Parents and students are encouraged to walk to school on Friday 23 May. You are invited to get up early on this day and join thousands of other Australians walking all or part of the way to school. For those who live too far to walk, why not try parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way? The day promotes the important message that active kids are healthy kids. For more information visit the Walk Safely to School website at www.walk.com.au.

**PARTICIPATION MEETING POINTS…COME ALONG!**

Next Friday there will be two meeting points where we will meet up to start the Walk To School Day. Mr. Baranyi will be starting at the Red Roster on McCoombe St at 7.50am and walking straight ahead to school. Constable Kelly Chamberlain will be meeting students at the shops on Balaclava Rd, crossing over to Mestrez St and continue along the Chinaman Creek path. Turning left at Shang St and walking to the Mooroobool Park. From the park students will continue to walk to school. The walk will start at 7.50am at both Red Roster and the shops at Balaclava Rd and take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

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**Principal’s Pen**

Dear parents and caregivers,

NAPLAN

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VISITING CLASSROOMS

Have you visited your child’s classroom lately? I love visiting our students to share in their enthusiasm for learning! It is especially pleasing to see how well they are responding to the Explicit Teaching program, the consolidations and the focus on reading which is happening in each classroom every day. Why not drop in your child’s classroom next week and see how well he/she is learning. You will be proud!

BREAKFAST READING PROGRAM

The breakfast program runs twice a week on Mondays and Thursday at 8 – 8:25am. Parents and carers are welcome to come along and read with their child or other children.

DON’T BE AWAY, COME EVERY DAY

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT OUR SCHOOL

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Meet 4/5B

Miss Holt’s students in year 4/5B have been busy learning about poetry. We have been learning about rhyming words, and rhyming patterns, rhythm, spoonerisms, nonsense words, repetition and alliteration. The students have had a go at writing a Cinquain poem, Diamante poem, Acrostic, Limerick and Clerihew. Take a look at some great examples....

Cinquain by Trisha
A man lived in a dirty shoe
And there was nobody that knew
A lady walked passed
She walked really fast
Away from that man in the shoe

Acrostic by Tyleesha
Tidy
Young
Loving
Eager
Excellent
Smart
Happy
Academic

Clerihew by Lydia
Ms Termoat
Shops at K-Mart
She buys new clothes
When she gets home, she gets wet with the hose.

Clerihew by Paulo
1. Miguel
2. Looks like a beagle
3. He likes eating rice
4. And sometimes mice!

Clerihew by Jenric
A man lived in a dirty shoe
Away from that man in the shoe
Who looks like a beaver
Bruno Mars
Watching the stars
Made a wish
And ate some fish

~Kirsty~

Academic

Diamante Poem by Kirsty

Beach
Fun, Sandy
Running, Swimming, Diving
Beachballs,
Shells, Fish, Coral
Eating, Walking, Playing
Messy, Sunny
Water

Jane’s Jottings...

Self Esteem in Primary school age children
Here are some ways you can help: (continued)

Talk with the teacher to find out how your child is going. A good relationship between school and home will ensure the best outcomes for your child.
Teach your child about fair play. He needs chances to win and lose.
Coach your child through tricky social situations — for example, “Try giving a big smile when you want to join in. People will want to play with you if you look happy”.
Give your child the chance to try new activities and learn new things.
Watch out for the signs of bullying, learning problems or other social difficulties that can affect your child’s self-esteem.

More to follow...

Principal

Jane Termaat

Friday 16th May 2014