

Cross Country

Next Thursday 1.30pm



Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteer parents who have put their hand up for helping on the day. Volunteers are asked to be at the school by 1.00pm for a final brief before the race begins. Please meet in the Library.

Parents and Friends are welcome to attend and watch the students run the cross country.

All Students must wear joggers, their school hat and their red or yellow sports shirt. They will also need to bring a water bottle.

Please be reminded

- ⇒ If your child cannot participate for any reason, a written note will be required for exclusion. This includes training activities.
- ⇒ Students need to have joggers, hat and water bottles at school this week for training sessions.
- ⇒ Prep to Year 3 children will be running a modified course and are included in the Cross Country Event.
- ⇒ All participants will get points for their sporting house so we encourage active participation by all students.
- ⇒ If your child suffers from a medical condition e.g. asthma, please ensure the appropriate medication is available. Please advise your child's teacher.
- ⇒ Please apply sunscreen before school

School Photos

April 20

Please ensure your child has a clean white Shirt for photo day. The Uniform Shop is open from 8.30—9.00 am on every Monday if you have uniform requirements.

The uniform shop will also be open on Tuesday 18 April prior to photo day.



Playground Painting Bee

Are you good with a paintbrush? We will be having a working bee on Friday April 28 at 2pm to help spruce up our playground equipment. Bring your own paint brush if you have one. We will supply the paint.

Sports Shirts Ordered sports shirts are now available. Please pay at the uniform shop on Monday morning (\$30 per shirt) prior to collecting.

We still have an URGENT need for volunteers

Raising Happy Kids

The most important work you and I will ever do will be within the walls of our own homes.
- Harold B Lee

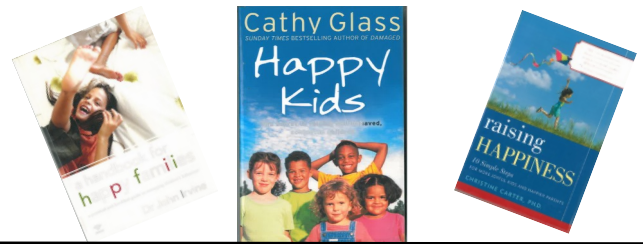
Most parents want their children to experience happiness throughout their childhood years.

To help you overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in your way to be the parent you would like to be, Uniting Care Community is putting on free workshops on Fridays from 19 May—9 June from 9.30am—Noon at the Birch Street Community Hub.

This workshop promotes positive and nurturing parent-child relationships. Phone 40326800 to book.

Our school library also has a number of books on raising happy families in the Parent Section.

Please see Ellen Trevor if you would like loan any of our parent help books from the Library.



Congratulations Year 1/2 Class **100% Attendance** last week

P/1 **97.7%** 3/4 **98.3%** 5/6 **99.16%**

Obstathon

We are so pleased to announce that our students raised



\$ 2589.50

This equates to an average of over \$30 per child.

Well done!

The following students raised over \$50

Prep / Year 1 Zali, Kayla, Braxton, Hugo, Kayd

Year 1 / 2 Tiarni, Pearl, Bruce, Zade, Bailey, Haidyn, Toby

Year 3/4 Carolise, Jemma, Marina, Bailey, Grace, Ava

Year 5/6 Joshua, Alexis, Jeffrey

Congratulations to Joshua who was our top fundraiser (\$180.00) and to the Nolan-Mundraby family who got the most sponsors from the community.

Cyber Safety Session for Year 5/6 Students and all Parents

We believe Cyber Safety is of utmost importance for our students. For this reason we have joined with local schools to sponsor Cyber Safety sessions for our Year 5/ 6 students and our parents.

Information and a permission slip have been sent home to our Year 5/6 class. Permission slips need to be back by Friday 24 March. Please note an early start for the Year 5/6 class on the first day back of Term 2, with bus transportation to the student session leaving at 8.15am from the school.

We encourage all parents to attend the parent session being held on Tuesday 18 April from 6.00—7.45pm at the Gordonvale Primary Multi-Purpose Hall.

What are your kids doing on line? What is Online Grooming? Cyberbullying –What Where & How. Sexting—what are the real consequences?, Potential dangers and safety tips, Office of the Children’s eSafety Commisioner—Role ,Resources and Reporting, Setting rules & Boundaries at home, Question Time.

Susan McLean will be the presenter. She is Australia’s foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She is a mother of three and was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report on cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to schools, elite bodies such as the AFL, G.Ps and both State and Federal Governments. She is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB) Cybersafety Committee and is afforded ‘expert’ status on the Safer Internet Programme Data Base. She is also a member of the Australian Government’s Cybersafety working group and a published author. Her book ‘Sexts, Texts and Selfies’ is a definitive Parent’s guide to helping their children stay safe online.



Year 5 & 6 School Camp June 12 –15

We try to keep the costs of school camp to a minimum and anticipate that the school camp will cost between \$110—\$130 per students .This will be dependant on the number of students attending , anticipated food and activity costs. Our P & C has generously agreed to pay for the bus to lower costs for parents.

	Tuckshop	Home Bake
24 March	Verna Austin Carolyn Nolan	Marin Haldane Kristy McAuliffe

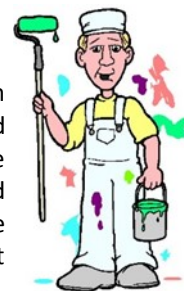
ABC Reading Eggs & Maths Seeds

Our P & C paid for this program a number of years ago. Unfortunately we had to discontinue the funding due to lack of use. The families who used the service thought it was a very worthwhile and rewarding extension program.

The ABC Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds Programs can be purchased for \$95 per child through the ABC (50% off for second child) if you are interested in providing an extension program for your children at home.

Help Needed!

The Student Council is asking for help from some parent volunteers to re-paint the hand ball courts and the hopscotch lines in the under-cover area, and to paint new hand ball lines in the pergola. Paint will be provided by school. Please let Mrs Corbett or Mrs Rooke know if you can help .



School Captain Camp Report

Holloway’s Beach Leadership Camp was awesome. I was amazed at how many people could fit into a cabin. I was lucky enough to have new friends in my cabin for a night. I stayed in Beach Retreat and I had friends in every other cabin. Also it was quite cool to have toilets named after male and female mud crabs. Bucks were boys and Jennies were girls.

We had fun playing party games. We learnt many new skills and new games. We also learnt sportsmanship, how to get along with each other, how to work well with each other and finding other ways to do things. We learnt new games like Knights, Mounts and Cavaliers as well as relaxing games like Closest to Count to 1 Minute.

Another life skill which we participated in was cooking. We were in different cooking groups where we performed different tasks from cracking eggs to buttering bread. It was challenging to work with children that we didn’t know. This helped us accept the idea to work, be friendly and get along with others.

The high ropes course at Holloway’s Beach included six different courses rating from, WOW! This is really high! to OMG Get me down from here! There are two easier levels, Crocodile teeth and the easiest beginner level (That doesn’t have a name yet.) The four harder levels include : Train Tracks, Reverse Train Tracks and Tarzan. But the hardest of them all was the Heebeegies. Captains’ Camp was both very educational and lot of fun. Thanks guys!.

Alexis, Jeffrey, Lara & Chris