We have had a fantastic couple of weeks to kick off Term 2. I have been most impressed by the learning that has been taking place at our school and have really enjoyed the chance I have had in the last few weeks to see all the students of the school learning and progressing. Thank you to all the teachers and school volunteers for their hard work for our students.

**Read Every Day!**
Thanks to all parents and carers for keeping up the dedication to reading with your children. Please help us by checking in with the books that they are borrowing from the library, their home readers or Accelerated Reader books for the older students. We have had a number of students progressing with their sight-words already this term, which is a great effort also!

**Anzac Day 2015**
The Anzac Day Commemorative Service on the 24 April to mark the 100 year anniversary of Gallipoli was a great opportunity for our students to learn and show their respect. Thanks to the community members that attended and helped our students understand the significance of this occasion. We are very fortunate to have had Ms. Sarah Turner share her reflection on service with the Australian Defence Force with us and her assistance in helping our students connect with the idea of sacrifice for the good of the nation was very valuable.

**Dairy Visit**
Due to the rain last Friday we were unable to attend the Ranger’s Dairy last Friday. We will be heading down to the dairy tomorrow (Friday 8 May 15) instead. Thanks to all families for returning their permissions for students to participate in this event, and to the Ranger family for hosting us. I am unable to attend personally, due to a requirement to be at Highfields for a Regional Principal’s Meeting tomorrow and am disappointed that I will not be able to share this experience with the students. Thankfully, Mrs. Duggan will be attending the visit in my place to help supervise with the other staff. If any playgroup families would like to attend this tomorrow, please be at school by 9am and with your own transport and supervision of your children, you are free to join us on this day.

**iPads in the classroom**
We have started rolling out the iPads into all areas of the school to assist in our teaching and learning. Thanks again to the P&C for significantly helping to fund this development in our school. We have seen the benefits of using iPads to increase engagement and motivation and also to allow more opportunities to individualise learning for students.

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Happy Birthday to Mrs Bazley 17th and Saraniah 21st

The staff at school have already undertaken a number of professional development sessions and we are committed to continuing to develop our capability to use this new technology as efficiently and effectively as we can to improve student learning at our school.

**All the best Mrs. Duggan**
Monday the 18th May will be Mrs. Duggan’s last day at school for the term before she takes off on leave. We hope that she has a wonderful time and makes many great memories. Mrs. Duggan works tirelessly in our school; assisting in the learning of our students and holding together many of the school activities. Have a great break!

Ms Kylie Ballard, part time Teacher Aide at Back Plains SS, will replace Mrs Duggan for the remainder of Term 2.

**Sporting Schools – Active After School Sports**
The Active After School Sports program providing the school with opportunities to engage in sporting activities has been ‘rebadged’ as Sporting Schools. The program will commence in our school next Wednesday with Athletics training facilitated by Nicole Vernon and this will last all term on Wednesday from 3:00pm until 4:00pm. The program is open to students at our school of all ages. An afternoon tea of fruit will be provided to all student participants. If your student wishes to attend but must be on a bus home before 4:00pm then they will still be able to participate in the organised activities until the bus arrives to pick them up. Any queries about this, or anyone who wishes to be involved in facilitating an after school sporting activity, please feel free to come and discuss this with me whenever it suits.

All the best,
Jon Robertson.
Hi all,

There was a P & C meeting on Monday night, thanks to all who attended. Please feel free to ask Brooke Stepanoff if you would like a copy of the minutes.

Later in the term we will organise a working bee to do some fencing on the block where the school cattle are running. A date will be set at the next meeting and I will advise after that.

In the last newsletter, I reported that the Cross Country made a profit of around $270. I would like to make a correction to that, the total was actually $372.52. Thanks again to those who helped and baked for the day.

Due to the hard work of the P & C in the first term, we are well over halfway to meeting our fundraising target for the year, so thank you very much to those who have helped out.

On behalf of the P & C, I would like to thank Jon and all of the staff at the school for organising the Anzac Ceremony. It was a very moving ceremony and a great learning experience for the children.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Sarah Turner for speaking to the children about her experiences in the Defence Forces.

It seems to be the month for heading off on European adventures!!! I would like to wish Mr Robertson and Mrs Duggan safe and enjoyable journeys, or as the French say 'Bon Voyage'! (I knew that Year 8 French would come in handy one day).

We will try and soldier on without you.

The next P & C meeting will be on Monday the 1st of June at 6.00pm.

Thank you

Jacqui

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Staff, students and many community members joined together to commemorate ANZAC Day with a very moving service. Students made poppies, wrote their own special message to all the people who went to war on the back of each one and then made them into a wreath. The school leaders laid the wreath at the flagpole and Mr Robertson took it to Brisbane the next day and laid it at the Eternal Flame during the Dawn Service. Dixie’s mum spoke about her life in the Navy and students read passages from the diaries of soldiers. We each received a commemorative coin to keep. The Prep –2 class helped make the ANZAC sign.

I like playing the games on the iPad. I like the games very much. By Cobey
iPad 4 is great because it has Feed the Frog and you get to play new games and do retells. By Sam
I like the iPads because they have lots of games to play. By Yamuna.
I really love the new iPads. We do retells on them. We get to record ourselves on the iPads. By Ani.
I like playing games on the iPad. The iPad is awesome because you can record on it. By Charlie.
FROM THE LIBRARY

Parents,
Some interesting books and DVD’s are now available for you to borrow from the library. If you do not have a borrower’s “bar code” please see me at the library on Thursday mornings and I will set it up for you.

DVD for the week - David Attenborough Animal collection (14 disc set). Most of the children seem to enjoy the animal stories so this would be great night or two of entertainment for the family.

Educational Books & DVD—Written by Laurie Lawrence, there are four books and two DVDs illustrating safety with water on the farm, at the beach and in the pool.

The library is open to parents and community members to borrow books so please call in on Thursday and browse our collection.

Happy reading,
Janette

Greenmount S.S. P&C Fundraiser

Mother’s Day Netball Night
At Greenmount S.S.
Friday 8th May, 5pm.
$5 per player
For more info contact Kirsten
0417762791

let’s play netball

Art & Craft Auction

9 at 16th May commencing @ 5pm. Anglican Church Hall Clifton

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