Dear Community,

**NAPLAN**

I am very proud to share the following NAPLAN results that we have just received. Our Grade 3 students were above “Similar School” in all areas tested. They were also above Tasmania in Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. The Grade 3 students were also considerably above the Australian average in Numeracy. Our Grade 5 students did exceptionally well, as they were above “Similar School”, the Tasmanian average and the Australian average in Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. What a fantastic effort from our students and staff who have worked really hard and deserved these exemplary results.

**Welcome**

This week we have a new face in the office. We welcome Mrs Symes who is replacing Missy whilst she is working in another school for the remainder of the term.

**Prep – Grade 6 Dance Event**

This Thursday, 25th August is the Prep – Grade 6 Dance Event. This is being held at Ringarooma Primary School. The children and teachers have been busy practising the dances ready for the day. The early childhood dances commence at 10:30 a.m. followed by the official welcome at 12:00 p.m. followed by the primary dances. Children will have lunch and a play before travelling back to school.

It would be great to see as many parents and community members as possible on the day. A canteen will also be running out of the gazebo for parents to purchase tea, coffee, snacks etc. on the day.

Please note in the case of rain, the dance event will be held on the Monday 29th August.

**Duty of Care**

A reminder to all parents, that it is the parents’ responsibility to ensure that their children get to and from school safely. Children under 10 should not be riding a bike by themselves, and all Kinder children should be supervised by an adult to and from school. Our duty of care does not commence until the students are inside the school gate and is handed back to the parents as the children leave the school gate.

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**Dates to Remember**

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**LINKS**

- **Mathletics**
  www.mathletics.com.au

- **Reading Eggs**
  www.readingeggs.com.au

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**Term Dates**

Term 4: 10th Oct – 21st Dec
Book Week
This year to celebrate Book Week, in response to parent requests, we have decided to ask the children to dress up and to have a parade of characters rather than the traditional activities in the library. The dress up day will be held on Friday 2nd September.

Kind Regards

Carol Stingel

CLASS WEEKLY AWARDS

MERIT AWARDS

Prep Allen: Archie Stewart for working hard to complete tasks and being a great friend to all class members. Tahlishia Harris-Byers for showing great leadership with our preparation for the Dance Event.
1/2 Beard: Archie Cron for showing great sportsmanship at our mini Olympics. Blair McDonald for showing care in the playground and playing well with others.
1/2 Cox: Chloe Gofton for an amazing effort during writing time this week! Ailish Barron for adding amazing detail to her writing.
3/4 Somerville-Hall/Lewis: Noah Jensen for fantastic improvement in Intensive Reading. Lucas Fromager for a big improvement in writing on the line and writing neatly.
4/5 Lovegrove: Kaleb Pou for making positive choices in the playground. Nick Atkins for presenting emotive and creative simile poetry to an exceptionally high standard.
5/6 Reid: Tom McLennan for amazing efforts in Numeracy, showing great thinking and always supporting others in this subject. Cody Arnold for contributing well during discussion times and having an overall positive input. T-Shony Young for beautiful links in her metaphor poetry. A pleasure to read. Amelia Barnett for working diligently in Numeracy and making every effort to improve her outcomes.

READING AWARDS
25 Nights: Shakira Coker-Williams
50 Nights: Shannon Borg, Shakira Coker-Williams
75 Nights: Shiloh Wilson, Shakira Coker-Williams, Elysia Clark
100 Nights: Ailish Barron
125 Nights: Archie Stewart, Tyler Blakeley
150 Nights: Adam Abraham, Archie Stewart, Grace Cuthbertson, Ava Blundstone
175 Nights: Connor Burns

MATHS AWARDS
Mastery of the division facts related to the 2 x tables:
Mariam Hall, Alex Johnson
Mastery of the 3 x table number facts:
Harrison Beard, Hamish Fraser, Nicholas Hill
Mastery of the division facts related to the 3 x tables:
Nicholas Hill, Elysia Clark
Mastery of the 5 x table number facts:
Caitlyn Burns, Aric Clark, Jamari Lockhart
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MATHLETICS:
Silver Award – Lily Howard
Gold Award – Kokoda Hoult

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR RAFFLE DRAW
Hamish Fraser, Hamish Gunn, Aliya Siddiqui, Shellese Borg, Emily Fraser and Taylan Williams
Name: Belinda Somerville-Hall
Role & qualifications: Grade 3/4 teacher
Staff AEU rep, budget manager for Maths, History and Geography, Bachelor of Education.
Interests: Singing and playing piano, farming and working with animals, designing gardens, photography, community service and embroidery.
Likes: Flowers, AFL footy, sharing meals with friends and family, watching our family of wrens in the bird bath, listening to the rain on the roof close to a beautiful, warm fire and collecting things.
Dislikes: Judgemental people, waste and materialism.
Favourite food: I’m a bit of a fad person and at the moment I love tucking into peanut butter on white bread and butter but I also think you can’t really go past roast lamb and lemon meringue pie!
Pets: My little cat, Flea Taxi (named by my husband who is a cat tolerator!) is always my loyal companion.
Favourite footy team: There’s a team I follow and they’re a happy bunch who love their team and play to win, riding the bumps with a grin. They’re mighty and they’re fighting and even though they lost on the weekend… dismiss them at your peril!!

