



21 May 2019 | Term 2 Week 4

## Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to another busy week in our school. Tomorrow all the students will come together in the Arts Centre to listen to the story "Alpacas with Maracas" for this year's National Simultaneous Storytime. This is at 9:00am sharp, as it is being read around Australia at that exact time.

## The Importance of Reading Habits: Extract from an Article from *Early Learning*

Reading is one of the most fundamental skills a child needs to learn to succeed in life. Developing good reading habits is vital to your child's future not just academically, but in everyday life as well. What can good reading habits do for your child's development? Here are five reasons you should develop reading habits young, and why they are so important.

**Reading develops vocabulary:** The more your child reads, the newer words will find their way into his vocabulary. Reading allows for exposure to words and phrases that you might not use as part of normal speech. "When you read aloud to your child, you are not only helping to prepare her to learn to read, you are also exposing her to rich language she otherwise might not hear," states Susan Canizares, Ph. D, a specialist in language and literacy development.

**Reading increases attention span:** Encouraging good reading habits from an early age develops your child's attention span and allows them to focus better and for longer periods of time. Reading combats the epidemic of poor attention span in today's children.

**Good reading habits prepare children for school:** Children who spend a lot of time reading prior to attending school will have an easier time adapting to the reading-focused learning environment in their future classrooms.

**Developing reading habits early leads to a lifelong love of books:** Children who start reading regularly from an early age are more likely to enjoy reading later in life. This will serve them well throughout their education and beyond.

**Reading encourages a thirst for knowledge:** Children with good reading habits learn more about the world around them, and develop an interest in other cultures. Reading leads to asking questions, and seeking answers, which means children learn more every day.

You can teach your child good reading habits and motivate them to read by:

- Reading to them from a young age, as early as possible
- Modelling good reading habits by taking the time to read yourself
- Encouraging conversations about content of what your child has been reading.

Encouraging good reading habits and modelling them as well sets up a parent as a role model for the love of reading. Susan B. Neuman, Ph. D, director of the Centre for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement at the University of Michigan, says teaching motivation is key. "Children develop motivation to read by being read to often, learning firsthand the pleasures that reading can bring."

## Upcoming Events

### **Wednesday 22 May**

- National Simultaneous Storytime 9:00am
- School Board meeting 3:30pm

### **Thursday 23 May**

- **RAINBOW DAY** Fundraiser

### **Friday 24 May**

- Year 6 Assembly
- Uniform Shop Open
- Volunteers Morning Tea
- Winter Sport vs Embleton @ NMPS

### **Tuesday 28 May**

- Book Fair (see timetable)

### **Thursday 30 May**

- Pirate Day

### **Friday 31 May**

- Book Fair (see timetable)
- Winter Sport @ Ashfield

**Monday 3  
June  
WA Day  
Holiday**

## Virtue of the Fortnight – Positive

S.P.O.R.T Certificate - recipients at this Friday's assembly are:

Pre Primary	Vaderic Asueros & Victoria Dobson
Year 1/2	Mia Baines & Zilan Cokgezici
Year 1/2	Brian Kougblenou & Kaea Te Wano
Year 3	Bryce McGivern & Ashwariya Waghela
Year 3/4	Justyna Kochan-Mazurek & Qisha Rizal
Year 4/5	Yaser Al-Musawi & Jacqueline Vo
Year 5	Emina Kokorovic & Michael Neylon
Year 6	Rowen Gage

Merit Awards - recipients at this Friday's assembly are:

Pre Primary	Lacey Beattie & Ethan White
Year 1/2	Leo Galanto & Ashwin Pearce
Year 1/2	Jerson Bompat & Harry Borshoff
Year 3	Evan Deal & Maya Srdic
Year 3/4	Yusef Al Soeady & Francesco De Bruno
Year 4/5	Lucy Borshoff & Gorden Turvey
Year 5	Junyang Lin & Immanuel Shwe
Year 6	Grasia Kougblenou & Lenny McGrath
LOTE	Sophie Frost & Dragan Ristic

## Rainbow Fundraiser

This Thursday is our Rainbow day fundraiser, raising money for this year's Massed Choir Festival. All students and staff are encouraged to come dressed as the rainbow (or a colour from the rainbow) for a gold coin donation.



Helping fund research for  
kids with brain cancer

**Thursday 30 May**

**Dress up like a pirate,  
bring your treasure, and raise money  
for kids' brain cancer research.**

# Volunteers

NMPS  
P&C  
Assoc.

## MAKE IT HAPPEN

### ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A HUGE thank you to Lucy Oreb and her amazing volunteer crew for running the sausage sizzle at last weekend's election. We were all sold out by 1:15pm and made a great profit of \$930 to go straight back into resources for our students.



### CANTEEN - SAVE THE DATE!

Our next special canteen lunch will be on Wednesday 5 June. More information to come!

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Thanks to everyone who joined in Walk Safely to School Day last Friday. So impressed with how many walkers we had AND THEN they did early morning laps!! Big shout out to Kimberley Sarich and Karen Blackshaw for the yummy muffins for our walkers. And our post on the YourMove website has pushed us into Silver Status for our school's commitment to active transport!



## MAY BOOK FAIR

Our special May Book Fair will open next week. We are celebrating Scholastic Family Reading Month and as such we would like to see if we can sell at least 200 books in this fair. That represents a book for each child in the school.

*Opening hours are:*

Tuesday 28 May 8.30 to 9am:

We will be open to parents shopping alone those helping their children in Year 2 and younger to purchase books.

Friday 31 May 8.30 to 9am:

We will be open to all parents and students.

Both Tuesday 28th and Friday 31st:

We will be open for sales during lunch and children can purchase books during their normal class borrowing time.



or

Parents, feel free to drop into the library to purchase books during school hours on Tuesday and Friday. You will just have to drop into the office to sign in first.



## BUSY BEE

Your help is needed at school on

**SUNDAY 9 JUNE**

**11am**

We will be making a start on the new **Senior Nature Play Area** AND upgrading our **Garden Club Area**.

We will be:-

*digging up the grass*

*laying down mulch*

*making a weaving wall*

*creating a log seating area*

*starting work on our wicking beds*

Bring tools if you have them.

The kids are welcome!!