and Development Framework and Business Intelligence.

Food Allergy Week 17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.
Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

Have a great fortnight Kurrajong North!

Kind regards,

Miss Rosemary Richardson

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Next Meeting May 18!