From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It seems to have been a very long week. Naplan is now over for another year and all students have done a sterling job. They all tried hard, did their best and had a positive attitude. (What more could you ask for?) Some of our prep students attended The Play School Production and we have included some quotes for your delight. Hopefully the disrupted weeks will now settle down and we can get back to a better routine.

In this newsletter we have photographs of our Allora Cross Country competitors. Congratulations to Abbi and Dean for being selected to compete at the next level. Have a look at our date claimers. Year 6&7’s have a transition day at Warwick State High School on Tuesday 20th May. Mrs Cremasco will be accompanying the group and if you need assistance with transport please pop a note in the Student Diary so we can send a permission note home. On that day Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Walsh will be attending a course in Brisbane. Mrs Devine will be taking her class for the day.

As discussed at the P&C Meeting our school is involved in a collection of data for students with disability. Information about this data collection has been attached to the newsletter. Please contact the school or pop a note in the Student Diary if you have any questions or concerns. Essentially the government is trying to gather data from all the states and territories to evaluate what level of adjustments we make across Australia for our students. This is to target resources and make the delivery of programs to those students more effective.

The P&C has decided to run a pie drive again. Order forms are attached to the newsletter and more are available from the school. We have a fairly quick turn-around with orders so please get your orders in as soon as possible. I am looking forward to having some pies on standby for those days where there just never seems to be enough time. We also discussed senior shirts both the Student Council and the P&C have decided to contribute to the purchasing of a senior shirt per child in year 6&7. This is wonderful as it means students will have a shirt and parents will not need to find extra money. Once we have finalised the order we will let the parents know and will have a special afternoon tea to present them to those students. We are hoping this will be before the last week of term, will confirm later.

I also informed the P&C that I will be taking leave at the end of the year for a few weeks. My mother, in America, is celebrating her 80th birthday and the family is planning a reunion as a surprise. Janine Baldwin will become the acting principal in my absence and Mrs Devine will be on class full time. Currently Mrs Devine works one day a week, in a support role.

It was decided to bring the end of year concert forward this year, a date will be confirmed at the next P&C meeting. Attached to the newsletter are Absentee Notes/ Forms. Please help us keep unexplained absences to a minimum by sending a note in each time your child is away. Thank you.

Have a great week,

Laura Watson
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**HELP AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.**

If you find yourself with a little spare time and want to help out, give us a call.

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**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN went ahead as planned this week. The years 3, 5 & 7’s put in a great effort and worked well. For any students who may have missed a day, we have a catch up day tomorrow Friday.

Now we all wait for the results.

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**Head Lice**

We have had a report of head lice in the school. Please take the time this weekend to check your child to make sure they are lice and egg free and treat if necessary. It only takes a minute to check your child daily to make sure we get them before they spread.

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**10 Ways to get Kids Active**

Whether it’s playing with friends or family, taking part in sports or other physical activities, or joining regular family activities, being active is good for everyone!

1. **Get active early**—Active kids are more likely to become active adults, so teach them to enjoy it now!
2. **Variety, variety**—Encourage kids to try a range of sports & activities to develop a range of skills and find one or two that they really like.
3. **Have fun**—Sounds simple but the basic rule is that sport and activity should be enjoyable.
4. **Take the lead**—Kids take their cues from parents—so make activity a regular part of your family routine.
5. **Give toys a miss**—Help kids get active by giving sporting goods rather than toys as gifts.
6. **Try something new**—Develop new family activities such as indoor rock climbing, bike riding, skiing or sailing.
7. **Handy action toys**—Keep a football, basketball or tennis ball handy to grab on your way outdoors for an easy 20 minutes of fun.
8. **Find a balance**—Help kids find their own balance of friends, physical activities, indoor play and homework with unstructured play such as daydreaming, creating, thinking and reading.
9. **Give the chauffer the day off**—That’s you! Introduce the kids to the way we all once got around, walking or riding bikes with them.
10. **Everyday action**—Aim for 30-60 minutes of moderate activity everyday plus 20-30 minutes of stronger activity up to three times a week.

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**~ P&C News ~**

The Freestone State School P&C Assoc. are holding a ‘Homestyle Bake’ Pie Drive

Order forms are attached to this newsletter

Orders should be returned to Alica Mauch or the school, with payment enclosed on or before Monday 02nd June.

Delivery of the pies to the school will be on Thursday 12th June (time to be announced)

Please ensure all cheques are made out to the Freestone State School P&C Association.

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**~ Community News ~**

**Announcement**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Freestone Hall BOOT SALE that was to be held on the 18/06/14 has been postponed.

**BUT**

**Wellies & Beanies Boot Sale & Boot Art Auction**

Will be held on the 20th July as part of the Jumpers & Jazz event

Call John for more info on 0408660654
While most of us slaved away at school doing NAPLAN during the week, some of our prep students attended the ‘Playschool’ concert at Scotts College.

Amy Ryan said

I liked it when they were doing all the songs.

Joe Robinson said

Alex got Big Ted and ran to the blocks looking for something, it was funny.

And Will Sollars said

I thought it was funny when Alex was a dog!

Congratulations to Abbi & Dean Mauch for placing in the cross country.