Dear Parents,

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held TOMORROW morning with prices ranging from $1 to $10.

I know the children enjoy ‘shopping’ for something special and thank Parent Group for ensuring this is possible. Should you be able to help out tomorrow between 9am and 11am, your assistance would be appreciated.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

We have had recent reports of cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) within the school. HFMD is caused by a virus. Symptoms include a high temperature, sore throat, small blister-like lesions that may occur on the inside of the mouth, sides of the tongue, palms of the hands, fingers and soles of the feet. Children are often irritable, tired and may lose their appetite. Students with HFMD should be excluded from school until all blisters have dried.

Stranger Danger

Please remind your children of the dangers of talking to strangers when walking to and from school. A quick discussion reminding them it is unsafe to talk to people they do not know, and reminding them of strategies they may use if approached, is important.

NAPLAN Testing

What is the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)?

NAPLAN are literacy and numeracy tests run every May in all schools and colleges across Australia, to assess the achievement of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The literacy tests assess reading, writing, and ‘language conventions’ which includes spelling grammar and punctuation. The numeracy tests assess number, algebra, function and pattern, measurement, chance and data, and space.

Why is NAPLAN valued by schools?

Student results from NAPLAN support principals and teachers to identify where improvements can be made to the literacy and numeracy programs their school delivers. NAPLAN data is used as part of a suite of resources to inform practice in the classroom and is
regularly used as a valuable component of whole school planning for improvement and reporting on student progress. **What does my child gain from participating in NAPLAN?**

The tests present an important opportunity for both primary and secondary students to learn about their strengths in literacy and numeracy. With the support of their teachers, students can use their results to see how their learning is developing and where they can focus future learning.

**How does NAPLAN help measure my child’s achievement?**

NAPLAN can be seen as a ‘snapshot’ of your child’s performance. The results reflect each student’s performance at a single point in time and contribute to school reporting on student progress in literacy and numeracy, alongside teacher judgments and other assessments already used in schools.

**Can my child be prepared for the NAPLAN tests?**

NAPLAN is not a test of content. Instead, it tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum, so excessive preparation is not useful. Students are prepared by their teachers to feel comfortable in the test environment, and to confidently demonstrate what they know and can do. Supervising Test Administrators (usually teachers) are always present during the tests to support students. Parents are encouraged to contact their school principal or teacher if they have any concerns about their child sitting NAPLAN.

**What happens if my child is sick on one of the test days?**

Schools organise for individual students who are not in attendance at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week.

**Does every child sit the NAPLAN tests?**

It is recommended that every student in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 take part in NAPLAN, given its importance to school planning and student learning. There can be exceptions to student participation. For students with disabilities or serious illness, schools may grant exemptions in consultation with parents or carers. Parents or carers make the final decision regarding exemptions on a signed form before NAPLAN commences. Students from a language background other than English with a low level of proficiency in the English language, and who have arrived from overseas less than a year before the test are also exempt. Students may be withdrawn from the NAPLAN testing program if their parents or carers choose to do so. Parents or carers make the final decision regarding withdrawals on a signed form before NAPLAN commences.

**What extra support can schools give to students with disability or temporary injury during a test?**

Disability adjustments can be granted for these students that are similar to the kind of support they would usually be provided with in the classroom. Provisions can include extra time, rest breaks, assistive technology, large print or Braille. Your principal can provide further information on options for your child.

**What should I do if I have questions about NAPLAN?**


**PARKING**

A reminder that parents are not permitted to park on the school grounds. Parking near the hall is for the secondary school and not for us. We hope that upon reading this reminder, parents will find alternative parking in surrounding streets, or use the designated drop off area in Watt Street.

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**2016 Enrolments**

Whilst it seems early to be discussing next year’s enrolments I would like to encourage any parents who intend enrolling their child for school next year to do so as soon as possible. This will assist us with our planning for 2016 and help us to include siblings of existing students on our lists.

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**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

**Week Ending 1st May**

**GRADE PREP D**

Harley S.: for always being a caring member of our class and working so hard in all areas of the curriculum.

Edie S.: for being a delightful young person who works hard at everything she does.

**GRADE PREP N**

Noah S.: for being kind to a friend in class.

Helena D.: for working hard at everything she does.

**GRADE 1/2T**

Miranda W.: for always working hardest and being a kind and considerate member of our class.

**GRADE 1/2S**

Ella R.: for always trying her hardest and doing it all with a big smile on her face.

**GRADE 3/4K**

Jordan Z.: for his fantastically positive attitude to all his school work and very caring attitude to classmates.

