This week is NAPLAN week. The children in years three, five and seven will be sitting the NAPLAN tests this Tuesday to Thursday. All children in these year levels will be sitting the tests in the 5/6/7/8 room and will be supervised by Mrs Connell on Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Tully on Thursday. Homework Centre will still operate as normal this week. It is important however that all children are at school and settle by nine in the morning.

Our school eating breaks will be changed this week across the whole school to accommodate this testing period. Good luck to our year three, five and seven children.

Make every day count in 2014

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new ‘Every Day Counts videos’ live on DETE TV http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday the 30th of May (Week 6 of Term 2) Please ensure children are in full school uniform for this important event.

Principal Business Meeting – May 20th and 21st

I will be attending the Principal Business Meeting on the 20th and 21st of May. Merinda has been asked to present about our Putting Faces on the Data Improvement Agenda on the 21st. Mrs Helena Tully and Mrs Kristy Pethers will be attending the Principal Business Meeting on the 21st as part of this presentation. We are very excited and thrilled that Merinda has again been recognised as leaders in education and look forward to showcasing what we have done. Mrs Leanne Hubbert and Miss Leah Florence will be the teachers in charge for these two days while we are in Townsville.

School Discipline Audit

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Merinda State School hosted Mr Michael Slocombe on the first day back at school for our School Discipline Audit. We now have our 5 page profile and executive summary. These have been uploaded to our website. They are located under forms and documents. If you have trouble locating them, please ring the school and we can provide you with a paper copy.

Bike education for year five six and seven

The Bowen PCYC will be coming to our school starting Monday the 25th of May for the rest of the term every Monday to conduct bike education lessons for the children in the senior class. The cost of the program for the five weeks is $25 for children who provide their own bike from home or $40 which includes bike hire from the PCYC. Children must bring their own bike helmet. A permission note will be sent home this week about bike education.

Young leaders encouraged to nominate for youth parliament - newsletter

The AEc National Indigenous Youth Parliament is looking for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people interested in government and the parliamentary process. Six Queensland and two Torres Strait Island representatives aged 16 to 25 will be selected. More information is available from: http://www.aec.gov.au/Indigenous/npyp.htm

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day was held on 25th April in Herbert Street. Since it’s such an important occasion, the ceremony was very respectful. And every speech for the ANZAC’s was well written. The ceremony was a success. Our school did a brilliant job, especially with the signing in the national anthem, wearing our school uniform and being very quiet. Liam and Georid did an excellent job, laying down the wreath. Everyone was respectful, responsible and safe, so well done!

Merinda State School – Open Day

As part of State Education Week, Merinda State School will be hosting an Open Day on Monday the 19th of May from 8:30am to 10:00am. This is an opportunity for you to come, see and celebrate the wonderful things that are happening at your local state school. You will also get to see our Education Queensland Showcase submission "FUEL TEAMSS" in action in all the classrooms! We hope to see you there.

Shipping News

Our shipping demo team, Team A, will be performing at Murroona Gardens this Friday 16th May for the Murroona Residents. Murroona Gardens are kindly picking us up and dropping us back to school at no cost. We will be leaving school at 1:30pm and returning at 2:45pm. Please make sure you wear your RED uniform on Friday Team A. A note will be going home today.

Chaplain Report

Wow, Term Two is fully underway! Good luck to everyone participating in NAPLAN this week. Special mention to our awesome partners Woolworth’s Bowen, Girudulla and Chayim Community Care. This year I am sharing some practical ‘Feel Good’ strategies that we can all benefit from. So make sure you keep reading the school newsletter to keep updated! Have an awesome week ahead! If you have a need or just want to talk to someone, come chat to Chappy!

Disco Reminder

Remember it’s the School Disco THIS FRIDAY NIGHT!!! We are having a Cowboys and Indians theme. There will be prizes for the best dressed and the best dancer so come dressed up and ready to dance! The canteen will also be open for snacks and drinks. See you all there!

Prep

This week in maths we are learning to give and follow directions using positional language and directives eg walk forward 3 steps, move 3 steps to the left.

What are we learning: left, right, forward, Back, beside, behind, in front, next to

Coming up next week are our Under 8’s activities Open Day on Monday, and our Big Day Out at Queens Beach School. A note for this excursion will go out this week.

Yr 1 – 2

Wow! What a busy couple of weeks we have had. I hope you all had a wonderful Mother’s Day and enjoyed being spoilt. We will be having a busy couple of weeks coming up with assessments, open day, Big Day Out and a disco! I will be updating information in the “resource” tab in our class blog for you all to access the great resources we will be learning with this term. Thank you to all the parents that come to the school for parent-teacher interviews last week.

Remember to check out our blog! (http://mrshubberts.edublogs.org).

Yr 3 – 4

I hope all mothers loved their tea cups and had a nice day with their family yesterday.

Good luck to all NAPLAN participants this week! I look forward to seeing students utilising skills we have been revising in class and putting them into practise. It will be exciting to see all their hard work paid off.

We have been studying Andy Warhol in Art and the students have created some wonderful self-portraits, reflecting similarities to his creations. One of our next pieces will be a take on Warhol’s ‘Soup Can’. If you have any cans that are no longer of need, may you please bring them in.

It has been pleasing to see students trying hard to complete their homework to a high standard. Please ensure that your child is reading each night and that it is signed in their homework book. If you have any spare time, it would be fantastic if you could test your child on their high or frequent words that they are learning. Don’t forget to keep checking out our blog (http://mrshubberts.edublogs.org/) for new updates and engaging games.

Yr 5 – 7

What a wonderful fortnight the senior class has had. We have been busy preparing our year five and seven children for NAPLAN, which we are all looking forward to. The children have enjoyed learning about environmental science and are starting to create their own cartoon as part of their English assessment. Maths has also been busy and challenging for the children. This week sees the commencement of both Geography and History assessment for the term, both of these subject areas have a 20 week block of teaching and learning, so their assessment will run for the remaining five weeks. The children have also been busy planning their costume ideas for the school disco on Friday!

2014… COMING EVENTS

TERM 1

16-05-2014 Skipping at Murroona Gardens
16-05-2014 School Disco
19-05-2014 School Open Day
20-05-2014 Principal Business Meeting
21-05-2014 Principal Business Meeting
26-05-2014 Bike Education Week
30-05-2014 School Photos
05-06-2014 P&C Meeting

WAKAKIRRI UPDATE

In preparation for our Wakkakiri performance (and in honour of the rule to reuse and recycle), we require the following objects - if you have any of these can you please feel free to donate them to the school. Please be aware that they will be altered for the performance.

A beach ball (blow up kind): A fishing rod(3): a stand for a pretend BBQ: a plastic shovel (2): a stand and pole (ie for portable netball): a large hessian bag and 2 really big boxes (ie fridge).

Any of these would be greatly appreciated and can be delivered to Mrs Tully or the 5/6/7 class. If you know someone who may have these items please feel free to contact the school to let us know!

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Green team report

A big congratulations to Lily Horpold and Charlee Anderson who have joined the Green Team Leaders. They will be assisting in the running of the daily Green Team activities. Our winner of nudes food (lunch with no plastic wrappers), for term one was Evie Herlihy - well done! Evie receives a movie ticket for her great effort to help the environment!

Behaviour of the week

The following are the behaviours of the week for the next three weeks:

Week 4
Be Safe – I use classroom equipment and furniture safely

Week 5
Be Responsible – I am on time and organised

Week 6
Be Respectful – I encourage others to join in when playing