Welcome to Week 3!

**NAPLAN Preparation**
In two weeks’ time, our Years 3, 5 & 7 students will sit the annual NAPLAN tests, over three days, Tuesday to Thursday. The program for the tests is:

- **Tuesday** – Language Conventions, Writing
- **Wednesday** – Reading
- **Thursday** – Numeracy.

The tests are all approximately 40 minutes’ long, which is usually more than an adequate amount of time for students to complete the tasks. During class time, students have been shown, and worked through, previous years’ tests. By doing so, they are more familiar with the tests’ setup and different question styles. I am more than satisfied with the preparation the students have received for this year's NAPLAN tests.

To ensure that the children are adequately nourished for the days’ tests, the P&C has decided to provide breakfast, free of charge, for students in Years 3, 5 & 7, each NAPLAN morning. The students indicated their individual breakfast preferences to me yesterday – bacon & egg pie, pancakes, muffins, cereal – so the P&C representatives will now be able to order and prepare the appropriate ingredients for the freshly-cooked meals.

As parents, you can support your child’s NAPLAN preparation by ensuring they have adequate sleep during the nights before the tests. You might also like to work through the examples (taken from the 2010 NAPLAN Number test) I have included on the back page of this newsletter with your child. Remember … no calculator!

**Trail Bike Ride**
As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, our P&C has organised to work with the Lowmead P&C to cater for the riders and their families at the trail bike ride, 17-19 May. Attached to this newsletter, please find an information sheet regarding the trail bike ride, as well as a form for interested people to complete, to offer assistance with the food preparation and serving. The trail bike ride catering presents an opportunity for our schools to share in a large amount of funds; the more people who help, the more funds we will be able to raise. Funds from this year’s trail bike ride will be directed to the Canberra Camp costs, so students and parents from Years 5-7 are particularly encouraged to help. In future years, the P&C Association will decide where to direct the funds raised. Please contact me if you require more information on this wonderful opportunity to raise significant funds.

**Mother’s Day Raffle**
The Mother’s Day Raffle will be drawn next Saturday (11th May) at the Baffle Creek Markets. If you would like to help on that morning – selling tickets, setting up, pulling down – please let me know. We have had a couple of extra prizes donated to us since the publication of last week’s newsletter. The massage (Holistic by Nature) and $40 voucher (1770 Getaway) will combine to form an extra prize.

**Working Bee**
We’ve had a calendar clash! Because the Trail Bike Ride will occur over the weekend 17-19 May, our working bee has been postponed to 25th May.

Have a great week!

Jeanne Cross
Principal
Year 7:
Peta has some plums to give to her friends.
If she gives each friend 4 plums, she will have 6 plums over.
She cannot give each friend 5 plums because she would need 4 more plums.
How many plums does Peta have? ______________________

Year 5:
In a park, there are 5 wattle trees for every 7 gum trees.
There are 63 gum trees.
How many wattle trees are in the park? __________________

Year 3:
Laura buys a cap and a bag.
The total cost is $25.
The bag costs $5 more than the cap.
What is the cost of the cap? $_________________