**GRADE 3/4Kate**

Mary B.: for great maths thinking and being a delightful class member!

**GRADE 3/4C**

Hayley S.: for being such a
GRADE 5/6S
Sara C.: for settling into NPS extremely well and completing some great writing about the goldfields.

GRADE 5/6EK
Jacob M.: for an outstanding job with all areas of school!

GRADE 5/6C
Grace T.: for always having a go at everything she does. Keep it up.

THE ARTS
Karl B.: for quilling very well and decorating his snail shell.

SCIENCE
Jack T.: for finding many ways to roll a can and explore the forces involved.

PHYS ED
Samuel A.: for his fantastic skills rolling, bouncing and catching a ball.

Thomas W.: for his wonderful concentration and effort in trying to master the vertical jump.

Jacob M.: for his active participation and sportsmanship in PE.

PRINCIPAL
Geoffrey F.: for trying his hardest and always having a smile on his face!

TEACHER
Tracey Sawczenko.: for being such a caring and thoughtful teacher.

NIDDRIE A TEAM ARE FIGHTERS
Hi, my name is Brianna and on Friday the 1st of May I was captain of the netball A team.
We played Essendon Primary School and they were a really hard team to play, as you will probably be able to tell from the scores which finalised as 16 to 3 in their favour. They were all like giants compared to us. Everybody played really well considering it was the first time that we had played together as a team. Everybody played extremely well on the day, so it wouldn't be right only to mention a few names that played well. I would like to say a huge thanks to Kathleen for umpiring, Kyla for coaching, the B team for cheering us on and Essendon Primary for being great competitors.
Niddrie Footballers smashing start!

FOOTBALL
Last Friday I captained the Niddrie Primary football team. It was a beautiful sunny day but it was raining goals for Niddrie Primary! We won with a score of 82 points to 8.
It was a great team effort by all, with some of the highlights being Dante's run off the back line and through the centre, Ty's running the wings and carry of the ball and Zak's strong leading and marking across the forward line.
Some more highlights were Jack's strong leading and goal kicking and Anand's crumbing and goals in the forward pocket.
We would like to thank Craig for umpiring and Greg and Craig for coaching. We also would like to thank Naga for goal umpiring and Harvey and Zak's dad for assisting us during the game.
Next week we are playing St Monica's and are looking forward to another great game!

Niddrie Netballers Show Good Sportswomanship
On the 1st of May I was the captain of the of the netball B team. Everyone played very well. The scores were 15 to 0 their way but we all tried our best and had lots of fun. Some of the highlights were Sarah for her amazing throwing and catching, Natalie for always being there to catch and defend the ball, and the whole team for having a great go. On behalf of the netball B team I would like to thank Cathleen for umpiring and Kyla for coaching.

Niddrie teeballers start with a smash
Hi I'm Lucas and I captained the teeball team on Friday. We played Essendon at their home ground and won 19-24. We did great and the highlights were Enis getting nine people out in 3 innings and Declan's amazing hitting and catching. Although we won we could improve hitting and running as a team. We all played really well and I would like to thank Stef for coaching and umpiring and also a huge thanks to Amanda for helping out with scoring.

Jelly Baby Month
As a parents we are all happy when are children are happy and healthy.

Three years ago, with no family history and no previous illness, my then very healthy, 15 year old son was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. It shocked me to find out that approximately 1825 Australians are diagnosed with TYPE 1 DIABETES every year!

For my son, and many children and families withT1, this has required a massive lifestyle change: testing blood up to 10 times daily, checking the carbohydrate content of all of the food eaten and 4 daily injections as well as constant medical checks.

For parents of some children with type 1 diabetes this can mean 2 / 3 blood checks each night to ensure their child does not slip into a coma whilst sleeping. It means constant monitoring of their glucose levels, and changes to amounts of insulin given as well as often having to administer an injection to an unwilling child. Whilst Type 2 diabetes is often in the news; TYPE 1, or as it was once called Juvenile Diabetes, is a very different condition. It is an auto-immune disorder that can cause chronic illness and many health complications if not managed properly.

We ALWAYS hope that at some stage a cure will be found and medical research is vital to stop or assist in managing this increasingly common disease. JDRF are at the forefront of pushing research in Australia.
The month of May is “Jelly Baby Month.” ($2) and Jelly Baby Pens ($4) Any purchases will be much appreciated by The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and by all families, like mine, living with TYPE 1 DIABETES.

Thanking you
Tracey Sawczenko
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