WANTED: PINE SCRAP DONATIONS
Do you have any pieces of pine scraps of any size (not treated pine) laying about from an unfinished or finished project? You may know someone else who could donate some? If you do, Mrs Grace and her Kinder class would love any donations to help with an upcoming class project. All donations can be brought to the Kinder classroom or to the school office.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE
There have been some incidents of hand, foot and mouth disease in younger children within our wider community. Hand, foot and mouth disease is a viral infection, mostly affecting young children. Affected children are mildly unwell with blisters in their mouth and on their hands and feet. Children with this illness may have a low-grade fever, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and not eat for a day or two. It is important for children to follow good hand washing and cleaning techniques, and most importantly stay home from school or childcare until their blisters have dried up.

SCHOOL PHOTO FORM RETURN
Children were sent home with MSP Photography School photo forms last Friday 18th. All students are to return their completed school photo forms to the school office by school photo day Wednesday September 7th. These forms will then be distributed to class teachers on photo day.

Online ordering is now available.
1. Log on to www.msp.com.au and click on ORDER ONLINE
2. Place your order using the online system
3. Record your Reference Number on your child’s envelope
4. Each child must hand in their photo envelope on photo day
All children must have their envelope on photo day whether they are ordering photos or not. For any enquiries please contact MSP Photography on 03 62315880.

LIFT JOIN ME FOR A CUP OF TEA
During Term 3 all interested family and community members are invited as part of the Learning in Families Together (LIFT) Program, to have a “Cup of Tea with Me” on Friday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 p.m in the Bridport Primary Schools staff room. This is an opportunity for an informal chat about how our school can further engage families in order to increase student learning. Tea and coffee will be provided. Kind Regards, Maree Grace, LIFT Co-ordinator.
FUTURE STARTING AGE UPDATE
As you may be aware, the Government has been working on a change to the school starting age through the Education Act review process. The original proposal to make the compulsory starting age of Prep 4 years and 6 months has now changed to a minimum starting age.

This is in recognition that parents and carers are best placed to decide when their child should start school, the Government has agreed that although the age at which a child can commence in Prep will be lowered to 4 years and 6 months, the compulsory school starting age will remain at five.

The commencement of this change would take effect in Prep in 2021, which means children who are born in the first half of 2016 will be eligible for Kindergarten in 2020.

These changes result in an optional Kindergarten starting age of 3 years and 6 months in 2020. Parents can decide on what suits their child best.

For further information on this topic please see the below link to an updated fact sheet:

MUSIC NEWS
In music last week the primary classes composed limericks:

There once was a girl called T-Shony,
Who had a short, dapple-grey pony,
She thought she was cool
When she rode it to school,
But she fell off and said, “Abalone!”

By 5/6 Reid
There once was young man called Kayde
Who worked in the fire brigade.
He extinguished the fires
With fireproof pliers
Then he sat down and skulled lemonade.

By 4/5 Lovegrove
There once was a young girl called Greer,
Who went for a ride on a deer.
She got stung by a bee
And crashed into a tree.
She really should learn how to steer!

By 3/4 Hall/Lewis

SINGFEST FORMS
A Singfest information letter with permission slip was sent home with choir students last week. Please return the permission slip, along with $5 if they would like a pizza tea, to the office as soon as possible.

MUSICA VIVA CONCERT
As part of the Musica Viva in Schools program, our students will attend a concert in the school hall at 9:45 a.m. next Wednesday 31st August. Families are welcome to attend. Admission is free.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 24th August 2:30-3:00 p.m. The shop will also be open on the morning of school photo day 7th September from 8:30-9:00 a.m. Contact Brooke Johnson 0407860838 if you need to make an appointment outside of this time.

WINTER WARMER SOUP DAY
There will be another winter warmer soup day on Monday 5th September. More details will be provided closer to the day.

TABLE TENNIS FAMILY EVENING
The final table tennis family evening will be held this Wednesday night in the School Hall. Children in Grade 4 upwards are welcome to attend accompanied by an adult. All equipment needed is provided.

BRIDPORT UNDER 12S FOOTBALL
Under 12s football team have their final training run on Thursday 1st September at 4:00 p.m. A medallion presentation and pie night will follow.

The Under 12s team will be playing at the NEFU grand final on Saturday September 3rd at the Scottsdale Recreation Ground. The Under 12s will field a side in games at half time of both the reserves and seniors games. Further details will be given at training.