NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy) testing: This week your children in years 3, 5 and 7 are participating in the NAPLAN tests – along with every other child in those year levels across Australia. The results are used to:

- Inform the Federal and State Governments of how well our children are learning & therefore how effective our Education systems are and to identify what groups of children are not doing well or are highly achieving.
- Inform groups of schools (Partnerships) or individual schools how well individual children or year levels are doing. We can then identify our improvement priorities.

This is a very important assessment however, not the only way we assess how your children are progressing as we would never rely on just one set of test results to get this information. We do other state and school assessments throughout the year and consider all of the available data, including NAPLAN results to make informed decisions about our teaching and intervention for children who need more support to get to year level standard or to do even better than they do.

If your child has been absent for any of the NAPLAN tests this week we do have a catch up day on Friday. Please contact your class teacher if this is the case for your child.

STUDENT FREE Day – Monday May 16th
This is a day of professional learning for our teachers and support staff. Teachers will be focussing on how we can better teach and track student progress in Writing across the school. We will also be continuing our focus of Student Well Being which is another of our Site progress plan priorities. Our support staff will be working with Sandy Mitchell, our Regional Behaviour support coach who will talk about responding to the different behaviours children present with at school.

Communication: Newsletter
Good communication is an important aspect of our school community. Last term our Governing council decided to trial a fortnightly newsletter. This trial will be for this term. We will seek your feedback later, but please give your opinion at any time to staff or Governing Councillors. It is good to see some teachers and families communicating through some Class Dojo apps. Many teachers also provide lots of information about current learning through their regular class newsletters. Don’t forget to like us on FACEBOOK.

Ruth

STUDENT FREE DAY
NEXT MONDAY
16th May

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Please have articles to Joy in the Front Office by Monday 16th May 2016

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Danny Allen is a true story about a young boy, his friends and family who always end up in a wild adventure. Whether it’s being chased by Stanley, a stare down with a snake, or a life threatening cut to the arm by a rusty sheet of metal, Danny and his friends always find a way out. Or do they?

My personal favourite part was when Danny was living in a small hole in a tree and a snake crawled in. I found this chapter kept me on the edge of my seat. I was constantly waiting to hear the next word.

I loved this book and would highly recommend this true story about Danny and his brother. In real life, Phil’s brother died in a car accident, so this book was written for him and all the great memories they had together.

By Emily Muller

Danny Allen is a book written by Author Phil Cummings and illustrated by David Cox. It is based on Phil’s adventurous childhood. It is an excellent story but beware, once you begin reading this book you won’t want to stop.

This book is full of adventure and fun. Danny goes on many exciting adventures with his brother Sam and his friend Mark. However the boys often end up in trouble and their plans don’t go the way they wanted.

My favourite part of this book was when Danny, Sam and their little sister Vicki go to a dam to hunt for tadpoles. They had plenty of tiny tadpoles in their tin until Vicki ruins it all.

This book was incredibly detailed and it made you feel like you were there. I would highly recommend that you read this book. It includes humour, sadness, fun, adventure and much more. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and I believe this book would be suitable to children of all ages and to young teenagers.

By Molly Jericho

**OSHC REMINDER NOTICE**

Student Free Day is being held next Monday the 16th of May.

To make it viable to open we need at least 4 children booked in. Therefore it is very important to book your child/children in as soon as possible.

Opening hours are from 8.00am – 6.00pm. BYO lunch and snacks, OSHC will provide some healthy extra snacks.

For bookings please phone OSHC on 0408839709, come into the OSHC building between 3-6pm or see the staff in the front office for further details.

We have a lot of activities and fun things that we can provide on this day.

Thank you,

Kirsten Kubank

**MEETING NOTICE!**

**FUNDRAISING MEETING**

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend our School Fundraising Meeting which will be held in the Library

**NEXT THURSDAY**

19th MAY
Introducing “Plus Fun” classes!

For the more casual students and parents who cannot commit to performances and outside shows.

New members are always welcome for immediate enrolment.

Fun affordable classes available at our Glossop Studio. PH: 85882559/ 0401326602
A number of our students braved the early morning darkness to attend the Dawn Service at the Garden of Memory Cemetery on Monday 25th April.

Representing our school were Drew Frankel, James Hensel, Ella Rathbone, Lucy Clarke, Mason Clarke & Jonte Clarke.

Many thanks to the parents who organised our students to attend.

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**Girls**

Have you ever

Been camping, hiking, made a raft or cooked on a fire?  
Would you like to make new friends, go to exciting places, and enjoy new experiences?  
Guides have heaps of activities for 6-14 year old girls  
Come and join Girl Guides in Barmera  
Contact Sue Webber 85882872 or 0403854554

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**Barmera Kindergarten Family Night**

At Barmera Monash Football Club

**Saturday 4th June**

Meals from 5.30pm

**Entertainment by Mick Kelly**

**Bring your whole family!**

Special Guest Peppa Pig!

**Auction**

**Raffles**

**Money Squares**

**Lucky Dips**

**Face Painting**

**Music**

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