I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Easter and found some time to spend together as a family while the students were on holidays from school. It was great to see everyone back safe and ready to go on Monday and we have had a very busy start to term 2.

Crazy Hair Day
The last day of term we held Crazy Hair Day to raise funds for the Toowoomba Hospice. It was a lot of fun to see all the colourful, twisted and creative crazy hair-dos and the gold coin donations going to such a good cause.

Thanks to the P&C for inviting all parents and community members to enjoy lunch together, and it was especially great to see Mr. Fuller back for the day to catch up with everyone.

The farewell to Kaela and Will and their family, though sad, comes with the silver lining of their new chapter commencing, and we wish them all the best.

Anzac Day Commemorative Service
Tomorrow we will be holding an Anzac Day Commemorative Service at 9am to mark the 100 year anniversary of Gallipoli and remember all the service men and women who have sacrificed their lives in protecting our country and its freedoms.

Thanks to the community members that brought in artefacts or family heirlooms from their family’s connection with the Australian Defence Force. The students have found looking at these items interesting and it has definitely helping in forming connections with the reality of the service in the Australian Defence Force. If anyone else still wishes to tell their family’s story, please let me know and we will incorporate this into our day tomorrow in order to make this 100 year anniversary of Gallipoli as memorable an occasion for our students as possible.

Cross Country
Congratulations to the students who participated in the Cross Country and the fun run events on Wednesday. It was great to see our students living up to our motto, “Strong and Willing.”

Thanks to the staff and P&C for making the event run so smoothly and brave what is best describes as ‘fine Scottish weather.’

New Units Begin
With a lot of extra-curricular activity completed this week, we are free to concentrate on the new units in most subjects that have also commenced for the term. Homework and Home Readers will continue to be important for all students, and homework for the upper years will go home from Monday Week 2.

Also, please talk with your child or feel free to come in and look at your student’s learning goals for Term 2. The upper class is spending the first 5 weeks of this term’s English and Mathematics units working on the development of specific literacy and numeracy skills and we are conducting some NAPLAN style testing practice as we move towards the Year 5 test in Week 4.

Mrs. Bazley is also teaching both classes some critical thinking skills using the coloured hats by Edward DeBono, and we look forward to seeing the students learn and develop their thinking skills through these lessons.

iPads Have Arrived
We took delivery of the new school ipads this week and the task of setting these up to facilitate learning in the school has commenced.

It is a wonderful thing to think that every student in the school now has access to this device to assist in their learning at school. iPads in no way replace books, teacher-directed lessons or other forms of practice, but definitely have a place in schooling and education in today’s environment.

The school leaders and I have decided that their contribution to the school for 2015 will be to build and decorate a set of ‘pigeon holes’ to store our ipads in. We would like any volunteers who would like to assist us with a bit of woodwork to please let me know and we will aim to complete this project by the middle of term 2.

All the best,
Jon Robertson.
Hi all,

Thank you very much to the parents who baked and helped out yesterday at the Cross Country. The day made an excellent profit of $270 for the P & C.

A special thank you to Olive Bayliss for the lovely baking she provided for the day. For those of you who don’t know Olive, she lives next door to the school and has been volunteering her time teaching the children to sew on a Friday. On behalf of the P & C, I would like to thank Olive for teaching the kids this important skill, and it is obvious how much they enjoy these sessions.

While I am on the subject of volunteers, I would like to express a big thank you to the community volunteers who continue to attend the school to read with the children.

Just a reminder with the days getting colder, there are fleecy jumpers in a variety of sizes available under the school for $25.00 each. They are really good quality and warm if you are interested. Please ask myself, Rebekah or Brooke if you would like one and we can organise it. Alternatively, one of the teaching staff may have time to grab one for you.

There will be a P & C meeting next Monday the 4th of May commencing at 6.00pm. It would be fantastic to see some new faces, so please come along if you can.

I hope to catch up with some of you tomorrow at the Anzac Ceremony.

Thank you,

Jacqui

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Crazy Hair Day was so much fun and we raised $76.80 for the Toowoomba Hospice.

Goodbye and good luck to Todd, George, Kaela, William and Evie.

A big field took part in the Prep-Y1 Fun Run.

Off and racing!!!!

Central Downs Cross Country Action

Our 2015 School Leaders, Leon and Casee, enjoyed meeting Mayor Antonio and Cr Anne Glasheen at the Mayoral Morning Tea.

Ready to walk the Cross Country track.

Go Katelyn!!